

City of Alcester
Regular Meeting Minutes
July 15th, 2024

Council President Reppe called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Council members present: Kerry Hedden, Darla Reppe, Julia Sundstrom, and Kendra Hatle.

Others Present: Finance Officer David Hodgson and Sheriff Jim Prouty

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

K Hatle moved and J Sundstrom seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried. Unanimous.

No candidates presented themselves for the open Ward I Alderman seat or for Mayor at this time.

K Hedden moved and K Hatle seconded to approve the regular meeting minutes of Tuesday July 2nd, 2024. Motion carried. Unanimous.

For public input D Reppe briefly mentioned general disappointment in the pool repairs and it not going to open this summer. No other public input brought forward at this time.

For Legal Updates, Sheriff Prouty presented the current patrol hours from the county and advised they are still meeting or exceeding the contracted patrol time. The recent vandalism of mailboxes was discussed, no leads currently but Sheriff Prouty encouraged anyone with information to contact the Sheriff's office.

For 2nd Reading of Ordinance 2024-08 questions were raised and discussion about some changes were brought forward. Ordinance was tabled at this time until changes can be made and further clarification received regarding citizens currently with chickens being grandfathered. Finance officer to make changes and re-present to council at next meeting. No action taken at this time.

For the WasteWater Improvements Project Phase I K Hatle moved and J Sundstrom seconded to approve paying Banner Associates invoice number 42888 in the amount of \$3,930.50 for work completed through June 22nd, 2024. Motion carried. Unanimous. J Sundstrom then moved and K Hatle seconded to approve paying SECOG invoice 2024-131 in the amount of \$5,000.00 for administrative work on CDBG application. Motion carried. Unanimous.

For Code Enforcement update, report from code officer presented and explained. Discussion on then was on homes in town needing painted and if there are any volunteers or groups that could assist those needing it to get the painting completed. Council asked Finance Officer Hodgson to reach out to some individuals to inquire about this and get back to them.

For Finance Office council was presented the June year to date budget vs. expenses and department revenue figures. Council reviewed and had no questions. Next Finance Officer Hodgson discussed the city department head and budget committee meeting held the previous week to start work on the fiscal year 2025 budget and will meet with again with the budget committee soon. Finally Finance Officer Hodgson reviewed a sponsorship letter from Paxtyn Moller, a student at A-H High School, as she represents the state as the National American Miss South Dakota Junior Teen for 2024. Paxtyn is looking to do some volunteer work in the community and will be traveling to Orlando in November to compete. After discussion K Hatle moved and J Sundstrom seconded a motion to approve a \$100.00 sponsorship to assist her with expenses. Motion carried. Unanimous.

For the Park Revitalization Finance Officer Hodgson updated the council on the unfortunate status of the pool and not being able to be completed in time to open for the 2024 season. He reviewed the meeting with Norman Engineering held last week with the park committee and plans going forward with hopes to have several options to present to the public later this fall.

Being no further business K Hatle moved and J Sundstrom seconded to adjourn city council. Motion carried. Unanimous. D Reppe declared council adjourned at 7:13pm.

Tuesday, July 15th, 2024, CITY OF ALCESTER, SOUTH DAKOTA

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Darla Reppe, Council President

ATTEST:

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David Hodgson, Finance Officer