

City of Alcester
Regular Meeting Minutes
March 18th, 2025

Mayor Lisa Hodgson opened Council at 6:00 PM.

Council members present: Kendra Hatle, Darla Reppe, Brian Johnsson, Kerry Hedden, and Nick Wieseler.

Others Present: Finance Officer David Hodgson, Deputy Finance Officer Kris Hedden, Lonnie Johnson, Terry & Jessica Christensen, and Jaimey Schempp

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

K Hatle moved and B Johnson seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried. Unanimous.

No persons presented themselves for consideration for the open Ward I seat.

B Johnson moved and K Hatle seconded to approve meeting minutes of Thursday March 6th, 2025. Motion carried. Unanimous.

No public input provided.

No legal updates at this time.

K Hatle moved and D Reppe seconded to adjourn as city council and convene Equalization Board. Motion carried. Unanimous. Mayor Hodgson declared council adjourned and convened as Equalization Board at 6:02pm. First appeal heard was for Lonnie Johnson, 504 Iowa St, Parcel 01.01.22.1015; Lonnie presented his appeal and rationale for his request. After discussion K Hatle moved and D Reppe seconded to approve the appeal and adjust the assessed value as follows: NADO \$8,220 NAD10 \$60,000 for combined total assessed value of \$68,220. Motion carried. Unanimous. For Terry Christensen, 201 Dakota St, Parcel ID 01.01.11.1025; Terry presented his appeal and rationale. After much discussion D Reppe moved and K Hatle seconded to deny the request for change in assessed value. Motion carried. Unanimous. For Premier Bank, 190 Iowa St, Parcel ID 01.01.18.1000; Jaimey Schempp presented the appeal and rationale. Discussion ensued and after discussion D Reppe moved and B Johnson seconded to deny request for change in assessed value. Motion carried. Unanimous. K Hatle then moved and N Wieseler seconded to adjourn as Equalization Board and reconvene as City Council. Motion carried. Unanimous. Mayor Hodgson declared council reconvened at 6:33pm.

For Municipal Pool B Johnson moved and K Hedden seconded to approve hiring Sydney Keiser and Taten Braaten as 1st year lifeguards at \$12.00 per hour effective immediately, pending completion of certification. Motion carried. Unanimous. K Hatle moved and D Reppe seconded to hire Jackson Meyer as 1st year lifeguard at \$12.00 per hour effective immediately. Motion carried. Unanimous. K Hedden moved and B Johnson seconded to approve hiring Emma Moller and Paxtyn Moller as 1st year lifeguard – WSI at \$13.00 per hour effective immediately, pending completion of certification. Motion carried. Unanimous. Finance Officer Hodgson then gave a brief update on the work at the pool.

For Golf Course & City Park K Hatle moved and K Hedden seconded to approve recommendation from Public Works Superintendent to hire Kristi Burke as groundskeeper for Municipal Golf Course & City Park at \$15.38 per hour effective immediately. Motion carried. Unanimous.

For the WasteWater Treatment Facility B Johnson moved and K Hatle seconded to approve paying Banner Associates invoice #44628 in the amount of \$2,256.45 for work completed through February 22nd, 2025. Motion carried. Unanimous.

For Sanitary Sewer Collection System D Reppe moved and K Hatle seconded to approve paying Banner Associates invoice #44632 in the amount of \$10,278.00 for work completed through February 22nd, 2025. Motion carried. Unanimous.

For Finance Office, Finance Officer Hodgson presented the Annual Report to the council. After discussion no questions were asked from the council. K Hatle moved and B Johnson seconded to approve March Records Destruction list. Motion carried. Unanimous.

For Pleasant Hill Cemetery K Hatle moved and N Wieseler seconded to approve Jim Quick purchasing sign for cemetery entrance with city staff to install the sign. Motion carried. Unanimous.

For Sioux Metro Growth Alliance Finance Officer Hodgson presented to council that Alcester Community Foundation has awarded the city a grant to cover dues to SMGA for 2 years, with first year being covered initially and if the council feels the benefits were worth the cost, then will cover the second year. K Hatle then moved and B Johnson seconded to approve the city membership to the Sioux Metro Growth Alliance. Motion carried. Unanimous. D Reppe then moved and N Wieseler seconded to designate Dave Hodgson as official representative and Kendra Hatle as alternate representative for the SMGA Membership Advisory Board. Motion carried. Unanimous.

For Union County Fair D Reppe moved and K Hatle seconded to donate \$500 to the Union County Fair for 2025. Motion carried. Unanimous.

For 304 Circle Dr, K Hatle moved and B Johnson seconded to approve listing 304 Circle Dr with Berkshire Hathaway Realty, Shawn Geidd for \$20,000. Motion carried. Unanimous.

For reminders Mayor Hodgson mentions the next city council meeting will be on Monday, April 7th, 2025 at 6:00pm, park fundraiser will be held Friday April 11th at Morningside Event Center, and Sprin Clean Up Days will be Friday May 2nd through Monday May 12th.

K Hatle then moved and D Reppe seconded to enter into Executive Session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1). Motion carried. Unanimous. Mayor Hodgson declared council in Executive Session at 7:01pm. Council was declared out of Executive Session at 7:40pm.

Being no further business B Johnson moved N Wieseler seconded to adjourn city council. Motion carried. Unanimous. Mayor Hodgson declared council adjourned at 7:40pm.

CITY OF ALCESTER, SOUTH DAKOTA

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Lisa Hodgson, Mayor

ATTEST:

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David Hodgson, Finance Officer