

City of Alcester  
Special Meeting Minutes  
October 28th, 2024

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

Council members present: Darla Reppe, Julia Sundstrom, Brian Johnson, and Kendra Hatle. Kerry Hedden was present by phone at 6:26pm and arrived to the meeting in person at 6:57pm.

Others Present: Finance Officer David Hodgson, Shane Swenson, Cheryl Johnson, Lisa Hodgson, Kristi Burke

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

B Johnson moved and K Hatle seconded to approve the agenda with moving item #8 Executive Session in front of item #7 Discussion on purchase of 102 W 2<sup>nd</sup> St. Motion carried. Unanimous.

For public Lisa Hodgson presented her thoughts on the topic of the potential purchase of the old law office at 102 W 2<sup>nd</sup> St and possibility of moving the city office to that location. She urged the council to consider all consequences of purchase and move and to take into account other possible immediate needs of funds that would be used if that were to happen. No other public input brought forward at this time.

For the Clubhouse Grille B Johnson moved and J Sundstrom seconded to approve hiring Atheena Lowe at part server at \$8.43 per hour and part time clubhouse attendant at \$14.31 per hour effective immediately. Motion carried. Unanimous. K Hatle then moved and B Johnson seconded to approve hiring Spencer Rabbass as part time bartender at \$11.66 per hour and part time server at \$8.43 per hour effective immediately. Motion carried. Unanimous.

K Hatle moved and J Sundstrom seconded to enter into Executive Session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1). D Reppe declared council in Executive Session at 6:09pm. D Reppe declared council out of Executive Session at 6:25pm.

For discussion on potential purchase of the old law office located at 102 W 2<sup>nd</sup> St D Reppe advised she spoke to John Gubbrud's son Dwight and stated he would be the point of contact if the City would decide to make an offer. K Hatle asked for input from Shane Swenson and he stated that from his perspective there were no repairs or remodeling that would be a major issue. J Sundstrom stated the main floor appeared in better shape than she expected but that there were big issues that would need to be taken care of right away in the basement. The issue of handicap accessibility and holding city meetings was discussed and what would have to happen to make it fully ADA compliant. J Sundstrom raised concerns also about the current location of the City office specifically the age and condition of the old school building as well as if or when the Industrial Park Board would want the City to take over ownership of the building or would ever not wish to continue renting the current space to the City. L Hodgson mentioned at this time to the council that if they are considering putting money into a permanent location that maybe they consider doing so into a building they already own – the old clubhouse. She mentioned it appeared to her that building would have sufficient space to hold the offices and storage as needed along with adequate meeting space. D Reppe mentioned she doesn't feel any longer it is necessary to have the office downtown as many other towns in the area do not have their office in downtown. K Burke mentioned to the council about the added cost of the physical move and amount of time and work to legally relocate the office increasing the amount of over time of City employees. D Reppe then expressed concerns for the Cubs Closet if the City would relocate and that she doesn't wish for them to be severely impacted either as they are a big asset to the community. After further discussion K Hatle moved and B Johnson seconded to enter into Executive Session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(4). Motion carried. Unanimous. D Reppe declared council in Executive Session at 6:47pm.

D Reppe declared council out of Executive Session at 7:16pm. Being no further business J Sundstrom moved and B Johnson seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Unanimous. D Reppe declared council adjourned at 7:16pm.

CITY OF ALCESTER, SOUTH DAKOTA

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Darla Reppe, Council President

ATTEST:

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David Hodgson, Finance Officer