

City of Alcester
Regular Meeting Minutes
July 14th, 2025

Mayor Lisa Hodgson opened Council at 6:00 PM.

Council members present: Kendra Hatle, Nick Wieseler, Kerry Hedden, Kirsten Tschida, Brian Johnson, and Marvie Swanson

Others Present: Finance Officer David Hodgson, Deputy Finance Officer Kris Hedden, Tanya Miller – Banner Associates, Trudy Hedden, Kevin Pies, Tyler Eisma, Sheriff Prouty, Pat Kast, Harley Ferguson

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited

K Hatle moved and M Swanson seconded to approve the agenda with amending to add item 16c., approve hiring Paul Miller as part time cook at \$14.19 per hour effective immediately. Motion carried. Unanimous.

Mayor Hodgson then administered the Oath of Office to Brian Johnson

K Hedden moved and N Wieseler seconded to approve the meeting minutes from Monday, June 2nd, 2025. Motion carried. Unanimous.

No public input was offered.

No legal updates provided at this time.

For the public hearing on Conditional Use Permit & Variance Request K Hatle moved and B Johnson seconded to adjourn as City Council and reconvene as Planning & Zoning Commission at 6:04pm. Motion carried. Unanimous. Kevin Pies presented his plan to build a second building at the location of Pies Pallets on the East side for use for storage units. Council asked several questions and these were answered by Kevin. After further discussion K Tschida moved and B Johnson seconded to table any recommendation until August 4th meeting for further information and onsite visit. Motion carried. Unanimous. K Hatle then moved and B Johnson seconded to adjourn as Planning & Zoning Commission and reconvene as City Council at 6:14pm. Motion carried. Unanimous. K Hatle then moved and M Swanson seconded to table a council vote until August 4th meeting. Motion carried. Unanimous.

Finance Officer Hodgson then reviewed with council the South Dakota Open Meetings Laws Brochure per SB74. Each council member was given a copy of the brochure for their reference and record.

For Banner Associates Monthly Engineer Report Tanya Miller reviewed the final work completed on the WasteWater Treatment Plant and all required documents have been received by the contractor. She further explained where Banner is at with the Engineering portion of the Sanitary Sewer Improvements and getting ready to submit the final documents to DANR. She went on to explained a proposed alternative bid option to council: First would be a short liner section instead of an open cut point repair, an approximate 400 foot section to line along 1st Street that is in poor conditions, a change to the initial recommended point repair behind the main Alkota plant as it is in a challenging location, and last to coincide with the Water Improvement Project to include open cut replacement of the Sanitary Sewer Line along Park Ave for approximately 2 blocks. After several questions K Hatle moved and N Wieseler seconded to approve paying Banner invoice #45690 in the amount of \$13,133 for work completed on the Sanitary Sewer Improvements Project through June 21st, 2025. Motion carried. Unanimous. K Hatle then moved and K Hedden seconded to approve the proposed Alternative Number 1 Bid for the Sanitary Sewer Improvements Project. Tany next explained to council at the next meeting they would present the prepared advertisement of bids packet to council for approval pending DANR approval of the project as submitted. K Hatle then moved and N Wieseler seconded to approve paying Banner invoice #45643 in the amount of \$5,020.00 for work completed on Water Improvements Project through June 21st, 2025. Motion carried. Unanimous.

K Hatle moved and K Tschida moved to approve hiring Tyler Eisma as full time Assistant Superintendent of Public Works at \$25.00 per hour effective immediately. Motion carried. Unanimous.

Mayor Hodgson then introduced Ordinance 2025-10 Amended Flood Damage Prevention. Finance Office Hodgson explained that after passing of this ordinance last year the next step was approval by FEMA. FEMA finally responded and required several minor changes and these are contained in the amended ordinance. After further discussion K Hatle moved and B Johnson seconded to approve the 1st reading. Motion carried. Unanimous.

Finance Officer Hodgson then introduced the Alcester Fire Department protection services agreement along with Fire Chief Pat Kast. They explained that many years ago the fire department and city had a written agreement. It was recommended by the City attorney to renew this agreement for the purpose of the fire department maintaining their non-profit status to improve

their loan rates for purchasing of new a vehicle. This agreement would then be required to be renewed every 5 years. K Hatle moved and M Swanson seconded to approve the agreement as presented. Motion carried. Unanimous.

Council then reviewed a proposal from Safe-n-Secure for adding security camera to the city office. After discussion it was decided to push this into the 2026 budget for reconsideration and approval from Alcester Industrial Park Board as owners of the building. No action taken at this time.

Council reviewed a donation request from Rural Office of Community Services for \$1,000 for 2026. After discussion K Hatle moved and K Tschida seconded to approve the donation request of \$1,000 from the 2026 budget. Motion carried. 5 voting aye and 1, Kerry Hedden abstained due to conflict as he works for ROCS.

For the Clubhouse Grille K Tschida moved and K Hedden seconded to approve hiring Declan Allen, Berklie Jacobson, Kendrin VanBeek, and Emiliano Rosiles as part time servers at \$7.87 per hour effective immediately. Motion carried. Unanimous. K Tschida moved and B Johnson seconded to approve hiring Madelyn Haisch, Tarryn Haisch, and Adam Fickbohm as part time servers at \$7.87 per hour and part time dishwashers at \$12.01 per hour effective immediately. Motion carried. Unanimous. K Hatle then moved and K Tschida seconded to approve hiring Paul Miller as part time cook at \$14.19 per hour effective immediately. Motion carried.

For the Finance office council K Hatle moved and N Wieseler seconded to approve the June Warrants. Motion carried. Unanimous. June Warrant Report: AED Superstore \$188.00, A-H Cubs Softball \$100.00, Alcester Fire Dept \$1,400.00, Alcester Industrial Park \$1,000.00, Alcester Quickstop \$137.76, Alliance Communications \$673.00, American Engineering Testing \$1,726.00, Appeara \$911.87, Badger Meter, Inc \$457.32, Banner Associates \$26,124.26, Basepoint Building Automation \$346.29, Beelner Service \$750.00, Bluestone Landscape Co. \$1,727.15, Bomgaar's \$526.73, Builders FirstSource \$74.38, Chesterman Co. \$1,228.40, City of Alcester \$2,447.68, Code Enforcement Specialists, LLC \$872.49, Colonial Life \$232.42, Dakota Beverage \$1,713.25, Dept of Revenue \$4,577.00, EcoLab \$300.53, Econo Signs \$2,390.67, Express Produce \$522.86, Gary McKellips \$20,000.00, Grossenburg Implement \$205.23, Harvey Nolt \$150.00, Hawkins \$3,529.21, Industrial Process Technology \$66,500.00, Ingram Library Services \$736.83, Iowa Information Inc \$150.00, IRS \$9,708.20, Joey Larson \$300.00, John Conkling Distributing \$2,459.15, Johnsen Heating & Cooling LLC \$923.52, Johnson Brothers \$354.05, Kapco \$269.46, Kari Kingma \$103.79, L.P. Gill Landfill \$2,082.87, Loren Fischer Disposal \$2,381.27, MC & R Pools \$84,600.00, Mid American Energy \$3,344.31, Mid American Research \$787.90, Muller Auto Parts \$337.95, NB Golf \$2,970.00, New Century Press \$315.92, Norman Engineering \$2,750.00, Olson's Ace Hardware \$1,038.94, One Office Solution \$267.09, Performance Foods \$800.50, Peters Distributing, Inc. \$3,889.21, Pete's Produce \$247.37, PM Construction \$1,326.53, Post Office \$154.00, Premier Bank \$20.00, QUALIFIED PRESORT SERVICES LLC \$252.87, SD Public Assurance Alliance \$42,682.41, SD Retirement \$2,426.46, SealPros Inc. Asphalt Paving \$67,500.12, SiteOne Landscape Supply \$5,697.35, South Lincoln Rural Water \$9,443.85, Southeastern Electric \$2,841.94, Square Inc \$446.04, Sun Life Financial \$36.29, SYSCO \$15,356.18, Thread and Ink LLC \$1,018.14, Total Stop Food Store \$729.72, Truesdell Oil Company \$1,343.53, Uline \$1,063.05, Union County Fair \$500.00, VISA \$1,383.14, Wellmark \$1,891.94, Western Equipment Finance \$993.72, Ziegler Inc \$1,915.00, Zions Bank \$4,980.00, Payroll: Cemetery \$774.14, Clubhouse & Event Center \$14,984.68, Finance Office \$3,738.22, Golf Course \$4,577.90, Library \$1,991.93, Park \$981.98, Sewer \$1,907.92, Solid Waste \$783.70, Streets \$3,900.14, Swimming Pool \$400.64, Water \$2,373.66. Finance Officer Hodgson then reviewed the YTD Financials with council explaining areas where revenue continues to fall short and where expenses have been higher than expected. No questions at this time.

For reminders, next council meeting will be on Monday August 4th 2025 at 6pm, the next park revitalization meeting will be held on Sunday July 27th 2025 at 1pm in the city office, and the Union County Fair will be held on Thursday July 31st through Saturday August 2nd.

K Hatle then moved and N Wieseler seconded to enter into Executive Session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1). Motion carried. Unanimous. Mayor Hodgson declared council in Executive Session at 7:11pm. Council was declared out of Executive Session at 7:32pm.

K Tschida moved and B Johnson seconded to adjourn City Council Meeting. Motion carried. Unanimous. Council was declared adjourned at 7:33pm.

CITY OF ALCESTER, SOUTH DAKOTA

_____/s/_____
Lisa Hodgson, Mayor

ATTEST:

_____/s/_____
David Hodgson, Finance Officer

