

City of Alcester
Regular Meeting Minutes
January 23rd, 2025

Council President Darla Reppe opened Council at 6:00 PM.

Council members present: Kendra Hatle, Brian Johnson, Kerry Hedden, and Nick Wieseler

Others Present: Deputy Finance Officer Kris Hedden, Kristi Burke, Harley Ferguson - SECOG, April Frisbie – MC&R Pools, and Riva Sharples

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

B Johnson moved and K Hedden seconded to approve the agenda with adding an Item after Item 10 for Resolution 2025-01. Motion carried. Unanimous.

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

K Hedden moved and N Wieseler seconded to approve minutes from Tuesday January 7th, 2025 meeting. Motion carried. Unanimous.

No public input provided.

No legal updates at this time.

For the Wastewater Treatment Plant K Hatle moved and B Johnson seconded to approve paying Banner Associates invoice #44209 in the amount of \$12,145.67 for work completed through December 21st, 2024. Motion carried. Unanimous.

For the Sewer Collection System Improvements B Johnson moved and N Wieseler seconded to approve paying Banner Associates invoice #44211 in the amount of \$399.20 for work completed through December 21st, 2024. Motion carried. Unanimous.

For the Municipal Pool Repairs April Frisbie, MC&R Pools presented a bid proposal to the city council. Their total bid costs for the repairs are \$197,220.00. Due to the extent of repairs needing completed they would need to get started immediately. They also added some recommended improvements council could consider. She stated overall the pool is basically in better shape than expected and is a good candidate for this rehab project and could potentially extend the life of the pool up to 10 to 15 more years. Council thanked April for her presentation. No action taken at this time.

At 6:15pm D Reppe opened the Public Hearing on the Alcester Housing Development Project Utility Expansion. Harley Ferguson from SECOG presented the funding application to U.S. Department of Agriculture in the amount of \$1,482,000 that would need to be submitted. She explained the hope would be to get grant funding for this project to avoid another loan requiring utility rate increase. She further explained the remainder of the project with Alcester Industrial Park funding the remainder of the \$3.2 million through SD Housing program. For now council would just need to approve the application and could determine what funding to accept once the award is made.

K Hatle then introduced Resolution 2025-01 AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND SUBMITTAL OF THE APPLICATION, AND DESIGNATING AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVES TO CERTIFY AND SIGN PAYMENT REQUESTS. After reading the Resolution K Hatle moved and B Johnson seconded to adopt the resolution as presented. Motion carried. Unanimous.

RESOLUTION 2025-01

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND SUBMITTAL OF THE APPLICATION, AND DESIGNATING AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVES TO CERTIFY AND SIGN PAYMENT REQUESTS.

WHEREAS, the City of Alcester (the "City") has determined it is necessary to proceed with the construction of the Alcester Residential Development Project (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the City has determined that financial assistance will be necessary to undertake the Project and an application for financial assistance to the U.S Department of Agriculture – (the "Board") will be prepared; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to designate an authorized representative to execute and submit the Application on behalf of the City and to certify and sign payment requests in the event financial assistance is awarded for the Project,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City as follows:

1. The City hereby approves the submission of an Application for financial assistance in an amount not to exceed \$1,482,000 to the Board for the Project.
2. The Mayor and Council President are hereby authorized to execute the Application and submit it to the Board, and to execute and deliver such other documents and perform all acts necessary to effectuate the Application for financial assistance.
3. The Mayor and Council President are hereby designated as authorized representatives of the City to do all things on its behalf to certify and sign payment requests in the event financial assistance is awarded for the Project.

Adopted at Alcester, South Dakota, this 23rd day of January, 2025.

APPROVED:

_____/s/_____/

Lisa Hodgson, City of Alcester

(Seal)

Attest: ____/s/_____/

David Hodgson, Finance Officer

D Reppe brought forward some changes to the Clubhouse Grille and as of February 1st the hours will change to 11am until 8pm and 9pm on Friday & Saturday with limited menu available between 2pm and 5pm. Also allowing citizens to use the event center to walk indoors.

For Water Meter upgrade project K Burke updated council that there are 338 homes have been completed to date with approximately 30 remaining to complete homes along with all the commercial meters.

K Hatle brought forward annual employee reviews and wage increases with her recommendation to change policy to base wage increases on merit during annual reviews. Also mentioned to begin adding annual reviews to part time and seasonal employees with assistance from council committees.

For the Finance Office D Reppe introduced the January 2025 Records Destruction List. After discussion K Hedden moved and B Johnson seconded to approve the destruction of the records presented. Motion carried. Unanimous.

D Reppe reminded all that pet registrations are due January 31st, next council meeting will be held Tuesday February 4th, 2025, Municipal Elections will be held Tuesday April 8th, 2025 at the city office – Polls open 7a – 7p, and City Park Fundraiser with dueling pianos to be held Friday April 11th, 2025 at Morningside Event Center.

K Hatle then moved and D Reppe seconded to enter into Executive Session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1). Motion Carried. Unanimous. D Reppe declared council in Executive Session at 6:48PM. Council was declared out of Executive Session 7:04PM

B Johnson moved and N Wieseler seconded to adjourn city council. Motion carried. Unanimous. Mayor Hodgson declared council adjourned at 7:05pm.

CITY OF ALCESTER, SOUTH DAKOTA

_____/s/_____/

Darla Reppe, Council President

ATTEST:

_____/s/_____/

Kris Hedden, Deputy Finance Officer