

City of Alcester  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
November 7th, 2024

Council met at old golf course clubhouse prior to meeting to walk through building.

Council President Reppe reopened Council at 6:05 PM.

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

Others Present: Sheriff Jim Prouty, Finance Officer David Hodgson, City Attorney Austin Felts, Tanya Miller – Banner Associates, Harley Ferguson – SECOG, Lukas Driesen, and Lisa Hodgson

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

K Hatle moved and K Hedden seconded to approve the agenda. Motion carried. Unanimous.

No persons presented themselves at this time for open Ward I Alderman positions or for Mayor.

K Hedden moved and K Hatle seconded to approve the minutes from the Monday October 28<sup>th</sup> Special Council meeting. Motion carried. Unanimous.

For public D Reppe brought forward the concern that the council is now down to 4 members with no alderman for Ward I and still no citizen has stepped forward to fill the vacant mayor position. She questions if the city should consider changing government types to an at large alderman council. City Attorney Felts briefly covered how that would require a petition and special election to change types of government. No other public input brought forward at this time.

For legal updates Sheriff Prouty reported no major complaints or violations have come into his office but brief discussion held on a noticed uptick in minor vandalism. Sheriff Prouty acknowledged this and encouraged anyone to call and report it no matter how minor so the matter can be handled appropriately. Attorney Felts had no new updates at this time.

For the Proposal from SF Humane Society a discussion was held on use of that facility with Sheriff Prouty and costs associated with these services. At this time the Sheriff's department has signed their same proposal and it was not felt council needed to move forward with this as well at this time.

D Reppe brought forward the resignation of Alderman J Sundstrom. K Hatle moved and D Reppe seconded to accept her resignation. Motion carried. Unanimous.

For Ordinance 2024-19 Flood Damage Prevention K Hatle moved and K Hedden seconded to approve the second reading. Motion carried. Unanimous.

D Reppe brought forward a list of items from Superintendent of Public Works Johnson for recommendation of surplus and sale at auction. After discussion K Hatle moved and D Reppe seconded to approve public works items as surplus. Motion carried. Unanimous.

For the city pool an update was provided from A-1 Pools evaluation showing the list of deficiencies that were found and their recommendations and estimate of costs to make those repairs. Their total recommended repairs are estimated at \$69,000. This would get the pool ready for either paint or a plaster coating. They do not recommend attempting an Ecofinish as it is not felt to be an appropriate lining for our pool. Estimates for paint and plaster are yet to come in at this time. Next, K Hatle moved and K Hedden seconded to approve paying Banner Associates invoice #43703 in the amount of \$1,309.00 for work on TAP Grant Application through October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Motion carried. Unanimous.

Tanya Miller then presented the Water System Facility Plan Amendment to the council. She discussed the work recommended and the breakdown of the phases Banner recommends. After discussion K Hatle moved and D Reppe seconded to approve the public hearing notice for the Water System Facility Plan Improvements to be held on Tuesday December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024. Finance Officer Hodgson then presented a letter received from South Lincoln Rural Water notifying Alcester of a water rate increase for 2025. Currently the city pays \$3.90 and the new rate is set to be \$4.35 per 1,000 gallons. Hodgson then updated council on the progress to date of the water meter upgrade project. Currently 210 homes have been upgraded and has gone well. Nearly all meters have been purchased for the project.

For the Sewer Collection System Improvements project Tanya Miller presented Change Order #1 to the council. After discussion K Hatle moved and D Reppe seconded to approve the change order as presented. Motion carried. Unanimous. K Hedden then moved and D Reppe seconded to approve paying Banner invoice #43702 in the amount of \$6,737.80 for work completed through October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Motion carried. Unanimous.

For the WasteWater Treatment Facility Tanya presented Change Order #12. After discussion K Hatle moved and K Hedden seconded to approve as presented. Motion carried. Unanimous. K Hatle then moved and D Reppe seconded to pay Industrial Process Technology pay application 18 in the amount of \$292,917.08. Motion carried. Unanimous. K Hedden then moved and D Reppe seconded to approve paying Banner invoice #43701 in the amount of \$15,522.83 for work completed through October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Motion carried. Unanimous.

Finance Officer Hodgson then brought forward a request from the Alcester Area Chamber of Commerce to close main street intersection of Main and Iowa Street, West to Broad St, and North on Iowa to 3<sup>rd</sup> Street on Friday December 6<sup>th</sup> from 4:45pm until 8:00pm for the Annual Alcester Christmas Tree Lighting. K Hatle moved and K Hedden seconded to approve request. Motion carried. Unanimous.

For the Finance Office D Hodgson presented the 2023 Annual Audit Report to the council. No questions received and a copy of the report can be reviewed upon request at the City Office during normal business hours or on the city website. K Hatle then moved and K Hedden seconded to approve the October warrants. Motion carried. Unanimous. D Hodgson then presented council with the year-to-date financial report. After review no question were brought forward.

For reminders D Hodgson reminded everyone of the upcoming Open Forum Night at Morningside Event Center. Also coming up is the annual Alcester Area Chamber of Commerce Fall Craft Fair Saturday November 23<sup>rd</sup> from 10:00am 2:00pm at the Alcester-Hudson School Auxiliary Gymnasium.

K Hatle then moved and D Reppe seconded to enter into Executive Session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1 & 3). Motion carried. Unanimous. D Reppe declared council in Executive Session at 7:25pm. Council was declared out of Executive Session at 7:55pm.

Being no further business K Hedden moved and K Hatle seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Unanimous. D Reppe declared council adjourned at 7:56pm.

CITY OF ALCESTER, SOUTH DAKOTA

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Darla Reppe, Council President

ATTEST:

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David Hodgson, Finance Officer