

City of Alcester
Regular Meeting Minutes
January 7th, 2025

Mayor Lisa Hodgson opened Council at 6:00 PM.

Council members present: Darla Reppe, Brian Johnson, and Kerry Hedden, Nick Wieseler

Others Present: City Attorney Austin Felts, Finance Officer David Hodgson, Deputy Finance Officer Kris Hedden, Kristi Burke, Sheriff Prouty, and Union County Commissioner Kevin Joffer.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

No persons presented themselves for consideration for the open Ward I Alder(wo)man seat.

D Reppe moved and B Johnson seconded to approve the minutes from the Tuesday December 17th, 2024 council meeting. Motion carried. Unanimous.

For public input Finance Officer Hodgson read an apology to the council concerning the American flag outside the City Office. No other public input provided.

For legal updates Sheriff Prouty presented council with finalized law enforcement contract annual increase. For 2025 the contract amount will be \$106,656.34. Sheriff Prouty also reiterated council to encourage citizens to report any issues they see happening directly to the Sheriff's Department. County Commissioner Joffer also stated the commissioners feel the collaboration between the city and the county is working well and are pleased with the ongoing work. Attorney Felts only legal updates at this time were to brief council on the 2025 retainer. The 2025 hourly rate will increase from \$175 per hour to \$200 per hour. No other changes have been made from previous year.

B Johnson moved and D Reppe seconded to approve the 2025 Retainer agreement with Frieberg, Nelson, & Ask. Motion carried. Unanimous.

D Reppe moved and N Wieseler seconded to approve the Alcester-Beresford-Hudson Republic as the official newspaper for City of Alcester for 2025. Motion carried. Unanimous.

K Hedden moved and B Johnson seconded to approve Premier Bank as the official bank of the City of Alceste for 2025. Motion carried. Unanimous.

For the Finance office D Reppe moved and N Wieseler seconded to approve the December Warrants. Motion carried. Unanimous. Mayor Hodgson introduced the 2025 Resolution of Fees and Finance Officer Hodgson briefed the council on the changes from 2024. Several fees were increased due to increased costs associated with those. B Johnson moved and D Reppe seconded to approve the 2025 Resolution of Fees. Motion carried. Unanimous.

For the municipal election D Reppe moved K Hedden seconded to approve April 8th, 2025 as the date of the annual election at Alcester City Office. Motion carried. Unanimous. B Johnson then moved and N Wieseler seconded to approve combining City and Alcester-Hudson School District Elections. Motion carried. Unanimous.

For 2025 Salaries D Reppe moved and B Johnson seconded to enter into Executive Session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1). Motion carried. Unanimous. Mayor Hodgson declared council in Executive Session at 6:21pm. Council was declared out of Executive Session at 6:55pm.

Mayor Hodgson then opened the Public Hearing for the request to rezone parcel 01.14.22.3000, N2063.2' of E1713' Less Alcester Golf Club Trs 2 & 3 Less Anderson Tr 1 & 2 from Ag – Agricultural to R – Residential District and Amending the Official Zoning Map of The City of Alcester. Finance Officer Hodgson explained the request from the Alcester Industrial Park Board to rezone the area for likely residential development. No public input was provided and no questions from the council. Public Hearing closed.

Moving back to 2025 Salaries B Johnson moved and N Wieseler seconded to approve the 2025 Salaries. Motion carried. Unanimous. 2025 Salaries – Mayor \$200/month + 50/mtg, Council \$100/month + \$40/mtg, Finance Officer \$28/hr, Deputy Finance Officer \$17.47/hr, Event Coordinator \$18.56/hr, Clubhouse Co-Manager \$18.56/hr, Head Cook \$17.92/hr, Librarian \$18/hr, Superintendent of Public Works \$30/hr, Asst. Superintendent of Public Works \$25/hr, City Custodian \$12.36/hr, Golf Course Greenskeeper \$15.83/hr, Cook \$16.48/hr, Cook \$14.19/hr, Bartenders \$12.01/hr, Waitress \$10.41/hr, Waitress, School Age \$7.87/hr, Clubhouse Attendant \$14.74/hr, Dishwasher \$12.01/hr, Lifeguard 1st year \$12/hr, Lifeguard 2nd year \$12.50/hr, Lifeguard – WSI 1st year \$13/hr, Lifeguard – WSI 2nd year \$13.50/hr, Pool Manager \$14/hr, Park Groundskeeper \$14.19/hr, Cemetery Groundskeeper \$17.96/hr, Solid Waste \$17.96/hr.

D Reppe then moved and N Wieseler seconded to approve contract with Sioux Falls Area Humane Society for 2025. Motion carried. Unanimous.

For City Pool Repairs B Johnson moved and D Reppe seconded to authorize Mark Deraney, AMKO Advisors, to proceed with work to setup tax-exempt lease for funding pool repairs. Motion carried. Unanimous. D Reppe then moved and N Wieseler seconded to approve sending and publication of request for proposal for the repair of city pool. Motion carried. Unanimous.

Mayor Hodgson the introduced the 2025 Code enforcement contract. After discussion B Johnson moved and K Hedden seconded to approve the 2025 annual Code Enforcement Contract and paying the retainer fee of \$1,500 to Code Enforcement Specialists, LLC. Motion carried. Unanimous.

Mayor Hodgson introduced a list of inventory items requested by Superintendent of Public Works to be surplus and sell. After discussion D Reppe moved and B Johnson seconded to approve listing items from street and sewer departments as surplus. Motion carried. Unanimous. D Reppe then moved and N Wieseler seconded to approve sale of surplus items at auction with proceeds to be earmarked for purchase of new used City dump truck. Motion carried. Unanimous.

Mayor Hodgson then introduced a letter from Superintendent of Public Works requesting to explore a name change for Alcester Golf Course. After discussion council advised by city attorney that no motion was needed on this item at this time. Mayor and council are in favor of this exploration and look forward to suggestions from the community.

Mayor Hodgson presented council with a donation request from Alcester Area Pink Ladies for their upcoming fundraiser. The group is requesting donation of a golf package for 2 and gift card for their bingo prizes. After discussion B Johnson moved and D Reppe seconded to approve donation of Greens fees for 2, golf cart rental, with a \$30 gift card, for their bingo prizes a donation of 2 - \$10 gift cards. Motion carried. Unanimous.

Mayor Hodgson introduced a request from Superintendent of Public Works for a one time burn permit for the golf course water way. After discussion K Hedden moved and N Wieseler seconded to approve the request. Motion carried. Unanimous.

For reminders, Mayor Hodgson reminded citizens that all pet registrations are due no later than January 31st, 2025. Also the next regular city council meeting will be held on Thursday January 23rd, 2025 at 6pm.

D Reppe then moved and B Johnson seconded to enter into Executive Session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(3). Motion carried. Unanimous. Mayor Hodgson declared council in Executive Session at 7:19pm. Council was declared out of Executive Session at 7:27pm.

D Reppe moved and K Hedden seconded to adjourn city council. Motion carried. Unanimous. Mayor Hodgson declared council adjourned at 7:28pm.

CITY OF ALCESTER, SOUTH DAKOTA

_____/s/_____
Lisa Hodgson, Mayor

ATTEST:

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David Hodgson, Finance Officer