

City of Alcester
Regular Meeting Minutes
September 17th, 2024

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

Council members present: Darla Reppe, Kerry Hedden, Julia Sundstrom, Brian Johnson, and Kendra Hatle arrived at 6:31pm.

Others Present: Finance Officer David Hodgson, Trudy Hedden, and Lukas Driesen

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

No candidates presented themselves for the open Ward I Alderman seat or for Mayor at this time.

J Sundstrom moved and B Johnson seconded to approve the meeting minutes from Tuesday September 5th, 2024. Motion carried. Unanimous.

For public input Lukas Driesen spoke of his and others concerns regarding the contractor for the pool repairs and his lack of progress and asks the city council what they are doing about it, concerns that have been raised to him by citizens on the West side of town of a sewer smell and when the Sanitary Sewer Collection System project will get underway, and last he raised concerns of all the trees in the town that have not been trimmed per Ordinance and one that caused damage to his bucket truck. No other public input at this time.

No legal updates at this time.

B Johnson moved and K Hedden seconded to approve payment of Banner Associates invoice #43392 in the amount of \$3,398.00 for work on the Alcester Water Facility Plan Amendment through August 24th, 2024. Motion carried. Unanimous.

J Sundstrom moved and B Johnson seconded to approve payment of Banner Associates invoice #43373 in the amount of \$25,239.62 for work on the WasteWater Treatment Plant through August 24th, 2024. Motion carried. Unanimous.

K Hedden moved and J Sundstrom seconded to approve payment of Banner Associates invoice #43377 in the amount of \$3,997.00 for work on the Alcester Sanitary Sewer Collection System Improvements through August 24th, 2024. Motion carried. Unanimous.

D Reppe introduced Resolution 2024-12 Transportation Alternative Grant and Finance Officer Hodgson explained the proposed path along 301st/6th street as part of the park revitalization project. After discussion and reading of the resolution B Johnson moved and J Sundstrom seconded to adopt the resolution as read. Motion carried. Unanimous.

**TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION TO THE SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION**

WHEREAS the City of Alcester desires assistance from the South Dakota Department of Transportation – Transportation Alternatives Program for the purpose of constructing a shared use path along 301st Street; and

WHEREAS the City Council hereby commits to the continued maintenance and operation of the trail; and

WHEREAS the City Council hereby commits local match of not less than 18.05 percent of the project; and

WHEREAS the City Council acknowledges its responsibility to secure right-of-way or easements for construction.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council hereby authorizes the filing of a grant application, including all understanding and assurances contained therein, for the Transportation Alternatives Grant Program, and hereby authorizes the Mayor to in connection with the application and to provide such additional information as may be required.

Adopted this 17th day of September, 2024.

D Reppe then introduce Resolution 2024-13 Approving the Special Assessment Roll for Nuisance Abatements in Various Areas Within the City of Alcester. After discussion and reading K Hedden moved and B Johnson seconded to adopt the resolution as read. Motion carried. Unanimous.

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR NUISANCE ABATEMENTS IN VARIOUS AREAS WITHIN THE CITY OF ALCESTER, SD

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Alcester City Council in and for the City of Alcester, Union County, South Dakota as follows:

- 1) That the special assessment roll for nuisance abatements in various areas within Alcester, SD, is hereby approved and the assessments in the assessment roll are levied against the property described in it. The assessments become a lien against the property when the assessment roll is filed in the office of the Finance Officer.
- 2) The assessment may be paid in one annual installment and shall be collected under Plan-One Collection by the Union County Treasurer as provided in SDCL 9-43

Adopted this 17th day of September, 2024

For the Finance Office D Hodgson reviewed the 2025 Budget Appropriations Ordinance. J Sundstrom then moved and B Johnson seconded to approve the second reading of 2025 Budget Appropriations Ordinance as presented. Motion carried. Unanimous.

B Johnson moved and J Sundstrom seconded to approve the August warrants as presented. Motion carried. Unanimous.

Finance Officer Hodgson reviewed the August year to date financial report of the city. No questions presented.

Finance Officer Hodgson reviewed the 2024 City of Alcester Job Descriptions updates as recommended by SDPAA. Motion was made by K Hatle seconded by J Sundstrom to approve the City of Alcester Job Descriptions as presented. Motion carried. Unanimous.

D Reppe then presented council with a proposal from Culligan to add a carbon filtration system to the ice machine at Clubhouse Grille. After discussion no action taken at this time.

For reminders to the city the park revitalization committee will meet with Norman Engineers Wed. the 18th to review concept designs for the park, fall clean up continues through Sept. 30th, and Finance Officer Hodgson asked all citizens that have not had their water meter replaced yet to contact the city office at 934-2851 or alcestercitfo@alliancecom.net to get scheduled, and reminder that A-H Schools Homecoming week is Sept 23rd – 27th.

D Reppe moved and K Hatle seconded to enter into Executive Session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1). Motion carried. Unanimous. D Reppe declared council in Executive Session at 6:4pm. Council was declared out of Executive Session at 7:21pm. No action taken.

K Hedden moved and K Hatle seconded to adjourn. Motion carried. Unanimous. D Reppe declared council adjourned at 7:22pm

CITY OF ALCESTER, SOUTH DAKOTA

_____/s/_____
Darla Reppe, Council President

ATTEST:

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David Hodgson, Finance Officer