

City of Alcester  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
April 7th, 2025

Mayor Lisa Hodgson opened Council at 6:01 PM.

Council members present: Kendra Hatle, Darla Reppe, Kerry Hedden, Nick Wieseler

Others Present: Finance Officer David Hodgson, Deputy Finance Officer Kris Hedden, Aaron Norman & Carter Roberts – Norman Engineering, Andrew Nielson – DGR Engineering, Tanya Miller – Banner Associates, Marvie Swanson, Tom VanRooyen, Richard Akland, Mike Peterson, Jim Prouty – Union County Sheriff's Office, Christa Hamann

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mayor Hodgson asked Darla Reppe to remain standing for recognition of her last meeting as a member of the council and presented her with a Certificate of Appreciation.

K Hatle 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 seat.

K Hatle moved and D Reppe seconded to approve meeting minutes of Tuesday March 18<sup>th</sup> & Friday March 28<sup>th</sup>. Motion carried. Unanimous.

No public input provided.

Updates from the county sheriff's office were then given with several notable cases under investigation, contract hours being fulfilled. Sheriff Prouty also reminded citizens if they see something to report it immediately so it may be investigated appropriately. No updates available from city attorney at this time.

For Easement Request from Southeastern Electric Coop, Andrew Nielson presented the request to council and answered questions. After discussion D Reppe moved and K Hatle seconded to approve the easement request for utility upgrades. Motion carried. Unanimous.

For the City Park Master Plan Presentation Carter Roberts and Aaron Norman from Norman Engineering presented council and the public with the final Master Plan for the park revitalization, the work that led up to this, and what the next steps would be. The proposed phase 1 work would include a new park shelter with restrooms, consolidated playground with new equipment with varied age-appropriate activities, and a multi-sport court. This would be centrally located within the park with details to be determined in the coming months with the Park Revitalization Committee.

For Water Facility Plan Amendment Scope Discussion Tanya Miller, Banner Associates Engineer began by congratulating the city on being awarded \$2,230,000 in Drinking Water SRF loan at 3.25% interest over 30 years with 56.5% principal forgiveness from the State Board of Water and Natural Resources. The original project scope "Plan A" included necessary interior and exterior coating for the water tower, replacing and installing necessary safety devices within the tower, also replacing aging 4" watermain along Ofstad St and within the alley west of Hwy 11 between 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> St with the alternate plan, "Plan B", to make necessary water tower improvements and to replace the aging and undersized water main along 4<sup>th</sup> St from Park Ave to Ofstad St and up to the water tower. Council asked several questions regarding the 2 options and street replacement. After further discussion plan B is the preferred option to move forward with at this time.

For the WasteWater Treatment Facility K Hatle moved and N Wieseler seconded to approve change order #16 as presented reducing the total project cost to \$5,473,076.92. Motion carried. Unanimous. D Reppe then moved and K Hatle seconded to approve paying Banner Associates invoice #44862 in the amount of \$2,256.46 for work completed through March 31<sup>st</sup>. Motion carried. Unanimous.

For Sanitary Sewer Collection System K Hatle moved and N Wieseler seconded to approve paying Banner Associates invoice #44863 in the amount of \$7,080.40 for work completed through March 22<sup>nd</sup>. Motion Carried. Unanimous.

For Finance Office K Hatle moved and D Reppe seconded to approve the March 2025 warrants. Motion carried. Unanimous. March 2025 warrants: 5 Star Communications \$50.00, Alcester Quickstop \$96.40, Alissa Pohlman \$26.15, Alliance Communications \$679.00, American Engineering Testing \$1,374.00, Appera \$683.75, Autumn Roberts \$150.00, Badger Meter, Inc \$452.88, Banner Associates \$12,534.45, Boyer Machine \$222.12, Builders Firstsource \$1,607.25, Cash-Wa Distributing \$125.00, Chesterman Co. \$542.70, City Of Alcester \$5,541.96, Colonial Life \$232.42, Dakota Beverage \$693.80, Dakota Fluid Power \$313.58, Darin Johnson Repair \$690.00, Dept Of Revenue \$1,895.74, Ecolab \$96.72, Emilee Kunz \$150.00, Fast Signs \$812.76, Frieberg, Nelson & Ask LLP \$1,835.18, GC Beautification Committee \$6,257.00, Good Shred \$102.00, Grossenburg Implement \$10,500.00, Ingram Library Services \$245.54, Iowa Information Inc \$379.00, IRS \$7,268.47, Jaeley Christensen \$119.24, Jenna Smith \$190.25, John Conkling Distributing \$637.80, L.G. Everist \$1,796.56, L.P. Gill Landfill \$1,630.84, Loren Fischer Disposal \$337.59, Matt Moselle \$150.00, Metering Technology Solutions \$2,169.35, Mid American Energy \$3,672.43, Mid American Research \$5,772.86, Muller Auto Parts \$766.17, New Century Press \$225.80, Norman Engineering \$4,250.00, Olson's Ace Hardware \$675.21, One Office Solution \$339.01, Performance Foods \$1,309.05, Pete's Produce \$537.56, Precision \$513.66, Premier Bank \$20.00, Qualified Presort Services, LLC \$290.00, R&R Products, Inc. \$157.50, SD Retirement \$3,223.14,

SD Rural Water Association \$525.00, South Lincoln Rural Water \$6,529.35, Southeastern Electric \$2,340.17, Sportsturf Irrigation \$3,405.92, Square Inc \$191.16, Sun Life Financial \$43.58, SYSCO \$14,425.96, Total Stop Food Store \$469.02, Truesdell Oil Company \$1,557.81, Uline \$538.33, Union County Register Of Deeds \$30.00, USA Blue Book \$4,439.87, VISA \$2,543.77, Waterman Backhoe \$1,477.45, Wellmark \$2,792.90, Western Equipment Finance \$300.00. Payroll: Clubhouse & Event Center \$12,539.57, Finance Office \$3,597.13, Library \$1,288.99, Sewer \$2,563.14, Streets \$3,823.80, Water \$3,614.88. Year to date financials report was reviewed with council with no questions at this time.

For the Clubhouse Grille and Morningside Event Center K Hatle moved and D Reppe seconded to approve advertising the Event Center Manager position. Motion carried. Unanimous. K Hatle then moved and K Hedden seconded to approve hiring Justin Smith as part time cook at \$14.19 per hour effective immediately. Motion carried. Unanimous. K Hedden then moved and D Reppe seconded to approve hiring Ariana Moulton as part time server at \$7.87 per hour effective immediately. K Hatle then moved and D Reppe seconded to approve increasing credit limit on city credit card for Kelsey Erickson to \$1,000. Motion carried. Unanimous.

For Municipal Pool Mayor Hodgson introduce pay application #1 from MC&R pools. Finance Officer Hodgson reviewed the progress to date that has been done. K Hatle moved and N Wieseler seconded to approve paying MC&R pay application #1 in the amount of \$99,900.00 for work completed through March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025. Motion carried. Unanimous.

Mayor Hodgson then brought forward an amended resolution of fees which adds golf fees for kids, membership for ages 11-14 would be set at \$40.00 for the year or \$5.00 per 9-hole round and kids under the age of 10 would be free. After discussion K Hatle moved and D Reppe seconded to approve the Amended 2025 Resolution of Fees. Motion carried. Unanimous.

For annual alcohol license renewal K Hatle moved and K Hedden seconded to approve the 2025-2026 Retail on-off sale malt beverage & SD farm wine license for Alcester Municipal Golf Course. Motion carried. Unanimous. K Hedden then moved and D Reppe seconded to approve the 2025-2026 Retail on-off sale malt beverage & SD farm wine license for Alcester Quickstop. Motion carried. Unanimous.

D Reppe then gave an update on her responsibilities to the Fair Board to the council. It is a requirement per the fair grounds lease with Union County to have a council member on the Fair Board. She further discussed some things she has learned over the years serving on various committees and boards. No action taken.

Council was presented with the March 2025 Property Maintenance Monthly Survey report. Code Office Tim continues to be pleased with progress that has been made. Citizens are encouraged to call him directly if they receive a letter in the mail to work together to resolve the issues cited.

For Reminders the golf course membership meeting will be held Wednesday April 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. The next regular meeting of the City Council will be Monday May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 6:00pm.

D Reppe then made a motion, seconded by K Hatle to enter into Executive Session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) Personnel. Motion carried. Unanimous. Mayor Hodgson declared council in Executive Session at 7:10pm. Council was declared out of Executive Session at 7:31pm.

Being no further business K Hatle moved and D Reppe seconded to adjourn Council. Motion carried. Unanimous. Mayor Hodgson declared City Council Meeting adjourned at 7:32pm.

CITY OF ALCESTER, SOUTH DAKOTA

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Lisa Hodgson, Mayor

ATTEST:

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David Hodgson, Finance Officer