

City of Alcester
Regular Meeting Minutes
January 5th, 2026

Mayor Lisa Hodgson opened Council at 6:00 PM.

Council members present: Kendra Hatle, Nicke Wieseler, Marvie Swanson, and Kirsten Tschida

Others Present: Finance Officer David Hodgson, Deputy Finance Officer Kristi Burke, Brandon Cooper & Sherri Bousquet – Union County Equalization Office, David Larsen, Tanya Miller – Banner Associates, Deputy Jerry Renken, Linda Talbott, Deputy Sheriff Jerry Renken

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

K Tschida moved and N Wieseler seconded to approve the agenda. Motion carried. Unanimous.

No persons presented themselves for the vacant Ward II seat.

M Swanson moved and K Tschida seconded to approve the Special Meeting Minutes of Monday December 15th, 2025. Motion carried. Unanimous.

No public input provided at this time.

Sam Nelson gave updates to the council regarding action being taken on condemned mobile home and next steps. He then gave an update on action being taken on resident in violation of animal ordinance and next steps. No updates from Sheriff's office at this time.

Sherri Bousquet and Brandon Cooper gave a presentation from the county equalization office explaining the process of valuations and assessment appeals.

K Hatle moved and N Wieseler seconded to approve retainer agreement for 2026 for Frieberg, Nelson, & Ask. Motion carried. Unanimous.

K Tschida moved and M Swanson seconded to approve the Alcester-Beresford-Hudson Republic as official newspaper for City of Alcester for 2026. Motion carried. Unanimous.

M Swanson moved and K Tschida seconded to approve Premier Bank as official bank for City of Alcester for 2026. Motion carried. Unanimous.

K Tschida moved and N Wieseler seconded to approve Sioux Falls Area Humane Society 2026 Animal Control Services & Impoundment agreement. Motion carried. Unanimous.

K Tschida moved and M Swanson seconded to approve Combined Election agreement with Union County for June 2026 Election. Motion carried. Unanimous.

Tanya Miller, Banner Associates present the monthly engineering report to the council.

For Sanitary Sewer Improvements Project K Tschida moved and K Hatle seconded to approve paying Banner invoice #47180 in the amount of \$7,645.00 for work completed through December 20th, 2025. Motion carried. Unanimous. K Hatle then moved and K Tschida seconded to enter into Executive Session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(3) Contractual Matters. Motion carried. Unanimous. Mayor Hodgson declared council in Executive Session at 6:59pm. Council was declared out of Executive Session at 7:17pm. K Hatle then moved and K Tschida seconded to table agenda items 14a. ii. & iii. pertaining to the Sanitary Sewer Improvements Project, until a special meeting to be held on January 13th, 2026. Motion carried. Unanimous.

For the Water Tower Recoat Project Tanya reviewed the bids received with council. M Swanson then moved and K Tschida seconded to approve awarding the bid to Maguire Iron in the amount of \$296,000.00 pending SD DANR approval for the total bid. Motion carried. Unanimous.

For the 4th Street Watermain Improvements Project K Tschida moved and N Wieseler seconded to approve advertisement of bids for Watermain Improvements once DANR provides approval on the submitted plans. Motion carried. Unanimous. K Hatle then moved and K Tschida seconded to approve paying Banner invoice #47178 in the amount of \$25,100.00 for work completed through December 20th, 2025. Motion carried. Unanimous.

For the Finance Office, Finance Officer Hodgson reviewed the Guide to Open Meetings Laws with the council and provided each member of the council with a copy. K Hatle moved and N Wieseler seconded to approve the December 2025 warrants. Motion carried. Unanimous. December 2025 warrants: Airgas \$743.81, AJ&D Contracting \$21,968.11, Alcester Industrial Park \$1,000.00, Alcester Quickstop \$82.67, Alliance Communications \$660.00, American Engineering Testing \$1,689.00, Appera \$1,166.25, Axel Ericson Electric \$406.48, Badger Meter, Inc \$457.32, Banner Associates \$71,875.00, Bluestone Landscape Co. \$350.00, Bomgaar's \$374.48, Chesterman Co. \$787.65, City of Alcester \$2,984.44, Colonial Life \$916.00, Dakota Beverage \$129.50, Dept of Revenue \$1,817.56, Doll Distributing, LLC \$161.10, Dustin Vik \$15.93, EcoLab \$308.09, Emma Miller \$150.00, Equipment Blades Inc. \$3,329.20, Fox Food Service Repair \$225.68, Frieberg, Nelson & Ask LLP Gary McKellips \$20,000.00, Good Shred \$51.00, Grossenburg Implement \$21.45, Hydrotech \$2,040.00, Ingram Library Services \$105.57, Iowa Information Inc. \$67.00, IRS \$8,225.68, Johnsen Heating & Cooling LLC \$561.59, JElectric Inc. \$1,217.50, Johnson Brothers \$697.56, Keith Wissink \$150.00, L.P. Gill Landfill \$2,218.24, Law Enforcement Partners \$175.00, Legacy Carpet Service \$740.00, Loren Fischer Disposal

\$236.09, Mid American Energy \$3,913.86, New Century Press \$794.80, Olson's Ace Hardware \$109.86, Performance Foods \$4,920.45, Pete's Produce \$95.86, Premier Bank \$30.00, Qualified Presort Services LLC \$298.59, SD Retirement \$2,892.52, SECOG \$2,500.00, Secretary of State \$30.00, Shane Swenson \$84.99, Shari Henle \$150.00, South Lincoln Rural Water \$7,777.80, Southeastern Electric \$1,729.77, Southern Glazer's \$127.55, Square Inc \$148.68, Sun Life Financial \$14.73, SYSCO \$10,627.11, Total Stop Food Store \$553.39, Trojan Technologies \$5,240.24, Tyler Eisma \$329.02, VISA \$1,329.46, Waterman Backhoe \$7,460.22, Wellmark \$3,883.68, Zep Sales & Service \$377.64, Zions Bank \$19,580.00, Payroll: Admin \$3,176.84, Auditorium \$225.44, Cemetery \$291.70, Clubhouse & Event Center \$12,933.67, Finance Office \$3,686.95, Library \$1,312.14, Park \$236.24, Sewer \$2,132.98, Solid Waste \$182.45, Streets \$4,830.14, Water \$2,364.65. Finance Officer Hodgson then reviewed the year end city financials. K Hatle then moved and N Wieseler seconded to adopt Resolution for City of Alcester, 2026 Resolution of Fees. Motion carried. Unanimous. K Tshida moved and N Wieseler seconded to approve the proposed records destruction list for January 2026, old personnel files. Motion carried. Unanimous. K Hatle moved and N Wieseler seconded to enter into Executive Session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1). Motion carried. Unanimous. Mayor Hodgson declared council in Executive Session at 7:31pm. Council was declared out of Executive Session at 7:48pm. Motion was then made by K Hatle and seconded by N Wieseler to approve a 2% pay increase for all city employees and a 4% increase for the Assistant Superintendent of Public Works. Motion carried. Unanimous. 2026 Salar – Mayor \$250/month + 60/mtg, Council \$125/month + \$50/mtg, Finance Officer \$28.56/hr, Deputy Finance Officer \$17.82/hr, Event Coordinator \$18.11/hr, Clubhouse Co-Manager \$18.93/hr, Head Cook \$17.85/hr, Librarian \$18.36/hr, Superintendent of Public Works \$30.60/hr, Asst. Superintendent of Public Works \$26.00/hr, City Custodian \$12.61/hr, Golf Course Greenskeeper \$16.15/hr, Cook \$14.47/hr, Bartenders \$12.25/hr, Waitress \$8.85/hr, Waitress, School Age \$8.03/hr, Clubhouse Attendant \$15.03/hr, Dishwasher \$12.25/hr, Lifeguard 1st year \$12.24/hr, Lifeguard 2nd year \$12.75/hr, Lifeguard – WSI 1st year \$13.26/hr, Lifeguard – WSI 2nd year \$13.77/hr, Pool Manager \$14.28/hr, Park Groundskeeper \$16.15/hr, Cemetery Groundskeeper \$18.32/hr, Solid Waste \$18.32/hr.

For the Clubhouse Grille K Hatle moved and K Tschida seconded to approve hiring Katlyn Otten as part time server at \$8.8 per hour and part time bartender at \$12.25 per hour effective immediately. Motion carried. Unanimous. M Swanson moved and N Wieseler seconded to approve hiring Jayden Watson as part time dishwasher at \$12.25 per hour and part time server at \$8.03 per hour effective January 7th, 2026. Motion carried. Unanimous. K Hatle moved and K Tschida seconded to enter into Executive Session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1). Motion carried. Unanimous. Mayor Hodgson declared council in Executive Session at 7:51pm. Council was declared out of Executive Session at 9:03pm. No action taken.

Mayor Hodgson then announced the award of Land Water Conservation Fund Grant from the SDGF&P for playground equipment replacement in the amount of \$67,213.00. She further explained this was a 50% local match so the like amount would need to be fundraised to maximize use of the grant. Mayor Hodgson then encouraged everyone to attend the next park revitalization meeting to be held on Wednesday January 21st at 6pm at the Morningside Event Center.

Mayor Hodgson then introduced Resolution 2026-01 Resolution for Participation in Sioux Metro Growth Alliance and Appointing Representative to Membership Advisory Board for 2026. K Tschida moved to approve the resolution as presented and seconded by M Swanson. Motion carried. Unanimous.

RESOLUTION 2026-01

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN THE CITY OF ALCESTER'S CAPACITY AS A PARTICIPANT IN THE SIOUX METRO GROWTH ALLIANCE AND APPOINTING A REPRESENTATIVE TO ITS MEMBERSHIP ADVISORY BOARD FOR THE 2026 CALENDAR YEAR

WHEREAS, the City of Alcester (the "City") has been or desires to be a member in the Sioux Metro Growth Alliance, a South Dakota nonprofit corporation (the "Alliance"), which has served rural communities since forming on June 6, 2021 and in years prior dating back to 1990;

WHEREAS, the City, through its partnership with the Alliance, works to develop new economic opportunities and improve access to those opportunities for all residents of the Sioux Metro, including those of the City;

WHEREAS, the City, through its investment in the Alliance, supports and welcomes the Alliance's economic development programming, designed to create more investment, jobs, and opportunities, both within and without the geographic bounds of the City;

WHEREAS, the Alliance has created a Membership Advisory Board (the "Board") where its members' leaders may appoint representatives to help guide the programming of the Alliance;

WHEREAS, the City would like to exercise its option to appoint a representative and an alternate to the Board to provide guidance to the Alliance's programs throughout 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF ALCESTER, SOUTH DAKOTA, that David Hodgson is appointed to represent the City as its representative on the Board through December 31, 2026.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that David Hodgson is expected to attend each regularly scheduled Board meeting and/or communicate regularly to SMGA as to represent the City's economic development interests.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that if David Hodgson is unable to attend a Board meeting, the City appoints Kristi Burke as its alternate.

_____/s/_____
Lisa Hodgson, Mayor

ATTEST:

_____/s/_____
David Hodgson, Finance Officer

K Tschida moved and M Swanson seconded to approve reappointment of Kristen Meyer as City Trustee on Library board for a 3-year term of Jan 1st, 2026 through Dec 31st, 2028. Motion carried. Unanimous.

For water issue at 502 Jefferson Dr discussion was held regarding complaint regarding Nov 26th water shut off for school water meter replacement caused debris to plug up the kitchen faucet and ultimately require the resident to replace the faucet. He is requesting the city reimburse him for the costs incurred. After discussion council felt that it was not the City responsibility to cover these costs. No further action taken.

Mayor Hodgson then introduced a donation request letter form the AHHS 2026 After Prom committee. After discussion K Hatle moved and N Wieseler seconded to donate 2 high school golf memberships. Motion carried. Unanimous.

Mayor Hodgson then read through reminders: Open Forum Night Wed Jan 7th at 6:30pm, Pet registrations are due no later than Jan 31st, and next council meeting to be held on Monday February 2nd, 2026 at 6pm

Being no further business K Tschida moved and N Wieseler seconded to adjourn Council. Motion carried. Unanimous. Mayor Hodgson declared City Council Meeting adjourned at 9:15pm.

CITY OF ALCESTER, SOUTH DAKOTA

_____/s/_____
Lisa Hodgson, Mayor

ATTEST:

_____/s/_____
David Hodgson, Finance Officer