

City of Alcester
Regular Meeting Minutes
February 4th, 2025

Mayor Lisa Hodgson opened Council at 6:01 PM.

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

Others Present: Finance Officer David Hodgson, Deputy Finance Officer Kris Hedden, and Kristi Burke. City Librarian Paige German arrived at 6:25pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

K Hatle moved and D Reppe seconded to approve the agenda with adding Item “e” under #17 Reminders for Special Meeting Notice. Motion carried. Unanimous.

No persons presented themselves for consideration for the open Ward I seat.

K Hedden moved and N Wieseler seconded to approve minutes from Tuesday January 23rd, 2025 meeting. Motion carried. Unanimous.

For Public Input Alderman Hedden spoke about a conversation with a Clubhouse Grille staff member concerned about several areas of repairs needing to be made. Alderman Reppe spoke about a similar conversation she had regarding paint touch ups needing to be done. No other public input provided.

No legal updates from Sheriff’s Office or City Attorney at this time.

K Hedden then moved and K Hatle seconded to adjourn as City Council and reconvene as Planning & Zoning Board. Motion carried. Unanimous. Mayor Hodgson declared council adjourned and Planning & Zoning Board convened at 6:07pm.

For Planning & Zoning Board discussion was held on the rezoning request from Alcester Industrial Park Board to rezone parcel 01.14.22.3000 from Agricultural to Residential for upcoming residential development. After discussion K Hatle moved and N Wieseler seconded to recommend approving the rezoning request from Agricultural to Residential. Motion carried. Unanimous. Being no further Planning & Zoning Board business, D Reppe moved and K Hatle seconded to adjourn as P&Z Board and reconvene as City Council. Motion carried. Unanimous. Mayor Hodgson declared P&Z Board adjourned and City Council Reconvened at 6:10pm.

Mayor Hodgson then introduced Ordinance 2025-02 Rezoning parcel 01.14.22.3000, N2063.2’ of E1715’ Less Alcester Golf Club Trs 2 & 3 Less Anderson Tr 1 & 2 from Agricultural District to Residential District and Amending the Official Zoning Map of the City of Alcester. Being no discussion K Hatle moved and D Reppe seconded to approve the 1st Reading of the ordinance as read. Motion carried. Unanimous.

For the WasteWater Treatment Facility K Hatle moved and N Wieseler seconded to approve pay application #20 to Industrial Process Technology in the amount of \$77,800.90 for work completed through December 20th, 2024. Motion carried. Unanimous. D Reppe moved and K Hatle seconded to approve pay application #21 to Industrial Process Technology in the amount of \$100,586.32 for work completed through January 20th, 2025. Motion carried. Unanimous. Mayor Hodgson the introduced change order #15 from Banner Associates. This change order is to account for a Horizontal Mixer for the existing aeration basin bid in the original specs of the project that was not needed. The other change was a correction of an error in the original contract price listed. The correct contract price was \$5,358,000 but was listed as \$5,338,000. The total change order results in an overall decrease in costs of \$58,586.44 on the project. After discussion K Hatle moved and N Wieseler seconded to approve the change order as presented. Motion carried. Unanimous.

Mayor Hodgson then introduced Ordinance 2025-03 and ordinance to amend the city council meeting times. This ordinance would change the city council from 2 monthly meetings on the first and third Tuesday’s back to meeting once a month on the First Monday of every month. After discussion K Hatle moved and N Wieseler seconded to approve the 1st reading of the ordinance as presented. Motion carried. Unanimous.

For Public Library updates, D Reppe discussed the library boards previous meeting discussion regarding the State budget proposal to cut the state library budget. These budget cuts to the state library would drastically affect public libraries by cutting multiple programs that allow for research, book sharing, and other state programs. She encouraged all to reach out to your state representatives to voice your opinions regarding this proposal.

For Union County Fair Updates D Reppe shared the dates of the County Fair will be July 31st through August 2nd 2025. Events being planned for this year is a rodeo on Friday August 1st and the tractor pull on Saturday August 2nd. Also being looked into is a possibility of a street dance to be held after the rodeo on Friday August 1st and a Farmers Market throughout the weekend.

Other updates given were regarding, the number of 4-H clubs dwindling down as well as the increase participation in the shooting sports club. D Reppe then reminded council of the members of the County Fair Board and the requirement for a Alcester City Council member and Alcester Chamber of Commerce member to be on the Fair Board at all times.

For the Finance Office K Hedden moved and K Hatle seconded to approve the January Warrants. Motion carried. Unanimous. Finance Officer Hodgson then presented the January Financial Report to the council. No questions at this time. K Hatle then moved and D Reppe seconded to approve the February 2025 Records Destruction List. Motion carried. Unanimous.

At this time City Librarian Paige German joined the council and she reviewed and expanded on the previous discussion regarding the proposed budget cuts to the State Library. She explained in greater detail the programs that were in jeopardy and how it would affect the Municipal Library patrons as well as the School District Library. She also encouraged everyone to contact their representatives to voice your opinion regarding the legislation to be heard at the Capitol.

For the Clubhouse Grille & Morningside Event Center D Reppe moved and K Hatle seconded to approve hiring Katie Utesch as parttime clubhouse attendant at \$14.74 per hour and parttime bartender at \$12.01 per hour effective immediately. Motion carried. Unanimous.

For donation request Mayor Hodgson brought forward a letter from the Alcester Hudson School District requesting a donation for their end of year employee appreciation banquet. After discussion D Repp moved and K Hatle seconded to approve giving them a 9 hole round of golf with cart rental for two people and a \$30.00 gift card. Motion carried. Unanimous.

For reminders Mayor Hodgson mentions that nomination petitions for the upcoming City election are available at the City Office with the deadline to file the petition of Friday February 28th by 5:00pm. Next regular city council meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 18th at 6:00pm at the City Office. Municipal Elections will be held on Tuesday April 8th at the City Office with polls open from 7am until 7pm. A fundraiser for the city park will be held on Friday April 11th at Morningside Event Center with a catered meal and dueling pianos, tickets are \$400 for a table of 8 or \$50 for each individual seat. Each ticket includes the meal and the show. Also a special meeting will be held at the City Office on Friday February 14th, at 5:00pm to review and approve proposals for the Municipal Pool repairs.

Being no further business K Hatle moved N Wieseler seconded to adjourn city council. Motion carried. Unanimous. Mayor Hodgson declared council adjourned at 6:54pm.

CITY OF ALCESTER, SOUTH DAKOTA

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Lisa Hodgson, Mayor

ATTEST:

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David Hodgson, Finance Officer