

City of Alcester  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
December 4th, 2024

Council President Reppe reopened Council at 6:00 PM.

Council members present: Darla Reppe, Kendra Hatle, Brian Johnson, and Kerry Hedden.

Others Present: Finance Officer David Hodgson, Kristi Burke, Marvie Swanson, Tom Van Rooyen, Kirsten Tschida, David Larsen, Nick Wieseler, Carolyn Hongslo, and Lisa Hodgson

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

K Hatle moved and B Johnson seconded to approve the agenda moving item #4 to after item #9. Motion carried. Unanimous.

K Hedden then moved and B Johnson seconded to enter into Executive Session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) Mayoral Interviews. Motion carried. Unanimous. D Reppe declared council in Executive Session at 6:02pm. Council was declared out of Executive Session at 6:11pm. B Johnson moved and D Reppe seconded to appoint Lisa Hodgson, Mayor until next election. Motion carried. Unanimous. D Reppe administered the Oath of Office and Mayor Hodgson took her seat and assumed control over the meeting.

K Hedden moved and B Johnson seconded to approve the meeting minutes of Tuesday November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Motion carried. Unanimous.

For public input Tom Van Rooyen addressed the council regarding the previous nights public hearing on the Water Facility Plan Amendment encouraging the council to continue moving forward with the improvements and questioned if there was a way for the citizen wishing to help fund the improvements to somehow pay extra on their bill each month. No other public input provided.

For legal updates Attorney Felts had no major updates but stated he plans to have forms and documents pre-prepared for the new incoming attorney as his last day with the firm is January 10<sup>th</sup>. Sheriff's Office provided no updates at this time.

Finance Officer Hodgson next presented the 2024 Supplemental Appropriations Ordinance. After discussion K Hatle moved and K Hedden seconded to approve the First Reading of Ordinance 2024-20 2024 Supplemental Appropriations. Motion carried. Unanimous.

K Hatle then moved and B Johnson seconded to enter into Executive Session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) Ward I Alderman Interviews. Motion carried. Unanimous. Mayor Hodgson declared council in Executive Session at 6:24pm. Council was declared out of Executive Session at 6:33pm. B Johnson moved and K Hedden seconded to appoint Nicholas Wieseler as Ward I Alderman until next election. Motion carried. Unanimous. Mayor Hodgson administered the Oath of Office and Alderman Wieseler took his seat.

For the WasteWater Treatment Facility, D Reppe moved and B Johnson seconded to approve pay application #19 to Industrial Process Technology in the amount of \$220,224.00 for work completed through November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Motion carried. Unanimous.

For Sewer Collection System Improvements, B Johnson moved and D Reppe seconded to approve pay application #1 to Empire Pipe Services in the amount of \$72,983.16 for work completed through November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024. Motion carried. Unanimous.

For the Finance Office, K Hedden moved and K Hatle seconded to approve November warrants. Motion carried. Unanimous. Finance Officer Hodgson presented the year-to-date expense to budget figures. No questions presented. An appraisal report was then reviewed with council for the property at 304 Circle Dr and discussion on next steps. Council asks to have this agenda item on the next agenda with executive session for further discussion with council. Next the survey results from the recent low to moderate income survey were reviewed with council. This survey was to determine if the City met the required threshold for LMI to be eligible for grant funding for capital projects going forward. Unfortunately, the results showed the City did not meet the state set requirements and is not eligible for grants going forward. This survey can be redone as soon as six months if the City wishes to do so.

For Property Maintenance Code Enforcement, the final update report was presented to council for 2024. Tim Austin, City Code Enforcement Officer expresses his gratitude to the City for their fine work in coming into compliance and passed on that of the 22 communities he serves Alcester had the best results.

For the Clubhouse Grille, D Reppe moved and B Johnson seconded to approve hiring Chestiny Triebwasser as part-time server at \$8.43 per hour and part-time clubhouse attendant at \$14.31 per hour effective immediately. Motion carried. Unanimous.

For the City Pool, Finance Officer Hodgson worked with the City bond advisor and presented council an update on options for funding available for necessary repairs still needed in order to open the pool for next season. The council wishes to have a conference call with Mark, AMKO bond advisor, prior to next meeting for further discussion. No action taken at this time.

For the City Water Bills Finance Officer Hodgson presented an alternative option to the council from Qualified Presort Services to print, stamp, and mail utility bills going forward. This option would save the city approximately \$60.00 per month in materials and stamps costs and more in time and labor costs. After discussion K Hatle moved and D Reppe seconded to approve changing to Qualified Presort Services for printing, stamping, and mailing all utility bills for the city. Motion carried. Unanimous.

K Hatle then moved and D Reppe seconded to enter into Executive Session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 (1). Motion carried. Unanimous. Mayor Hodgson declared council in Executive Session at 6:59pm. Council was declared out of Executive Session at 7:28pm.

Being no further business B Johnson moved and D Reppe seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Unanimous. Mayor Hodgson declared council adjourned at 7:28pm.

CITY OF ALCESTER, SOUTH DAKOTA

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Lisa Hodgson, Mayor

ATTEST:

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David Hodgson, Finance Officer