

## REGULAR MEETING OF THE ALCESTER CITY COUNCIL

The Alcester City Council held their regular City Council Meeting on Thursday, July 6, 2023. Mayor Lukas Driesen called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm with the following Council members present: Cyndi Peeples, Julia Sundstrom, Kerry Hedden, Kendra Hatle and Darla Reppe. Also present during the meeting were Patricia Jurens, Abigail Moore, Kyle Kleinschmit, Austin Felts, Lloyd & Anita Johnson, and Shaleen Allen. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Darla Reppe made a motion to approve the agenda as presented; Cyndi Peeples seconded it. Five voted aye.

Cyndi Peeples made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 5, 12 and 20, 2023 meetings; Kendra Hatle seconded it. Five voted aye.

Wastewater Facility Plant Upgrade – Tanya Miller, Banner Engineering, presented Change Order No 2 and reviewed the details of the Change Order. Kendra Hatle made a motion to approve Change Order #2, and to modify the contract price from \$5,340,403.69 to \$5,365,514.88; Darla Reppe seconded it. Five voted aye. Cyndi Peeples made a motion to approve paying IPT, \$661,133.18 for Construction Services and Banner Engineering, \$18,065.24 for Engineering Services, Sewer Fund; Kerry Hedden seconded it. Five voted aye. This concluded Wastewater Facility Plant Upgrade discussion.

For Public Input – Darla Reppe shared a concern presented to her regarding the pool rules addressing children under twelve years of age bringing siblings to the pool without an adult. Darla Reppe presented this to the Mr Felts for legal opinion. Mr Felts advised to check with city liability insurance and for the new pool rules to be emailed to him. Comments were shared regarding the fireworks display hosted by Dave & Lisa Hodgson and how it was appreciated by citizens of Alcester as well as other communities. It was very organized and provided amazing fireworks display. Mayor Driesen shared a complaint regarding a house on Broad Street. Mayor Driesen would like a status update on the house improvements. Mayor Driesen reminded all residents to get trash cans off the street after garbage pickup. This concluded Public Input.

Community Center / Golf Course Update – Darla Reppe provided the update. A large golf tournament is scheduled for July 7, 2023 and the golf course is very grateful for the rain. Darla Reppe made a motion to approve hiring Devon Hongslo as server at \$7.42 effective immediately; Cyndi Peeples seconded it. Five voted aye. This concluded Community Center and Golf Course Updates.

For Police Department – Kyle Kleinschmit addressed the Council with the June Police Statistics. Officer Kleinschmit provided details of the National Night Out being planned for August 1, 2023 from 5 pm – 9 pm. This event will include inflatables in the city park for children, grilled hamburgers and hotdogs, and other activities for children. Alcester Fire Department, Beresford Police Department and Union County Sheriff's office will participate as well. Cyndi Peeples made a motion to approve changing the date of the August 1, 2023 City Council meeting to July 31, 2023 at 6 pm so the Mayor and Alderman can attend the National Night Out event; Kerry Hedden seconded it. Five voted aye. Cyndi Peeples made a motion to approve the Police Department to spend up to \$800.00 additional monies for items for National Night Out; Darla Reppe seconded it. Five voted aye. This concluded Police Updates.

Mayor Driesen presented the updated 2023 Committees.

Regarding the Swimming Pool – Darla Reppe made a motion to approve hiring Olivia Moore and Natalie Moore as Lifeguards at \$12.00 per hour; Kerry Hedden seconded it. Five voted aye. This concluded Swimming Pool Updates.

Regarding Legal Updates – Austin Felts stated he had completed the change to Planning & Zoning Ordinances which will be approved after a Public Hearing is scheduled. Not additional updates.

Regarding the Fairgrounds easement discussion – Austin Felts needed time to research. This item was tabled until the July 18, 2023 Council Meeting. This concluded the Fairgrounds discussion.

Regarding Camera Quotes – this item was tabled until the July 18, 2023 City Council meeting.

For Finance Office Updates – Pat Jurens provided an update stating ELO auditors had completed the in-office portion of the audit. Pat Jurens asked the Budget Committee for dates/times to discuss the 2024 Budget. Warrants were not approved as not all warrants were signed by Council prior to the meeting. Warrant approval will be at the July 18, 2023 City Council meeting.

For Reminders & Updates – Performance Reviews Abigail Moore (FY), Dale Pearson (FY) and Pat Jurens (FY). Monthly Spot Checks, City Council Meeting, July 18, 2023 at 6 pm. This concluded Finance Office Updates.

At 7:04 pm, Darla Reppe made a motion to enter into Executive Session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) – Personnel; Cyndi Peebles seconded it. Five voted aye. Mayor Driesen called the Council out of Executive Session at 8:11pm.

Cyndi Peebles made a motion to adjourn; Julia Sundstrom seconded it. Five voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 8:11 pm.

The following are the 2023 Salaries (per hour): Moore, Natalie-\$12.00; Moore, Olivia-\$12.00

CITY OF ALCESTER  
Lukas Driesen, Mayor

ATTEST:  
Patricia Jurrens, Finance Officer