

REGULAR MEETING OF THE ALCESTER CITY COUNCIL

The Alcester City Council held their regular City Council Meeting on Monday, November 1, 2021. Mayor Dan Haeder called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm with the following Council members present: Dave Larsen, Linda Talbott, Darla Reppe, Cyndi Peeples, and Lukas Driesen. Also present during the meeting were Sam Nelson, Patricia Jurrens, Wanda Halverson, Vickie Larsen, Gordon Richard, Amanda Ericson, Jennifer Schuller, Brian Johnson, Aaron Larsen and Theresa Deem. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Dave Larsen made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 4 and October 18, 2021 meetings; Linda Talbott seconded it. Five voted aye.

Alderman interviews – none.

Amanda Ericson addressed the City Council on behalf of the Alcester Area Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber will host a Christmas Tree lighting ceremony on December 3, 2021 and request street closure during the event. Ms Ericson also requested the Council consider a special alcohol permit for the event. Mayor Haeder requested the permit discussion be at the next Council meeting for time to speak to Chief Schuller. Cyndi Peeples made a motion to approve blocking off Iowa Street between Arlene's & Alliance Communications building and 2nd Street between Pies Construction west to corner of 2nd Street and Broad Street, December 3, 2021, 5 pm – 7:30 pm; Lukas Driesen seconded it. Five voted aye.

For Public Input – Cyndi Peeples addressed the Council and meeting guests with positive comments of the Finance Officer, Deputy Finance Officer, Police Chief and Police Officers. Ms Peeples also expressed concern over negative comments posted on Social Media concerning the Council members. Ms Peeples offered a Thank you to Officer Lass for his attention to City Park assets. One last comment was directed to the Chamber to get the Alcester Signs on Hwy 46 & 11 and Hwy 13 and 11 either updated or removed as they do not reflect Alcester well. Vickie Larsen addressed the Council with concerns regarding Officer Schuller payroll and warrants. Jennifer Schuller addressed the Council with concerns of Officer Schuller payroll. Dave Larsen stated he appreciated Chief Schuller addressing the Council with payroll information. Aaron Larsen addressed the Council with comments regarding Employee Personnel Policy Manual. Theresa Deem addressed the Council asking the hours of operation at the Community Center. Mayor Haeder addressed the Council with comments of the HRC Four Plex. This concluded Public Input.

For Legal Updates – Sam Nelson provided nuisance property update for Iowa Street and Union Street Properties. This concluded Legal Updates.

Redistricting Resolution – none.

Lukas Driesen made a motion to approve the purchase of 2006 Sterling A9500 Dump Truck, pending inspection by Lonnie Johnson, \$39,900, GF, Street Department; Linda Talbott seconded it. Five voted aye.

Alcester Community Center – Dave Larsen made a motion to hire Landon Nygard as Event Coordinator, adding \$500 per month to his Salary with Full-time benefits effective 11/1/2021; Darla Reppe seconded it. Five voted aye. Dave Larsen made a motion to hire Corey Kroger, Bartender (\$7.50 per hour)/Cook (\$11.00 per hour) effective date 11/1/2021; Linda Talbott seconded it. Five voted aye. Dave Larsen made a motion to hire Karina Pulfrey, Jenna Manning, Evan Brown and Ava Kingma, bussers/dishwashers/event servers at \$9.45 per hour effective date 11/1/2021; Cyndi Peeples seconded it. Five voted aye. This concluded Community Center hiring staff.

Alcester Community Center – cleaning quotes. Landon Nygard met with 2 cleaning companies and provided the quotes for Council review. Linda Talbott made a motion to hire BusyBee Cleaning Service at approximately \$1,300 per month, Community Center Fund; Dave Larsen seconded it. Five voted aye. This concluded Community Center Cleaning quotes.

Alcester Community Center – Equipment Purchase - Dave Larsen made a motion to approve the purchase of dishware from Maxwell Equipment, \$19,160.36, Community Center Fund; Cyndi Peeples seconded it. Five voted aye. This concluded Community Center Equipment Purchase.

Wastewater Facility Upgrade Project – Banner Engineering provided two quotes for Soil Borings. Lukas Driesen made a motion to approve GeoTek Engineering & Testing Services to perform the soil borings, \$6,250, boring 206 feet, any additional borings at \$15 per foot depending on deviations; Darla Reppe seconded it. During discussion – Sam Nelson requested Section 12.5 be removed from the General Conditions of the agreement before Mayor Signature. Five voted aye.

Mayor Haeder gave an HRC update. HRC Committee held their annual meeting. Topics discussed included options around town for development, lot sales on Beck Drive, lot purchase on Anderson Drive, and marketing of existing four plex for individual sales. More information to follow after HRC holds additional meetings. This concluded the HRC update.

For Finance Office Updates – Dave Larsen made a motion to approve the October warrants as presented; Cyndi Peeples seconded it. Five voted aye.

Salaries: Finance Office-\$4,250.12, Police-\$7,172.72, Street-\$3,302.40, Water-\$3,069.22, Sewer-\$3,376.00, Library-\$1,081.78, Snow-\$0.00, Audi-\$145.25, Solid Waste-\$540.00, Cemetery-\$1,417.50, Park-\$299.35, Golf-\$7,541.42, Mayor-\$585.00, Council-\$2,150.00, ADG-Repairs, \$2,244.90, Alcester Fire Dept-allowance, \$1,400.00(*Correction from 11/15/2021*), Alcester Quickstop-Fuel, \$137.70, Alliance Communications-Utility, \$492.00, American Engineering-Lab Fees, \$1,888.65, B&B Golf Carts-Supplies & Maintenance, \$1,028.00, Bankcard Merchant-Fees, \$40.00, Banner Engineering-Professional Fees, \$12,300.00, Bomgaars-supplies & repairs, \$132.84, Brett Doering-Mowing, \$160.00, C&R Gravel-Supplies, \$156.02, Cemetery Patron-Lot Refund, \$400.00, Cenex Credit Card-Fuel, \$655.47, City of Alcester-RLF Payment, \$4,080.00, City of Alcester-Markup, \$82.35, City of Hawarden-Maintenance, \$97.02, CO-OP Architecture-Professional Fees, \$4,800.00, Dale Pearson-Uniform, \$21.25 David Larsen-Supplies, \$1,101.11, Demco-Supplies, \$109.21, Department of Revenue-Sales Tax, \$656.42, Dustex-Maintenance, \$88.26, Eastway Auto-Maintenance, \$117.69, Frieberg, Nelson & Ask-Legal Fees, \$1,237.50, Grayson Lass-Postage, \$18.25, Green Eggs & Ram-Supplies, \$385.00, GTG Peterbilt-Cedar Rapids-Dump Truck, \$39,400.00, Hawkins-Chemicals, \$2,071.20, Heartland Appliance-Supplies, \$899.99, Ingram Library Services-Books, \$748.25, Iowa Information Inc-Publications, \$311.16, IRS-payroll taxes, \$7,746.73, Jack's Uniforms-Uniforms, \$462.83, Johnson Brothers-Supplies, \$278.29, LP Gill-Landfill Rental, \$1,992.13, Loren Fischer Disposal-Garbage, \$1,132.71, Maxwell Food Equipment-Supplies, \$293.16, Michael Croy-Tips, \$100.00, Mid-American Energy-Utilities, \$2,621.40, Midwest Radar-Maintenance, \$80.00, One Office Solution-Supplies, \$331.51, Patricia Jurrens-Supplies, \$2,114.35, Pete's Produce-Supplies, \$216.66, Pilger Sand & Gravel-Sand, \$604.92, Premier Bank-HSA Insurance & Bond Pmt, \$13,191.58, Reel Sharp-Repairs, \$1,000.00, Rick Walleen-Professional Fees, \$225.00, Ryan Emery-Maintenance, \$90.00, Sams Club-Supplies, \$73.12, Sanitation Products-Maintenance, \$835.15, SD Unemployment-Insurance, \$209.07, SFS Equipment-Equipment, \$11,498.84, SD Retirement-Retirement, \$6,239.56, South Lincoln Rural Water-Water Purchase, \$7,971.70, Southeastern Electric-utilities & repairs, \$948.94, Star Publishing-Publications, \$515.17, Sunlife Financial-Insurance, \$146.52, Sunnyside Storage-Rental, \$95.00, Total Stop Food Store-Supplies, \$196.29, Union County Treasurer-RE Taxes, \$713.49, Verizon-Utility, \$80.14, Visa-Supplies, Postage, Fuel, \$1,353.50, Visions Construction-Professional Fees, \$193,918.75, Wanda Halverson-Clothing Allowance & Supplies, \$115.98, Waterman Backhoe-Repair, \$2,096.94 Wellmark-Insurance, \$2,589.97, Yankton Fire & Safety-Maintenance, \$179.75, and Your Daily Dose-Supplies, \$40.63.

For Reminders & Updates: New Landfill Hours starting November 8, 2021 Monday & Thursday 3-5 pm, Wednesday 2-4 pm and Saturday 8 am to noon; Veteran's Day, November 11, 2021 – City Hall Closed; Veteran's Day Dinner, November 11, 2021, AHHS; Thanksgiving Holiday, November 25-26, 2021 – City Hall Closed and Landfill closes – November 30, 2021. This concluded Finance Office Updates.

At 7:34 pm Linda Talbott made a motion to enter into Executive Session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) – Personnel; Darla Reppe seconded it. Five voted aye. Mayor Haeder called the Council out of Executive Session at 8:01 pm.

Cyndi Peeples made a motion to adjourn, Linda Talbott seconded it. Five voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm.

The following are the 2021 Salaries (per hour unless otherwise stated): Brown, Evan-\$9.45, Kingma, Ava-\$9.45, Kroger, Corey-Cook (\$11.00)/Bartender (\$7.50), Manning, Jenna-\$9.45, Nygard, Landon-\$500 per month, Pulfrey, Karina-\$9.45

CITY OF ALCESTER
Daniel Haeder, Mayor

ATTEST:
Patricia Jurrens, Finance Officer