

## REGULAR MEETING OF THE ALCESTER CITY COUNCIL

The Alcester City Council held their regular City Council Meeting on Monday, May 15, 2023. Mayor Lukas Driesen called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm with the following Council members present: Darla Reppe, Kyle VandenHull, Kendra Hatle and Kerry Hedden. Also present during the meeting were Patricia Jurens, Abigail Moore, Jared Thompson, Kyle Kleinschmit, Austin Felts, and Vickie Larsen. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Darla Reppe made a motion to approve the agenda; Kyle VandenHull seconded it. Four voted aye.

No Alderman Interviews.

Mayor Driesen presented the Council Committees.

For Public Input – Vickie Larsen addressed the Council with concerns of city email accounts, expense classification, credit card limits, tree limbs in city park, and trailer sitting on city property. Darla Reppe presented a question of ball field mowing. Pat Jurens presented a question of offering metal & appliance recycling during fall cleanup. Austin Felts will research. This concluded Public Input.

For Legal Updates – none.

For Police Department updates – Jared Thompson addressed the Council stating any citizen complaints needing police assistance – need to contact the PD directly. Recent police issues within the city have been animal related – ranging from dog complaints, free range chickens and cows. Golf Carts driven on city streets need both the golf cart license and a slow-moving vehicle sign. The last topic for police discussion was Union County Sheriff's department not responding to the Alcester Police Officers. Officer Kyle Kleinschmit addressed the Council with concerns of pay rate and how to handle issues when the County doesn't respond and no officers are on duty. The Council would like time to contact the County, tally the calls and accumulate data and address at the next City Council meeting. This concluded Police Department updates.

For Pool Update – Abigail Moore addressed the Council with a copy of the new incident report and stated new employees who have completed their certification. Darla Reppe made a motion to approve hiring Jaeley Christensen and Evan Brown as Lifeguards, \$12.00 per hour; Kendra Hatle seconded it. Four voted aye. Kerry Hedden made a motion to approve hiring Ava Kingma as a Lifeguard after successful completion of certification, \$12.00 per hour; Darla Reppe seconded it. Four voted aye. This concluded Pool updates.

For the Custodian position – Pat Jurens stated that LeeAnn Haisch has resigned from the position. Darla Reppe made a motion to approve advertising the Custodian position; Kerry Hedden seconded it. Four voted aye. This concluded the Custodian position discussion.

For the Credit Card Approval- Kyle VandenHull made a motion to approve granting Kyle Kleinschmit a City Credit Card with a \$500 limit; Kendra Hatle seconded it. Four voted aye. This concluded Credit Card discussion.

For the Golf Course/Community Center topics – Pat Jurens stated someone has expressed interest in the Old Clubhouse to purchase for a business. The Council would like to move forward with getting the lot surveyed and to create a parcel. Darla Reppe made a motion to approve hiring Danielle Ledgewood, Cook, \$13.00 per hour and Ella Erickson, Waitress, \$7.42 per hour; Kyle VandenHull seconded it. Four voted aye. This concluded Golf Course / Community Center discussion.

For Planning & Zoning – Fence discussion – the Council discussed modifying the Ordinances to include a fence setback. Attorney Felts will create a draft Ordinance and present at the June Council meeting. This concluded the Planning & Zoning discussion.

For Snow Removal Repairs – the Council discussed how to handle damaged mail boxes due to snow removal. The Council tabled this until the June Council meeting. This concluded the Snow Removal Repairs discussion.

For Finance Office updates – Pat Jurens presented the updated 2023 Monthly Spot Checks Schedule, stated the new pool rules and golf rules are now on the website, and knowledge of any community service projects needing to be done this year as a group of teens would like to do some community service. Kendra Hatle made a motion to approve consolidating all the Pleasant Hill Cemetery CD's into one CD for a 60 month CD at 4.10% interest; Kerry Hedden seconded it. Four voted aye. Kendra Hatle made a motion to approve paying Community Partner's Research, Housing Study, \$2,500, GF; Darla Reppe seconded it. Four voted aye. Lonnie Johnson is due his FY Performance Review.

For Reminders and Updates – Last day of School at AHHS – May 18, 2023; Spring Cleanup ends – May 21, 2023; Memorial Day – City Hall Closed – May 29, 2023; Pool Opens – June 1, 2023, City Council Meeting – June 5, 2023.

This concluded Finance Office Updates.

At 7:44 pm, Darla Reppe made a motion to enter into Executive Session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) – Personnel; Kendra Hatle seconded it. Four voted aye. At 8:22 pm, Mayor Driesen called the Council out of Executive Session.

Kendra Hatle made a motion to adjourn; Darla Reppe seconded it. Four voted aye. Meeting adjourned 8:22 pm.

The following are the 2023 Salaries (per hour): Brown, Evan-\$12.00, Christensen, Jaeley-\$12.00, Erickson, Ella-\$7.42, Ledgerwood, Danielle-\$13.00, Kingma, Ava-\$12.00

CITY OF ALCESTER  
Lukas Driesen, Mayor

ATTEST:  
Patricia Jurens, Finance Officer