

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE ALCESTER CITY COUNCIL

The Alcester City Council held a special City Council Meeting on Monday, July 24, 2023. Council President Darla Reppe called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM with the following Council members present: Darla Reppe, Julia Sundstrom, Kendra Hatle, Kerry Hedden, and Cyndi Peeples. Also present were Abigail Moore, Chief Thompson, Officer Kleinschmit, Landon Nygard, Austin Felts, Vickie Larsen, Brian Johnson, Howard Closson, Tena Keiser, Dale Jurrens, Delilah Webster, Mindie Selchert as well as additional gallery members. All Stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Kendra made a motion to approve the agenda with the exception of moving item 5, Public Input, before item 4; Kerry seconded. 5 voted aye.

For Public Input- Vickie Larsen requested a FOIA of the checks for artwork sold. Brian Johnson spoke of the resignations of several council members and police officers due to a recurring problem and requested the council handle it. Aaron Larsen spoke of the police department wage discussion and the unclear wording on the previous meeting's agenda. Howard Closson encouraged the Council to terminate current Finance Officer and not to accept the resignation of the Mayor. Tena Keiser requested that the Chamber of Commerce be on the next agenda in order to get approval for fireworks at Homecoming. Dale Jurrens spoke of the rudeness towards the finance officer when she wasn't even present to defend herself. Delilah Webster spoke of the disrepair in the streets and asked when repairs would be made. Mindie Selchert spoke in favor of the former Mayor, and how the city repeatedly lost council members and police officers because of the finance officer. This concluded Public Input.

At 7:20 PM, Cyndi Peeples made a motion to enter into Executive Session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1)- Personnel; Kerry Hedden seconded it. Five voted aye. Council President Darla Reppe called the council out of Executive Session at 7:53 PM. Kendra made a motion to terminate Pat Jurrens as Finance Officer of the City of Alcester with a roll call vote. Kerry seconded the motion. Kerry Hedden voted aye; Kendra Hatle voted aye; Darla Reppe voted aye; Cyndi Peeples voted aye; Julia Sundstrom voted aye. This concluded Employee Matter.

For Community Center/ Golf Course Updates- the council reviewed 2 quotes from Home Depot regarding upright commercial freezers, and will have the matter tabled for discussion at the July 31st meeting after checking for options at other locations. This concluded Community Center/ Golf Course updates.

No additional Executive Session needed.

Cyndi Peeples made a motion to adjourn; Kendra Hatle seconded it. Five voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

CITY OF ALCESTER

Darla Reppe, City Council President

ATTEST:

Abigail Moore, Deputy Finance Officer