

Regular Meeting of the Alcester City Council

The Alcester City Council held a regular City Council Meeting on Tuesday Sept. 12, 2023.

Council President Darla Reppe called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM with the following Council Members present: Darla Reppe, Kerry Hedden, Cyndi Peeples, Kendra Hatle and Brian Johnson. Also present were Shelly Rus, Alec Rus, Janice Coleman, Officer Kleinschmit, Chief Thompson, Austin Felts, Vickie Larsen, Tom Walsh, and Lucas Driesen. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Kendra made a motion to approve the agenda with the exception of moving item 15 to item 3, Banner Associates, and item 8 to item 4, Old Clubhouse; Kerry seconded it 5 voted aye.

Tanya Miller from Banner Associates was present via phone to explain and approve several sewer plant invoices that needed approval.

- A. Motion to approve Pay Application 5, \$244,190.82 to IPT from the Sewer Fund. Motion was made by Brian, and Seconded by Kendra. 5 voted aye.
- B. Motion to approve paying Banner Associates, \$234.00 invoice 40615, from Sewer Fund. Motion made by Kerry, and Seconded by Brian. 5 voted aye.
- C. Motion to pay Banner Associates \$11,975.02 invoice 40589, from Sewer Fund. Motion was made by Brian, and Seconded by Cyndi. 5 voted aye.
- D. Motion to approve a Change Order 4 for contract increase of \$5,556.40 to a total of the sewer system \$5,365,743.05. A motion to approve was made by Kendra and seconded by Kerry. 5 voted aye.
- E. Motion to approve paying Banner Associate \$28,392.12 for invoice 40179 from Sewer Fund. Motion made by Kendra and Seconded by Brian. 5 voted aye.

Shelley and Alec Rus discussed what would like to do to possibly lease or buy the Old Clubhouse for a business in the future. Discussed the remodel plan.

Cyndi made a motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 (1) Mayoral Candidate Interview at 6:28 PM, Kendra seconded it. 5 voted aye. Council President Darla Reppe called the council out of Executive Session at 6:40 PM. Darla made a motion to appoint Lukas Driesen as Mayor until the next election. Cyndi Seconded it. 5 voted aye. Lucas then took Oath of Office. Lucas took his seat in office as Mayor.

For Public Input- Kyle Kleinschmit discussed his recent resignation with council thanking them for allowing him to work for the city of Alcester. His last day will be Sept. 18, 2023. He would still be willing to work part time for the city of Alcester. Vicki Larsen addressed council that there might be a bond or insurance available to recover the money from the Sewer Plant mis-bid.

Darla gave information from the Industrial Board of Alcester who are the owners of the part of the old school building in which the Thrift store and City offices occupy. Updates were given to the council.

For the Community Center updates a motion was made to surplus unused equipment and advertise for sale. A motion was made by Brian to surplus a Salamander and 36 inch flat top/and table and advertise for sale. It was seconded by Darla. 5 voted aye.

For Police Dept. updates, Chief Thompson discussed concern with the County Sheriff office not wanting to respond to Alcester calls when our staff is not on duty.

A motion was made by Cyndi and Seconded by Brian to declare Police Utility Vest surplus property and sell to Beresford for \$1431.00. 5 voted aye.

Chief Thompson is interviewing for full/part time police positions.

For Legal updates at the Sept. 19th meeting Fencing, Planning and Zoning, Building Permit issues, and Nuisance Property Ordinances will be discussed.

Abigail Moore has turned in resignation and will stay with city until Oct. 6, 2023.

A motion was made by Cyndi to approve adding Lucas Driesen to all Premier Bank authorizations. Darla Seconded it. 5 voted aye.

2023 Budget Presentation was discussed with the council. A motion was made by Cyndi to approve First Reading of Alcester 2023 Appropriation Ordinance. Darla Seconded it. 5 voted aye.

A Special Maintenance Fee Resolution No. 2023-05 was discussed. Cyndi made a motion to accept the Maintenance Fee resolution and Darla seconded it. 5 voted aye

Reminder next City Council meeting will be September 19th, 2023 at 6:00 PM.

A Motion was made by Darla to adjourn the meeting and Second by Kendra. 5 voted aye.
Meeting was adjourned at 8:21 PM

City of Alcester
Darla Reppe, City Council President

ATTEST:
Darla Reppe, City Council President

