

## REGULAR MEETING OF THE ALCESTER CITY COUNCIL

The Alcester City Council held their regular City Council Meeting on Monday, October 24, 2022. Mayor Dan Haeder called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm with the following Council members present: Darla Reppe, Cyndi Peeples, Lukas Driesen, and Kyle VandenHull. Also present during the meeting were Patricia Jurrens, Dale Pearson, Lonnie & Riley Johnson, Christa DeVries, Amanda Ericson, Babette Merchant, and Aaron Larsen. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Cyndi Peeples made a motion to approve the agenda; Lukas Driesen seconded it. Four voted aye.

Christa DeVries, Banner Engineering, presented information regarding the rebid of the Wastewater Facility Plant upgrade. The Council discussed the pros and cons of moving forward with the Wastewater Plant Facility upgrade. Kyle VandenHull made a motion to accept the bid of \$4,823,891 from Industrial Process Technology and to move forward with the project; Lukas Driesen seconded it. Four voted aye. This concluded the Wastewater Facility Plant Upgrade.

Amanda Ericson, Alcester Area Chamber of Commerce Representative, presented the events scheduled for the November 19, 2022 Fall Craft Show and for the Annual Christmas Tree lighting scheduled for December 2, 2022. Kyle VandenHull made a motion to approve blocking of sections of Iowa Street for the tree lighting from 5 pm – 8 pm; Cyndi Peeples seconded it. Four voted aye. This concluded the Chamber Christmas Tree Lighting.

For Public Input – Babette Merchant provided information regarding a sewer backup. Darla Reppe shared comments received about the Alcester PD truck being in other towns. Mayor Haeder presented Dale Pearson and Lonnie Johnson with Awards from the Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources for successfully completing and operating the Safe Drinking Water Program for the City of Alcester. Aaron Larsen addressed the Council with concerns the Police Department being under scrutiny. This concluded Public Input.

Regarding the Storm Sewers on South Iowa Street – Dale Pearson obtained a quote from Roto-Rooter. Kyle VandenHull made a motion to approve Roto Rooter performing diagnostics of the storm sewer system spending up to \$2,500; Cyndi Peeples seconded it. Four voted aye. This concluded Storm Sewers discussion.

For Legal Updates – Sam Nelson was not in attendance but had provided a nuisance update on 307 Iowa Street property. Pat Jurrens presented Mr Nelson's opinion of the validity of previous ordinances after ordinances are updated. This concluded Legal Updates.

Chief Schuller was not in attendance so Police Department topics were not discussed.

Regarding Chairperson updates: Street-none. Cemetery-Lukas Driesen will work with James Anderson to remove two trees before winter. Water-possible water leak being investigated. Wastewater-None. Library-Book Discussion November 14. Golf Course/Community Center-Camera update. Park/Pool-get automatic lights at the enclosed shelter. Finance Office-none. Liquor Store-none. This concluded Chairperson Updates.

For Finance Office updates – Pat Jurrens presented details of how the City of Alcester was awarded the Outstanding Philanthropic Community of the Year – reviewing the details of the application and what a humbling experience it was to receive the award. Pat Jurrens presented that Horizon Health Care is sponsoring a \$22 per month donation drive and those that contribute will be eligible for a raffle of a Cancun trip, Union County is applying for a Emergency Management and FEMA Grant and requests the City's support. Pat Jurrens presented the sample letter drafted by SECOG. Lastly, the details of the Core & Main invoice. Cyndi Peeples made a motion to approve paying Core & Main, \$11,373.96, for three new Fire Hydrants and parts, Water Fund; Darla Reppe seconded it. Four voted aye. Full year performance reviews need to be completed for Dale Pearson and Pat Jurrens. Reminders & Updates include: Daylight Savings time ends-November 6, 2022, City Council Meeting-November 7, 2022; Landfill hours change to daytime hours, November 7, 2022; Veteran's Day Dinner-AHHS, November 11, 2022. This concluded Finance Office Updates.

At 7:12 pm – Darla Reppe made a motion to enter into Executive Session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) Personnel; Cyndi Peeples seconded it. Four voted aye. Mayor Haeder called the meeting out of Executive Session at 7:39 pm.

Cyndi Peeples made a motion to adjourn; Kyle VandenHull seconded it. Four voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

CITY OF ALCESTER  
Daniel Haeder, Mayor

ATTEST:  
Patricia Jurrens, Finance Officer