

Regular Meeting of the Alcester City Council

Unapproved Minutes

The Alcester City Council held a regular City Council Meeting on Tuesday January 16th, 2024.

Mayor Driesen called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM with the following Council Members present: Darla Reppe, Kerry Hedden, Kendra Hatle, and Brian Johnson. Julia Sundstrom arrived at 6:20pm. Also, present were City Attorney Austin Felts, Finance Officer David Hodgson, Deputy Finance Officer Kris Hedden, Lonnie Johnson, Jeremiah Coenen, and Tom Van Rooyen.

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Brian made a motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by Darla and all voted aye

No Alderman interviews were needed. Motion was then made by Kendra and seconded by Brian to approve the meeting minutes from January 4th, 2024 meeting. All voted aye.

For Public Input, Tom Van Rooyen introduced himself as a new resident to town and expressed potential interest in wanting to pursue a position on the council if a seat were available. No other public input given.

For City Logo Discussion, several options were presented to the council as possible choices. After some discussion it was brought up to open it up to the city residents to submit ideas and then re-address at a later time. Council asked Finance Officer Hodgson to notify the public to submit ideas to the city office.

For Alcester-Hudson Prom Donation request, discussion was held on ideas for donations. A motion was then made by Darla to approve donation a \$60 student golf membership and a \$40 gift card for the clubhouse to Alcester-Hudson After Prom. Motion was seconded by Brian and all voted aye.

For Legal Updates, City attorney stated there would be several additional nuisance notices going out soon. No other legal updates at this time.

For Community Center updates, Finance Officer Hodgson provided the council with a final 2023 profit and loss statement showing a net income of \$82,060.07. Darla mentioned to the council that she received a message from Manager Erickson that there were issues with the HVAC system again and they were attempting to contact the HVAC contractor to come and assess and repair the issue. A motion was then made by Darla to enter into Executive Session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) Personnel. Motion seconded by Kendra and all voted aye. Mayor Driesen declared the council in executive session at 6:20PM. Council was declared out of executive session at 6:29PM. Next Finance Officer Hodgson mentioned that the first safe purchased for the clubhouse was not the correct size and it was returned and he presented a safe that was confirmed by clubhouse staff to be the correct size. A motion was made by Darla to approve

the purchase of this safe for clubhouse in the amount of \$251.90. Motion seconded by Brian and all voted aye.

For WasteWater Treatment Plant, a motion was made by Kerry to approve paying Banner Engineering invoice #41595 in the amount of \$902.58 for services completed in December of 2023. Motion seconded by Kendar and all voted aye. A motion was then made by Brian to approve paying Banner Engineering invoice #41589 in the amount of \$534.00 for Facility Plan Amendment work. Motion seconded by Julia and all voted aye.

For Bar Update, a motion was made by Darla to enter into Executive Session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(3) Contractual Matters. Seconded by Kerry and all voted aye. Mayor declared the council in executive session at 6:33PM. The council was then declared out of executive session at 7:00PM by the Mayor. A motion was made by Kendra to get an appraisal on building located at 101 E 2nd St. Seconded by Kerry and all voted aye.

For Public Safety, an inventory of the police department was provided to the council. Further discussion on what to surplus after the County Sheriff Department takes over was had. Council will need to know what equipment will be staying with the police car that is being transferred to the county per the contract agreement. Once that is completed the council will reassess the inventory of equipment and determine surplus or sale options. Discussion on the police pickup was had regarding options of selling this either to the county or to another law enforcement agency and then acquiring a new truck for the city workers as the current one is old and well worn. No decisions made at this time. A notice to the public was then discussed regarding the dissolution of the police department and the council and city attorney asked that this be published in the local newspaper, city office, and city website to inform the public of the change.

For Finance Office Updates, Finance Officer provided an update on the status of changing over to the new Banyon Software. Several small changes still needing to be worked out with Banyon to the system but all systems should be fully up and running by months end. Next, Finance Officer Hodgson and Street Superintendent Lonnie presented TEXTMYGOV alert service that they have researched. This service has the capability for the city to send notices to any citizen signed up regarding any city issue whether it is a snow alert, utility shut-off, work being done etc. The system also allows citizens to text in issues seen and these messages being directed to department heads for that specific issue to allow for a prompt response time. Other capabilities include many options for notifications at the golf course as well. Council tabled this discussion until the next council meeting to determine how best to cover costs of the program between multiple budgetary funds as this can be utilized across all departments city-wide. Next council was notified of annual review due for Librarian Paige German, Darla will set-up a time to conduct this review. Reminders and Updates: First day to circulate Nomination Petitions for council and mayor is January 26th, 2024; reminder to all to shovel all walkways and paths to water meters; and next City Council Meeting will be on Tuesday February 6th at 6:00PM.

Motion was made by Brian to adjourn City Council and seconded by Julia. All voted aye and council was declared adjourned by the Mayor at 7:31PM.

City of Alcester

Lukas Driesen, Mayor

ATTEST:

David Hodgson, Finance Officer