

REGULAR MEETING OF THE ALCESTER CITY COUNCIL

The Alcester City Council held their regular City Council Meeting on Monday, May 1, 2023. Council President Lukas Driesen called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm with the following Council members present: Darla Reppe, and Cyndi Peeples. Also present during the meeting were Patricia Jurrens, Abigail Moore, Jared Thompson, Austin Felts, Gordon Richard, Vickie Larsen, Kerry and Trudy Hedden, Kendra Hatle, Sheila Hatle, Theresa Deem, Richard & Paula Fagre, Gary McKellips, George & Linda Talbott, Dale & Marilyn Hagen, Shayleen Allen, Kyle Kleinschmit, Tena Keiser, Amanda Ericson, Cosette Hemen, and Dale Jurrens. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Darla Reppe made a motion to approve the agenda; Cyndi Peeples seconded it. Three voted aye.

Cyndi Peeples made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 3 and April 17, 2023 meetings; Darla Reppe seconded it. Three voted aye.

Darla Reppe made a motion to approve paying the April Warrants; Cyndi Peeples seconded it. Three voted aye. Salaries: Finance Office-\$4,006.38, Police-\$1,778.30, Street-\$4,741.06, Water-\$2,418.17, Sewer-\$4,000.00, Library-\$1,129.62, Snow-\$131.60, Audi-\$67.44, Solid Waste-\$361.90, Cemetery-\$180.95, Park-\$0, Golf-\$13,329.27, Pool-\$0, Mayor-\$585.00, Council-\$1,200.00, ADG-Repair, \$1,121.23, Alcester Fire Dept-allowance, \$1,400.00, Alcester Quickstop-Fuel, \$0, Alliance Communications-Utility, \$622.00, American Engineering-Lab Fees, \$1,342.75, Appera-Supplies, \$777.81, B&B Golf Carts-Equipment, \$5,000.00, Banner Engineering-Engineering Services, \$18,417.55, Bomgaars-supplies & repairs, \$712.75, Butler Machinery-Maintenance, \$27.75, Chesterman-Supplies, \$0, City of Alcester-Water Refund, Markup, \$389.21, Critters Dive Bar Pizza-Food, \$196.25, Dakota Beverage-Supplies, \$941.75, Depart of Revenue-Sales Tax, \$1,730.49, Eco-Lab-Supplies, \$83.42, Frieberg, Nelson & Ask-Legal Fees, \$705.00, Ingram Library Services-Books, \$1,462.68, IRS-payroll taxes, \$7,821.27, Jack's Uniforms-Supplies, \$302.64, John Conklin-Supplies, \$1,814.25, Johnson Brothers-Alcohol, \$228.78, Keloland Employment-Advertising, \$149.00, LP Gill-Landfill Rental, \$1,670.10, Loren Fischer Disposal-Garbage, \$657.14, Mid-American Energy-Utilities, \$4,018.11, Mid-American Research Company-Supplies, \$119.77, Midwest Turf & Irrigation-Supplies, \$71.04, Muller Auto-Repairs, \$181.16, NBS Calibrations-Maintenance, \$130.00, New Century Press-Publications, \$443.56, Northern Refrigeration-Repairs, \$666.68, Olson's Ace Hardware-Repairs, Supplies, \$143.55, One Office Solution-Supplies, \$0, Pete's Produce-Supplies, \$384.98, Post Office-Postage, \$480.00, Premier Bank-HSA Insurance, \$500.00, Premier Insurance-Insurance, \$38,642.00, Randy/Pam Heuer-Lot Refund, \$1,200.00, Reinhart/Performance Foods-Supplies, \$2,921.32, RNDC-Alcohol, \$158.29, Safe&Secure-Equipment Purchase, \$5,940.34, SD Dept of Health-Testing, \$40.00, SD Unemployment-Insurance, \$490.30, SDSU Police Department-Supplies, \$1,134.00, SD Retirement-Retirement, \$2,987.22, South Lincoln Rural Water-Water Purchase, \$3,790.80, Southeastern Electric-Utilities, \$1,637.60, Southern Glazer-Alcohol, \$103.33, Square-Dues, \$191.70, Sunlife Financial-Insurance, \$56.69, Sysco-Food, \$7,010.29, Total Stop Food Store-Supplies, \$285.47, Union County Fair-Sponsorship, \$500.00, USA Bluebook-Supplies, \$118.97, Verizon-Utilities, \$80.02, Visa-Supplies, Postage, Repairs, \$820.69, Wellmark-Insurance, \$3,321.33 and Your Daily Dose-Supplies, \$4.59.

Darla Reppe made a motion to approve and accept the resignation of Lukas Driesen as Ward III Alderman; Cyndi Peeples seconded it. Two voted aye, Lukas Driesen abstained.

At 6:03 pm, Cyndi Peeples made a motion to adjourn City Council; Darla Reppe seconded it. Two voted aye. Meeting needed at 6:03 pm.

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At 6:04 pm, Darla Reppe opened a New City Council Meeting. Patricia Jurrens administered the Oath of Office to Lukas Driesen as Mayor for a four year term. Lukas Driesen was seated as Mayor.

At 6:06 pm, Cyndi Peeples made a motion to enter into Executive Session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) Alderman Interviews; Darla Reppe seconded it. Two voted aye. Kyle VandenHull arrived at the Meeting at 6:24 pm. During Executive Session – Kendra Hatle and Kerry Hedden were interviewed for the Alderman vacancies. Mayor Driesen called the Council out of Executive Session at 6:44 pm. Cyndi Peeples made a motion to approve the appointment of Kendra Hatle, Ward III Alderman until the next election; Darla Reppe seconded it. Three voted aye. Patricia Jurrens administered the Oath of Office and Kendra Hatle was seated the Ward III Alderman. Darla Reppe made a motion to approve the appointment of Kerry Hedden, Ward II Alderman until the next election; Cyndi Peeples seconded it. Three voted aye. Patricia Jurrens administered the Oath of Office and Kerry Hedden was seated as Ward II Alderman. Darla Reppe made a motion to approve the appointment of Kyle VandenHull, Ward II Alderman until next election; Cyndi Peeples seconded it. Four voted aye, Kyle VandenHull abstained.

Patricia Jurrens administered the Oath of Office and Kyle VandenHull was seated as Ward II Alderman. This concluded the Alderman Interviews.

For the Election of Council Officers – Cyndi Peebles made a motion to elect Darla Reppe as Council President; Kerry Hedden seconded it. Four voted aye, Darla Reppe abstained. Darla Reppe made a motion to elect Cyndi Peebles as Council Vice President; Kendra Hatle seconded it. Four voted aye, Cyndi Peebles abstained. This concluded the Election of Council Officers.

For Public Input – Paula Fagre addressed the Council with the SD State Motto of “Under God, the People Rule” – stating that all who serve are to remember why they are serving and to always remember who they are working for. Gary McKellips addressed the Council with comments of how the Community Center employees and Alderman are working hard to keep costs under control and make the Community Center profitable. Mr McKellips also commented how challenging it is to serve on City Council and that the Council needs the support of the Community and not negative offensive name-calling. Vickie Larsen addressed the Council with concerns of road racing, golf cart operators and cameras recording in City Hall. Kyle VandenHull shared comments of the positive marketing the Community Center is doing and shared April Financial information. Linda Talbott addressed the Council with comments of Cameras at City Hall. This concluded Public Input.

For Legal Updates – Cyndi Peebles made a motion to approve the Second Reading of Ordinance No 2023-05, An Ordinance Changing the Existing Municipal Ordinances of the City of Alcester, South Dakota, Title 1, Chapter 1.02, Section 1.0202 Regular Meetings; Darla Reppe seconded it. Five voted aye. No additional legal updates – this concluded Legal Updates.

For the 505 Ofstad and 204 Ofstad Parcels, Mayor Driesen reviewed an Utility Hookup Fee breakdown. Darla Reppe made a motion to approve the sale of 505 Ofstad Street Parcel to HRC for the amount of \$15,000 with the City providing up to \$12,500 for utility service hookup; Kyle VandenHull seconded it. Five voted aye. Kyle VandenHull made a motion to approve the sale of 204 Ofstad Street Parcel to HRC for the amount of \$10,000 with the City providing up to \$10,100 for utility service hookup; Kendra Hatle seconded it. Five voted aye. This concluded Ofstad Street Parcel Sale discussion.

For Police Department updates – Jared Thompson addressed the Council, introducing himself and stating the items he has been working on for the first week of employment. Chief Thompson introduced Kyle Kleinschmit stating he would like to hire him as the FT Officer. Cyndi Peebles made a motion to hire Kyle Kleinschmit, FT Officer, rate of \$19.38 per hour plus benefits, effective immediately; Darla Reppe seconded it. Five voted aye. Cyndi Peebles made a motion to approve hiring Isaac Sauder, PT Officer, rate of \$19.38 per hour, prn or as needed; Darla Reppe seconded it. Five voted aye. This concluded Police Department updates.

For the One Time Burn Permit – Kyle VandenHull made a motion to approve the One Time Burn Permit Authorization to burn the Alcester Golf Course Creek, with the Fire Department on site, when the conditions are favorable; Kendra Hatle seconded it. Five voted aye. This concluded the One Time Burn Permit.

For the Surplus Property – Darla Reppe made a motion to approve declaring the 1994 Triax Flatbed Trailer, VIN: 1828RC050445, as surplus as it is no longer used for the purpose intended, method of disposal – online auction using AuctionTime with a \$3,000 minimum; Kendra Hatle seconded it. Five voted aye. This concluded Surplus Property.

For the Premier Bank Signers – Kendra Hatle made a motion to remove the following as bank signers on all City Bank Accounts at Premier Bank – Daniel Haeder, Lukas Driesen, Darla Reppe, Abigail Moore and Patricia Jurrens and to add the following as bank signers on all City Bank Accounts at Premier Bank – Lukas Driesen, Darla Reppe, Cyndi Peebles, Abigail Moore and Patricia Jurrens. Darla Reppe seconded it. Five voted aye. This concluded Premier Bank Signers.

Mayor Driesen left the meeting due to illness – Council President Darla Reppe administered the remaining items of the meeting.

Regarding the discussion of ownership of the AHHS Building – after discussing the topic – the Council tabled this topic until more information is gathered regarding demo or remo. This concluded AHHS Building discussion.

Regarding Golf Course items – Darla Reppe presented the new Golf Course Rules. The Council approved the progress made in this area and hopefully this will help with issues on the Course. Patricia Jurrens shared photos of proposed signage and will share more once more items are decided. This concluded Golf Course discussion.

For Finance Office updates – Pat Jurrens presented the 2022 Monthly Spot Checks and the 2023 Monthly Spot Check Schedule will be redone to include the newly seated Alderman. Kyle VandenHull made a motion to approve paying \$81,140.40 to IPT, Wastewater Construction Services, and SECOG, \$15,000 for Administrative

Services, Sewer Fund; Kendra Hatle seconded it. Five voted aye. Cyndi Peeples made a motion to approve paying Motorola Solutions, Mobile Radio for Charger, \$7,859.25, GF; Kyle VandenHull seconded it. Five voted aye. Kendra Hatle made a motion to approve paying B&B Golf Carts, for two new carts with trade in of two older carts, 2nd Penny Fund; Cyndi Peeples seconded it. Five voted aye. Kendra Hatle made a motion to approve paying ADG, Door Repair, \$1,121.23 split with Industrial Board; GF; Kerry Hedden seconded it. Five voted aye. Cyndi Peeples made a motion to approve sending Patricia Jurrens and Abigail Moore to Pierre for SDML HR and FO training; June 6-9, 2023; Kendra Hatle seconded it. Five voted aye. Kyle VandenHull made a motion to approve 2023-2024 Malt Beverage Licenses for Alcester Quickstop, Total Stop Food Store and Alcester Municipal Golf Course and to allow Mayor Driesen to sign the Alcohol Purchase Agreements; Kerry Hedden seconded it. Five voted aye.

For Reminders and Updates – Spring Cleanup – May 5-May 21, 2023; AHHS Graduation – May 13, 2023; Mother’s Day Brunch-Community Center May 14, 2023; City Council Meeting – May 15, 2023; AHHS Last day of school – May 18, 2023; Memorial Day Holiday – City Hall Closed – May 29, 2023; Pool opens June 1, 2023.

This concluded Finance Office Updates.

No Executive Session needed.

Kerry Hedden made a motion to adjourn; Kyle VandenHull seconded it. Five voted aye. Meeting adjourned 8:17 pm.

The following are the 2023 Salaries (per hour): Kleinschmit, Kyle-\$19.38, Sauder, Isaac-\$19.38

CITY OF ALCESTER
Lukas Driesen, Mayor

ATTEST:
Patricia Jurrens, Finance Officer