

REGULAR MEETING OF THE ALCESTER CITY COUNCIL

The Alcester City Council held their regular City Council Meeting on Monday, May 16, 2022. Mayor Dan Haeder called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm with the following Council members present: Linda Talbott, Darla Reppe, Lukas Driesen and Cyndi Peeples. Also present during the meeting were Patricia Jurrens, Wanda Halverson, Clint Nyreen, Vickie Larsen, Cosette Hemen, Theresa Deem, Gordon Richard, Jim Bolin and Richard Vasgaard. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Alderman Interviews – None.

For Public Input – Vickie Larsen addressed the Council with concerns regarding direct deposit, code enforcement and open & closed Council sessions. Jim Bolin addressed the Council by introducing himself to the Council and stating he is Alcester's District State Senator. Richard Vasgaard addressed the Council by introducing himself to the Council and stating he is running for the Alcester's District House of Representative position. Sam Nelson offered a response to Vickie Larsen's comments about employing a Code Enforcement Officer. Darla Reppe commented on a complaint received about long grass nuisance. Linda Talbott commented on a complaint of cats and a racoon at the trailer park. Mayor Haeder shared a Thank you note received from Dave Larsen. This concluded Public Input.

For the Alcester Bar – Theresa Deem addressed the Council giving her 90 day termination notice. Ms Deem is ready to retire and stated she would provide as much information and guidance as necessary to the next operators. Her last day of operation will be August 15, 2022. The Council thanked Theresa Deem for her operation of the Alcester Bar. This concluded the Alcester Bar discussion.

For the Alcester Community Center – Clint Nyreen addressed the Council with the monthly stats for March and April. Sales have been strong and consistently improving as well as additional Events being hosted on the Event side. Darla Reppe made a motion to hire Sam Roseland, Line cook at a rate of \$12.00 per hour, effective immediately; Cyndi Peeples seconded it. Four voted aye. This concluded Alcester Community Center Update.

For Alcester Golf Course – Darla Reppe made a motion to hire Dave Larsen, Clubhouse Attendant and Greenskeeper at a rate of \$13.50 per hour effective immediately; Linda Talbott seconded it. Four voted aye. This concluded the Alcester Golf Course.

For Legal Updates – Sam Nelson provided a timeline of the Notice to Condemn 505 Ofstad Property with a June 7, 2022 court hearing date. Mr Nelson stated that Geoff Fillingsness will send a letter to inspect the 307 Iowa Property. Mr Nelson provided an update on the FCS parcel. This concluded the Legal Updates.

At 6:39 pm, Linda Talbott made a motion to enter into Executive Session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) Personnel & (3) Legal Consultation; Lukas Driesen seconded it. Four voted aye. At 7:52 pm, Mayor Haeder called the Council out of Executive Session.

Regarding the Fairgrounds discussion – Mr Nelson stated Jerry Miller contacted him to begin discussion the joint Union County Fair project. Darla Reppe made a motion to authorize the City Attorney to obtain appraisal of certain city property, not to excel \$7,500; Lukas Driesen seconded it. Four voted aye. Linda Talbott made a motion to Authorize the City Attorney to negotiate with Union County, FCS, and any other entities regarding the use and sale of City Property used for the Union County Fair; Darla Reppe seconded it. Four voted aye. This concluded the Fairgrounds discussion.

For Affordable Housing – Mayor Haeder presented the letter stating the City was approved for grant monies to complete the study. More information to follow.

For the Wastewater Facility Plant Upgrade – Tanya Miller had provided an updated project and bid timeline, as well as a copy of the advertisement for bid. Darla Reppe made a motion to approve the Advertisement to Bidders for the Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvements; Linda Talbott seconded it. Four voted aye. This concluded the Wastewater Facility Plant Upgrade.

For Street Repair – Equipment Rental – Lonnie Johnson requested renting a packer to use during the month of June to assist with the asphalt overlay. Linda Talbott made a motion to approve the Equipment Rental from Midwest Rental at a value of \$1,800, one month rental, General Fund; Darla Reppe seconded it. Four voted aye. This concluded Street Repair.

For the Plat Map approval – at 8:07 pm, Linda Talbott made a motion to convene jointly as the Planning Commission and City Council; Cyndi Peeples seconded it. Four voted aye. Mayor Haeder presented the plat maps for the properties on Lee drive. Linda Talbott, acting as Planning Commission, made a motion to recommend the approval of the **Plat of Lots 8 thru 11, Block 8, Numsen Addition, An Addition in Tract 3 of the NW ¼ of the**

NE 1/4, and the NE ¼ of the NW ¼ of Section 27, T95N, Range 49W, 5th PM, City of Alcester, Union County, South Dakota and to be signed by Lukas Driesen , Chairman of the Planning Commission; Darla Reppe seconded it. Three voted aye; Driesen abstained. Cyndi Peeples, acting as Alderman for City Council, made a motion to approve the Planning Commission recommendation and to approve the **Plat of Lots 8 thru 11, Block 8, Numsen Addition, An Addition in Tract 3 of the NW ¼ of the NE 1/4, and the NE ¼ of the NW ¼ of Section 27, T95N, Range 49W, 5th PM, City of Alcester, Union County, South Dakota**, and to be signed by Mayor Haeder and Finance Officer Jurrens; Lukas Driesen seconded it. Four voted aye. At 8:11 pm, Cyndi Peeples made a motion to adjourn as Planning Commission and resume acting solely as City Council; Darla Reppe seconded it. Four voted aye.

For Chairperson Updates – for Street – Village Apartments requested the City to paint lines reimbursing the City for Labor and Materials. Cemetery – the cleanup of the downed tree is complete and the Cemetery looks good. Some discussion needs to happen regarding the stone in the wrong place. Water – none. Wastewater – none. Library – none. Golf Course / Community Center – the carpet in the Event Hall needs to get professionally cleaned. Also – Landon Nygard needs to look into after event cleaning services. Finance Office – none. Liquor Store – obtain a quote for bathroom floor repair. This concluded Chairperson updates.

For Golf Course / Community Center hiring – Linda Talbott made a motion to approve hiring Dale Jorgensen, Curt Gilbertson for the position of Greens keeper at a rate of \$13.50; Darla Reppe seconded it. Four voted aye. Darla Reppe made a motion to approve hiring Kelsey Erickson, Callie Rhead and Selene VanWyk as Clubhouse Attendants at a rate of \$11.00 per hour plus tips; Cyndi Peeples seconded it. Four voted aye. Wanda Halverson requested the Council review Landon Nygard’s salary as when he was hired as Event Coordinator – it was for November and December and to be reviewed after January. This concluded the Golf Course / Community Center hiring.

For Finance Office Updates – Cyndi Peeples made a motion to hire Abigale Moore, Deputy Finance Officer, at a rate of \$14.50 per hour plus FT benefits, effective immediately; Linda Talbott seconded it. Four voted aye. Ms Moore will start employment after June 6, 2022. Pat Jurrens reminded the Council that Performance Reviews need to be conducted for Wanda Halverson (FY), Lonnie Johnson (FY), Landon Nygard (HY) and Clint Nyreen (HY). FY = Full Year, HY = Half Year or baseline review. Linda Talbott made a motion to accept the 2020 Audit from Quam, Berglin & Post; Darla Reppe seconded it. Four voted aye. The Council needed an appointment to replace the Dave Larsen vacancy on the Library Board. Linda Talbott made a motion to approve the appointment of Cyndi Peeples to serve on Library Board; Lukas Driesen seconded it. Three voted aye, Peeples abstained.

For reminders and updates - Memorial Day Holiday, City Hall closed, May 30, 2022; Pool Opens, June 1, 2022; Council Meeting, June 6, 2022 at 6 pm. This concluded Finance Office updates.

HRC Update – Mayor Haeder stated the preliminary work is being done on separating the 4 plex into different parcels. The Council requested a Five year average of the HRC irrigation meter. This concluded HRC update.

Union County Fair Update – Darla Reppe stated the next Fairboard meeting is Tuesday, May 17, 2022. More information to come.

No Executive Session needed.

Linda Talbott made a motion to adjourn; Cyndi Peeples seconded it. Four voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 8:53 pm.

The following are the 2022 Salaries per hour: Erickson, Kelsey-\$11.00; Gilbertson, Curt-\$13.50; Jorgensen, Dale-\$13.50; Larsen, David-\$13.50, Moore, Abigail-\$14.50; Rhead, Callie-\$11.00; Roseland, Sam-\$12.00; VanWyk, Selene-\$11.00

CITY OF ALCESTER
Daniel Haeder, Mayor

ATTEST:
Patricia Jurrens, Finance Officer