

Regular Meeting of the Alcester City Council

The Alcester City Council held a regular City Council Meeting on Tuesday Sept. 19, 2023.

Mayor Lukas Driesen called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM with the following Council Members present: Darla Reppe, Kerry Hedden, Cyndi Peeples, Kendra Hatle and Brian Johnson. Noted Julia Sundstrom arrived at 6:49. Also present were Abigail Moore, David Hodgson, Lisa Hodgson, Theresa Deem, Janice Coleman, Chief Thompson, Austin Felts, Vickie Larsen, Wanda Halverson. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Darla made a motion to approve the agenda with the exception of moving item 10 Police Department to after item 5, remove number 9, and remove number 11d; Cyndi seconded it 5 voted aye.

Brian made a motion to hire David Hodgson as Finance Officer as \$25.00 per hour effective immediately. Roll Call vote was taken; Brian, Cyndi, Darla, Kendra all voting aye and Kerry abstaining. Motion to approve adding David Hodgson to all Premier Bank authorizations was made by Cyndi and seconded by Kendra. 5 voted aye. Motion was made by Darla and seconded by Brian to approve David Hodgson a city credit card in the amount of \$1,000.00. 5 voted aye. Motion was made by Cyndi and seconded by Kendra to appoint David Hodgson as an authorized official to act on behalf of the city pursuant to ordinance. 5 voted aye. Motion made by Darla and seconded by Brian to post the Deputy Finance Officer position. 5 voted aye.

For Public Input – no public input

Chief Thompson had no new updates. Cyndi made a motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 (1) Personnel at 6:07 PM, Kerry seconded it. 5 voted aye. Mayor Lukas Driesen called the council out of Executive Session at 6:54 PM. Motion was made by Cyndi and seconded by Kerry to approve posting the Full-Time officer position. 6 voted aye. Motion was made by Kerry and seconded by Cyndi to approve hiring Robert Coleman as Part-Time officer at \$25.00 per hour. 6 voted aye.

Council discussed possibility of rearranging the finance office and moving the finance officer desk in to current store room. Will allow David to get settled and decide best arrangements at his discretion.

Discussion that Shelly Rus is interested in old clubhouse building for her business. Darla mentioned the issues with the electrical and sewer being a concern. Darla also mentioned that the current clubhouse is using this for some storage. Council agrees that the city is not ready at this time to consider leasing the building due to above concerns. Discussed the possibility of public input in the future of maybe moving city offices there as well as the possible need for repairs that may be needed soon.

Discussion was held regarding the relocation of the Fairgrounds curb-stop. Darla made a motion and it was seconded by Brian to approve Dan Waterman \$3,968.37 to relocate this while work was going on at that site.

Legal updates were provided by Austin Felts. The draft fence ordinance has been written and will need to wait for zoning notice to be published and hearing rescheduled prior to approval. Nuisance letter discussed about needing to decide to pursue. Building permit discussion regarding plan need to be approved prior to permit being issued.

Second reading of City of Alcester 2024 Appropriation Ordinance was given by Kendra. Motion made to approve reading by Kerry. At this time Mayor Lukas noted that an amendment would be need to fix agenda to appropriately ready 2024 and not 2023 as typed. Motion to amend agenda to read “City of Alcester 2024 Appropriation Ordinance” and approve the second reading was made by Darla and seconded by Cyndi. 6 voted aye

Reminders were presented by Mayor Lukas; Homecoming spirit week 9/25-9/29, Homecoming parade at 1pm 9/29, Homecoming football game 9/29 @ 6pm against Avon, and Homecoming dance 9/29 8-11pm.

Motion made by Cyndi and seconded by Darla to enter into Executive Session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) Personnel at 7:26 PM. 6 voted aye. Mayor Lukas called the council out of executive session at 7:39 PM.

Reminder next City Council meeting will be October 3rd, 2023 at 6:00 PM.

A Motion was made by Cyndi to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Julia. 6 voted aye. Meeting was adjourned at 7:39 PM

City of Alcester
Luka Driesen, Mayor

ATTEST:
David Hodgson, Finance Officer