

REGULAR MEETING OF THE ALCESTER CITY COUNCIL

The Alcester City Council held their regular City Council Meeting on Monday, April 17, 2023. Council President Lukas Driesen called the meeting to order at 5:45 pm at the corner of 2nd Street and Iowa Street. Members present were Darla Reppe, Cyndi Peeples, Kyle VandenHull, Gordon Richard, Austin Felts, Patricia Jurrens and Geoff Fillingsness. The purpose of meeting at that location was to map out what a possible bank drive thru on Iowa Street would look like and evaluate how it would affect traffic and parking. At 5:58 pm, Cyndi Peeples made a motion to recess meeting until arrived at 500 Dakota Street; Kyle VandenHull seconded. Four voted aye. Meeting in recess.

At 6:07 pm, Council President Lukas Driesen opened the meeting at City Hall. Cyndi Peeples made a motion to reconvene the meeting; Kyle VandenHull seconded it. Four voted aye. Also present during the meeting were Patricia Jurrens, Abigail Moore, Lonnie Johnson, Riley Johnson, Gordon Richard, Jeffrey Jackels, and Austin Felts. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

For Public Input – Gordon Richards addressed the Council stating he will be resigning from his work for the Alcester Union Hudsonite, wanting to spend time with family. The Council Thanked Mr Richards for all he has done, covering the Council meetings and Community events. His work will be missed. This concluded Public Input.

Legal Updates – Austin Felts provided the Ordinance No 2023-05 – changing the day of the week for City Council meetings. Darla Reppe made a motion to approve the First 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. Cyndi Peeples seconded it. Four voted aye. This concluded Legal Updates.

For 505 Ofstad Street – Lukas Driesen presented an offer made by the HRC group to purchase the 505 Ofstad and 204 Ofstad properties. Part of the purchase is for the City to provide the utilities to each house. The Council requested research as to the utility cost before accepting the offer. This was tabled until the May 1, 2023 meeting. This concluded the 505 Ofstad discussion.

For Credit Card – Cyndi Peeples made a motion to approve granting Jared Thompson a City Credit Card with a charge limit of \$1,000; Kyle VandenHull seconded it. Four voted aye. This concluded Credit Card discussion.

For Golf Course – at 6:21 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. Council President Lukas Driesen called the Council out of Executive Session at 7:15 pm. Kyle VandenHull made a motion to approve spending up to \$625 per month for Aaron Johnson, Bluestone Landscape, to assist with Golf Course Greens Maintenance during the months of April – October; Cyndi Peeples seconded it. Three vote aye; Darla Reppe abstained. Darla Reppe made a motion to approve changing Landon Nygard's salary to \$17.00 per hour effective April 29, 2023 due to reduced responsibility; Kyle VandenHull seconded it. Four voted aye. Cyndi Peeples made a motion to approve hiring Jeffery Jackels, Golf Course Grounds Maintenance, at \$14.00 per hour effective immediately; Kyle VandenHull seconded it. Four voted aye. This concluded Golf Course.

For Pool Updates – Abigail Moore presented the new rules for the Council's comments as well as update on the Lifeguards for the 2023 Pool Season. The Council approved the new rules, new pool hours, and new procedures for getting the rules out to the patrons. Abigail Moore shared that Peyton Meyer asked if the Council had ever considered getting an AED for the pool. This will be taken under consideration. Darla Reppe made a motion to approve hiring Noah Schroder, Sara Schroder and Michael Kast as 2nd year WSI lifeguards at \$13.50 per hour; Kyle VandenHull seconded it. Four voted aye. This concluded Pool Updates.

For Premier Bank Drive Up – The Council discussed the possible layout and the effects it would have on traffic flow, safety and parking spots. The Council felt it was not in the best interest of the City to move forward with the new drive up on Iowa Street. This concluded Premier Bank Drive Up discussion.

For Library Summer Reading Assistant – Darla Reppe made a motion to approve hiring Alyssa Just, Summer Reading Assistant, \$11.00 per hour, effective immediately; Cyndi Peeples seconded it. Four voted aye. This concluded Library Summer Reading Assistant.

Police Department – No discussion needed.

For Community Center – Security Cameras – Lukas Driesen provided the quotes and information on both companies who quoted the project. Kyle VandenHull made a motion to approve spending up to \$9,900.56 with

Safe & Secure Camera System, Community Center Construction Fund; Cyndi Peebles seconded it. Four voted aye. This concluded Community Center discussion.

For Finance Office updates – Pat Jurrens stated Abigail Moore’s HY performance review needs to be completed; Lonnie Johnson FY Performance Review as well as 2022 Monthly Spot Checks. Ms Jurrens provided the Premier Insurance and SDSU Police Department Bills for approval. Darla Reppe made a motion to approve paying Premier Insurance, \$38,642 for City Insurance, General Fund; Kyle VandenHull seconded it. Four voted aye. Cyndi Peebles made a motion to approve paying SDSU Police Department, Body Armor for Jared Thompson, \$1,134.00, General Fund; Darla Reppe seconded it. Four voted aye. For Reminders and Updates – Landfill Hours Monday, Thursday 5 – 7 pm; Wednesday 2 – 4 pm, Saturday morning 8 am – Noon; City Council Meeting – May 1, 2023; Spring Clean up – Dumpsters on site – May 5-May21, 2023. This concluded Finance Office Updates.

Executive Session – none.

Cyndi Peebles made a motion to adjourn, Kyle VandenHull seconded it. Four voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 7:49 pm.

The following are the 2023 Salaries (per hour): Just, Alyssa-\$11.00; Kast, Michael-\$13.50; Nygard, Landon-\$17.00; Schroder, Noah-\$13.50; Schroder, Sara-\$13.50

CITY OF ALCESTER
Lukas Driesen, Council President

ATTEST:
Patricia Jurrens, Finance Officer