

## REGULAR MEETING OF THE ALCESTER CITY COUNCIL

The Alcester City Council held their regular City Council Meeting on Monday, November 15, 2021. Mayor Dan Haeder called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm with the following Council members present: David Larsen, Darla Reppe, Lukas Driesen and Cyndi Peeples. Also present during the meeting were Patricia Jurrens, Wanda Halverson, Chief Schuller, Gordon Richard, Vickie Larsen, Sam Nelson, Brittany Huenink, Shelby Braaten, Babette Merchant, Jeff Nohava, Dale Jurrens, Clint Nyreen, Corey Kroger, Kayla Pies, Nick Day, Pat Kast, Carmen Kast, Kayla Dykstra, Christine Hakl, Kim Erickson, Kyle Paulson, Axel Ericson, Kristi Voss and Tonya Sommervold. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

No Alderman Interviews.

Alcester Area Chamber of Commerce, Kim Erickson and Christine Hakl, addressed the Council with a video presentation of a Christmas Tree Lighting Event, Friday, December 3, 2021. The Event is the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Stand Still Light Parade. The Street Closure needs amending from the November 1, 2021 meeting. Dave Larsen made a motion to approve the updated Street Closure for Friday, December 3, 2021; Block off Iowa Street between Arlene's and Alliance Communications Buildings and 2<sup>nd</sup> Street between Iowa Street and Broad Street – 5:00 pm – 7:30 pm; Cyndi Peeples seconded it. Four voted aye.

Banner Engineering – Tanya Miller: Ms Miller was unable to attend in person but provided an update via text. The design phase of the project is 30% complete and Ms Miller will schedule an in-person presentation after Thanksgiving when the design phase is 50% complete.

For Public Input – Cyndi Peeples presented a typo in the November 1, 2021 meeting minutes for a check to the Alcester Fire Department. The corrected amount should read (\$1,400.00) verses the incorrect (\$1,400.00.00). Vickie Larsen addressed the Council with concerns of the Chesterman's Coke Sponsorship, Wanda Halverson's Clothing Allowance, Visa Statements, and a check for the dump truck. Gordon Richard addressed the Council for Community Center opening date. Dave Larsen addressed the Council and Meeting Attendees speaking on the negative comments from social media and voicing positive comments regarding current City Staff. Mr Larsen stated there is a Ward II vacancy on the current Council should anyone wish to be appointed and additional vacancies in 2022. This concluded Public Input.

Alcester EMS – Jeff Nohava, Alcester Ambulance Director, presented an update to the Council regarding the sale of their building, the number of EMT's on the roster and their future plans. Jon Serck, Alcester Ambulance Assistant Director, presented year to date information of call logs to the Council. The Council asked questions of both EMS members. The Council also showed their appreciation to all the volunteers who make up the Ambulance Squad and for all their dedication. This concluded the Alcester EMS discussion.

For Legal Updates – Sam Nelson provided update on nuisance property 307 Iowa Street and 505 Ofstad Street. This concluded Legal Updates.

For Redistricting District 16 – Sam Nelson reported legislation has met and passed measures to redistrict Union County from District 16 to the southern part of Union County moved to District 17 and the northern part of Union County stays in District 16. This concluded Redistricting.

Mayor Haeder presented the Updated 2021 Council Committees and Chairpersons for each department.

For Chairperson Updates – Street – nothing to report. Cemetery – looks beautiful. Water/Wastewater – Dale Pearson had his Performance Review. Police – Officers are doing a great job and there was a question regarding Narcan supplies. Library – Dave Larsen stated new Board Member, approval at next Council Meeting. Golf Course – Dave Larsen – Season is done. Moving golf carts to new building. This concluded Chairperson Updates.

Chief Schuller was called out on a call but presented the following upon his return. Halloween was a great night and uneventful. The Officers handed out 100 Glow Necklaces and 100 Glow Bracelets. Next topic of discussion was OnCall pay for October 19, 2021 – November 26, 2021. Dave Larsen made a motion to pay Austin Schuller 5 weeks of \$60 per week for taking Officer Lass's OnCall hours; Darla Reppe seconded it. Four voted aye. Dave Larsen also stressed to Chief Schuller to take time off to avoid burnout. This concluded Police Department.

Golf Course – Cart Leasing – Dave Larsen asked the Council to think about leasing Golf Carts from B&B Golf Cart instead of purchasing replacement carts each year. This will be discussed at the January meeting.

For Community Center – Dave Larsen made a motion to hire Joni Schempp (day shifts) and Laura Rodriguez (evening shifts), Server, rate of \$7.50 per hour plus tips, effective November 22, 2021; Darla Reppe

seconded it. Four voted aye. Darla Reppe made a motion to hire Keegan Klemme, Dishwasher/Busser at rate \$9.45, effective November 22, 2021; Lukas Driesen seconded it. Four voted aye. This concluded Community Center discussion.

For Finance Officer Updates – Pat Jurrens presented finishing up work at Community Center and speaking with Auditors to get update on 2020 Audit. Dave Larsen made a motion to approve the 2022 Liquor Operating Agreements for Alcester Bar/Deem Enterprises, Alcester Golf Course and Total Stop Food Store; Cyndi Peeples seconded it. Four voted aye.

Reminders and Updates include: Thanksgiving Holiday, Office Closed November 25-26, 2021; Landfill closes November 30, 2021. This concluded Finance Office Updates.

At 7:06 pm, Cyndi Peeples made a motion to enter into Executive Session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) – Personnel; Darla Reppe seconded it. Four voted aye. Mayor Haeder called the Council out of Executive Session at 7:39 pm.

Lukas Driesen made a motion to adjourn, Cyndi Peeples seconded it. Four voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 7:53 pm.

The following are 2021 Salaries: Klemme, Keegan-\$9.45, Rodriguez, Laura-\$7.50, Schempp, Joni-\$7.50 per hour.

CITY OF ALCESTER  
Daniel Haeder, Mayor

ATTEST:  
Patricia Jurrens, Finance Officer