

## REGULAR MEETING OF THE ALCESTER CITY COUNCIL

The Alcester City Council held their regular City Council Meeting on Monday, January 23, 2023. Mayor Dan Haeder called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm with the following Council members present: Cyndi Peeples, Darla Reppe, Lukas Driesen. Also present during the meeting were Patricia Jurens, Abigail Moore, Landon Nygard, Kelsey Erickson, Austin Felts, Vickie Larsen, Gordon Richard, Travis Robinson, Jeffrey Conrad, David Larsen, Dale Jurens, Cosette Hemen, Sheila Hatle, Kendra Hatle, Tanya Miller. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance. Kyle VandenHull arrived at 6:10 pm.

Darla Reppe made a motion to approve the agenda but to move Public Input before Legal Updates; Lukas Driesen seconded it. Three voted aye.

Landon Nygard & Kelsey Erickson addressed the Council with a Community Center Update. Landon Nygard stated there are six weddings and nineteen events scheduled for 2023. The new menu is in place, several kitchen issues have been resolved, they would like to complete the construction issues, there is a Valentine's Day dinner special on February 14, 2023, and discussion on some monthly maintenance issues. They presented a promotion with Grossenburg Implement. Darla Reppe made a motion to approve participating in the promotion; Cyndi Peeples seconded it. Three voted aye. At 6:13 pm, Darla Reppe made a motion to enter into Executive Session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) – Personnel; Lukas Driesen seconded it. Four voted aye. Mayor Haeder called the Council out of Executive Session at 6:38 pm. Darla Reppe made a motion to approve modifying the 2023 Wages as follows: Lincoln Burke, \$11.00; Kelsey Erickson \$17.00 effective January 9, 2023; Lukas Driesen seconded it. Four voted aye. This concluded Community Center Update.

For Police Department Candidate – Jeffrey Conrad addressed the Council with an introduction and qualifications to assist with our Police Department as a Part Time Officer. No Executive Session was needed. Kyle VandenHull made a motion to hire Jeff Conrad as a PT Police Officer at a rate of \$18.81 per hour, effective immediately; Cyndi Peeples seconded it. Four voted aye. This concluded Police Department.

For Public Input – Vickie Larsen addressed the Council with concerns of Public Input, Wards Map, BWNRR funds transfer and clarity during the Council meetings. Kerry Hedden addressed the Council with thoughts of future housing developments and possibly selling old clubhouse as a residential home. Travis Robinson addressed the Council with a question of shooting off fireworks at the Community Center in April 2023 for a wedding. Austin Felts will research and inform the Council. This concluded Public Input.

For Legal Updates – Austin Felts introduced himself to the Council and Citizens. Mr Felts shared his legal opinion regarding how to handle the direct deposit payroll approval by password protecting the file being emailed out for Council approval. Darla Reppe made a motion to approve the Direct Deposit Payroll method of reviewing the password protected file and not using the double token method for approval; Lukas Driesen seconded it. Four voted aye. Regarding the nuisance property update, the Council granted property owner at 307 Iowa 2023 to complete necessary repairs and the attorney will draft a letter stating such. This concluded legal updates.

For the Wastewater Facility Plant upgrade – Tanya Miller was in attendance. The current contract was deemed null and void due to second rebid notice not properly published and the project must be rebid. Darla Reppe made a motion to approve the Advertisement for Bid for February 16 and February 23, 2023 with bid opening on March 9, 2023; Cyndi Peeples seconded it. Three voted aye; Lukas Driesen voted no. Darla Reppe made a motion to approve Banner Engineering to draft and send letter requesting BWNRR to allow Collection System Project Funds to be used for Treatment Facility Improvements project and approval for Mayor Haeder to sign the letter; Lukas Driesen seconded it. Four voted aye. This concluded Wastewater Facility Plant Upgrade.

For Chairperson Updates – Street: above average snow fall and snow removal, Chip Seal bids will be discussed at next meeting. Kyle VandenHull asked that department heads attend the Council meetings and provide update to all Alderman. Update for Finance Office – golf sponsorship letters, cat and dog licensing letters have been mailed out. Update for the Liquor Store – new ice machine was delivered. This concluded Chairperson Updates.

Regarding Ordinance No 2022-11 – Kyle VandenHull made a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance No 2022-11, An Ordinance of the City of Alcester, SD, Amending the Revised Municipal Ordinances of the City of Alcester by Adding Chapter 1.05, Code of Conduct; Lukas Driesen seconded it. Four voted aye.

Regarding the 2018 Municipal Ordinances, Chapter 6 Snow Removal – Lukas Driesen addressed the Council with comments of being respectful to the Street crew and for patrons to not push their snow out onto the City Streets especially after they have been plowed curb to curb.

Regarding the Curb Stop at 102 Broad Street – the patron is willing to move the curb stop at property owner's expense and in the spring – the curb stop will be moved away from the house and closer to the curb.

Regarding the Lighting Quotes – the Council tabled until February 6, 2023 meeting requesting input from the Industrial Board.

For Finance Office Updates – Performance Reviews for Rhonda Bushby (FY) and Abigail Moore (HY), Darla Reppe made a motion to approve payment of ELC Bill for 2021 Audit; \$4,500 from GF, \$2,250 from Water Fund and \$2,250 from Sewer Fund; Lukas Driesen seconded it. Four voted aye.

For Reminders & Updates–Shovel all walkways & path to water meter, First day to circulate election petitions, January 27, 2023, City Council Meeting-February 6, 2023. This concluded Finance Office Updates.

At 8:30 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 8:52 pm.

Cyndi Peeples made a motion to adjourn; Kyle VandenHull seconded it. Four voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 8:52 pm.

The following are the 2023 Salaries (per hour): Burke, Lincoln-\$11.00, Erickson, Kelsey-\$17.00

CITY OF ALCESTER  
Daniel Haeder, Mayor

ATTEST:  
Patricia Jurrens, Finance Officer