

REGULAR MEETING OF THE ALCESTER CITY COUNCIL

The Alcester City Council held their regular City Council Meeting on Monday, September 21, 2020. Mayor Haeder called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm with the following Council members present: Melissa Kay, Darla Reppe, Linda Talbott, Marcus Ireland, Vickie Larsen and Dave Larsen via cell phone. Also present during the meeting were Patricia Jurrens, Wanda Halverson, Sam Nelson, Gordon Richard, Jaimey Schempp, Rob Huber, Patrick Andrews, Thomas Pheanis, Josh Harvey, and Kerry Hedden. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Melissa Kay made motion to approve agenda; Marcus Ireland seconded it. Roll Call vote - all voted aye.

For Public Input – Gordon Richard addressed the Council asking for 4-5 citizens to assist via zoom meeting, Wednesday, September 30 @ 1 pm, with SDPB, looking for ideas to better serve the Alcester viewing area. Those interested let Gordon Richard know and he will provide the Zoom meeting information. Wanda Halverson addressed the group stating the Chamber is selling the Monday Night Football books. Marcus Ireland stated the Landfill was left open on Sunday. Vickie Larsen stated City Hall needs to be open 8 – 5 pm daily and the website operational by November 1, 2020 with published agendas, meeting minutes and Ordinances. This concluded Public Input.

At 6:15 pm, a Variance Hearing was presented for Sunnyside LLC, property owner, Rob Huber. Mr Huber requested a four (4) foot variance from the required twenty-five (25) setback from south side of property for the construction of a storage facility. There was discussion with the adjacent property owners. Dave Larsen made a motion to grant the four (4) foot variance if property owner would agree to a three (3) cement block or poured retaining wall; Darla Reppe seconded it. Roll Call vote: Linda Talbott, Dave Larsen, Darla Reppe voted yes; Melissa Kay, Marcus Ireland and Vickie Larsen voted no. Mayor Haeder voted no and requested the topic be suspended until later in the meeting. During the suspension – Thomas Pheanis discussed with Pat Hanna regarding variance request. Mr Pheanis returned to the meeting stating both adjacent land owners would support the variance request as long as proper water drainage was accounted for and no undermining of buildings occurred. Marcus Ireland made a motion to grant the four (4) foot variance with a retaining wall built up to industry standards; Melissa Kay seconded it. During discussion – the retaining wall was discussed to allow more leeway. Roll Call Vote: Five voted aye, Vickie Larsen voted no. This concluded the Variance hearing.

Patrick Andrews, SECOG Representative, presented a draft ordinance for the Olde School Centre Planned Development District. Discussion regarding PD included what to include as permitted uses and conditional uses. Jaimey Schempp, President of Alcester Industrial Board, addressed the Council with additional details of the property development and that he had presented a preliminary plan. After discussion – it was decided to add Government Office and School to all three tracts as a permitted use, move Day Care Center and Group Home as Conditional Uses for Tract 2 and 3. This concluded the Planned Development District discussion.

Dave Larsen made a motion to declare a Glock 22, Gen 4 Pistol, Serial # VYU987 as surplus as it is no longer useful or needed for the purpose intended and to sell it via sealed bid with the bid opening at the November 2 meeting. The item will disclose the springs are showing wear and to list the additional items included with the pistol. Melissa Kay seconded it. Roll Call vote – all voted aye.

The Alcester EMS Volunteer Roster was presented to the City Council. Melissa Kay made a motion to approve adding Jeff Nohava, Babette Merchant, Kristi Vos, Kayla Dykstra, Corey Kroger, Tim Nabity, Carina Lusk, Shelby Braaten to Alcester EMS Volunteers and Tim Nabity as Fire Department; Marcus Ireland seconded it. Roll Call vote – Five voted aye; Vickie Larsen voted no.

Marcus Ireland made a motion to amend the following to include Fire Department and EMS, or Fire Department and EMS Driver: Patrick Kast, Chris Brady, Axel Ericson, Kyle Paulson, Barry Hughes, Tim Nabity and Wayne Overhulser; Melissa Kay seconded it. Roll Call vote – Five voted aye, Vickie Larsen voted no.

For Legal Updates, Marcus Ireland made a motion to approve Resolution No 2020-12-CDBG Funding Wastewater Facility with one correction of adding the word "Dakota"; Linda Talbott seconded it. Roll Call vote - all voted aye.

CITY OF ALCESTER

Resolution #2020-12

WHEREAS, the City of Alcester has determined the need for Phase 1 of the Wastewater Treatment Facility and Collection System Improvements Project; and

WHEREAS, financial assistance will be necessary to enable the City to construct the project; and

WHEREAS, the City of Alcester wishes to request assistance from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program of the South Dakota Governor's Office of Economic Development; and

WHEREAS, the City is required to designate a Project Certifying Officer for the purpose of signing required documents pertaining to the grant; and

WHEREAS, the City is required to designate an Environmental Certifying Officer for the purpose of signing required environmental documents pertaining to the grant.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The City of Alcester hereby authorizes the filing of a Community Development Block Grant application with the South Dakota Governor's Office of Economic Development, including all understandings and assurances contained therein.
2. Be it further resolved that the City of Alcester hereby authorizes its Mayor to act as Project Certifying Officer and Environmental Certifying Officer in connection with the application and other required forms and to provide such additional information as may be required by the South Dakota Governor's Office of Economic Development. In the Mayor's absence, the Council President is authorized to act as Project Certifying Officer and Environmental Certifying Officer in connection with the application and other required forms and to provide additional information as may be required by the South Dakota Governor's Office of Economic Development.

Dated this 21st day of September, 2020.

Daniel Haeder, Mayor

Attest: Patricia R Jurrens, Finance Officer

Adopted: September 21, 2020, Published: October 1, 2020, Effective: October 1, 2020

Melissa Kay made a motion to approve Resolution No 2020-13, A Resolution Authorizing an Application for Financial Assistance, Authorizing the Execution and Submittal of the Application, and Designating an Authorized Representative to Certify and Sign Payment Requests; Darla Reppe seconded it. Roll Call vote - all voted aye.

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-13

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND SUBMITTAL OF THE APPLICATION, AND DESIGNATING AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE TO CERTIFY AND SIGN PAYMENT REQUESTS.

WHEREAS, the City of Alcester (the "City") has determined it is necessary to proceed with improvements to its wastewater system, including but not limited to Phase 1 of the Wastewater Treatment Facility and Collection System Improvements Project (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the City has determined that financial assistance will be necessary to undertake the Project and an application for financial assistance to the South Dakota Board of Water and Natural Resources (the "Board") will be prepared; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to designate an authorized representative to execute and submit the Application on behalf of the City and to certify and sign payment requests in the event financial assistance is awarded for the Project,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City as follows:

1. The City hereby approves the submission of an Application for financial assistance in an amount not to exceed \$5,500,000 to the South Dakota Board of Water and Natural Resources for the Project.

2. The Mayor is hereby authorized to execute the Application and submit it to the South Dakota Board of Water and Natural Resources, and to execute and deliver such other documents and perform all acts necessary to effectuate the Application for financial assistance.

3. The Mayor or Board President is hereby designated as the authorized representative of the City to do all things on its behalf to certify and sign payment requests in the event financial assistance is awarded for the Project.

Adopted at Alcester, South Dakota, this 21st day of September 2020.

Daniel Haeder, Mayor

Attest: Patricia R Jurrens, Finance Officer

Adopted: September 21, 2020, Published: October 1, 2020, Effective: October 1, 2020

Linda Talbott made a motion to approve Resolution No 2020-14, A Resolution of the City of Alcester to Adjust the Current Rates Charged for Wastewater Discharge into the City's Sewer System; Marcus Ireland seconded it. Roll Call vote - all voted aye.

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-14

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ALCESTER TO ADJUST THE CURRENT RATES CHARGED FOR WASTEWATER DISCHARGE INTO THE CITY'S SEWER SYSTEM

WHEREAS, the City of Alcester owns and operates a sanitary sewer system pursuant to SDCL Chapter 9-48; and

WHEREAS, the Alcester City Council may, by resolution and pursuant to Ordinance 8.0103 of the Revised Municipal Ordinances, City of Alcester (2014), set rates for the use of utilities; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to adjust the monthly residential rate charged for sewer use from \$18.90 to \$20.79 per 2,000 gallons, or major fraction thereof, of the average monthly water metered to the user during the January and February monthly billing periods for residential users and each month for major residential users except as hereinafter provided, and to establish a minimum monthly charge of \$20.79 per month; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that, in the event a customer experiences three consecutive months of increased water usage, not due to watering, the sewer rate be adjusted;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Alcester City Council in and for the City of Alcester, Union County, South Dakota as follows:

1) The monthly residential rate charged for sewer use shall be \$20.79 per 2,000 gallons, or major fraction thereof. The minimum monthly charge shall be \$20.79 per month.

2) The effective date of the above rate adjustment shall be January 1, 2021.

Adopted this 21st day of September, 2020.

Daniel Haeder, Mayor

Attest: Patricia R Jurrens, Finance Officer

Adopted: September 21, 2020, Published: October 1, 2020, Effective: October 1, 2020

Discussion was held regarding Citywide Trick-or-Treating. The City Council recommendation is all citizens practice best social safety measures during the holiday.

Melissa Kay made a motion to approve \$1,000 to the Alcester Ambulance for Equipment, batteries for the Power Cot; Darla Reppe seconded it. Roll Call vote - all voted aye.

Next the Council discussed Health Insurance Compensation for Full Time Employees not participating in the City Health Plan. After discussion it was decided to offer the employee the difference between a family plan premium vs a single plan premium on the spouse's plan. Sam Nelson will update the Personnel Policy Manual before the October Council meeting, with approval in November and effective date, January 1, 2021.

Dave Larsen made a motion to approve the Second Reading of City of Alcester 2021 Appropriation Ordinance; Melissa Kay seconded it. Roll Call vote – Five voted aye, Vickie Larsen voted no.

Marcus Ireland made a motion to approve the purchase of Eight (8) Samsung Tablets from A&B Business Solutions, \$2,232.00, General Fund, as a COVID readiness expense, for remote meetings; Linda Talbott seconded it. Roll Call vote – Melissa Kay, Marcus Ireland, Linda Talbott and Darla Reppe voted aye, Dave Larsen and Vickie Larsen voted no.

For Reminders and Updates – the Fall Cleanup will be September 21, 2020 – October 4, 2020 with dumpsters onsite, Next City Council Meeting is October 5, 2020. This concluded Finance Office Updates.

At 8:44 pm, Marcus Ireland made a motion to enter into Executive Session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2-1-Personnel; Melissa Kay seconded it. All voted aye. At 9:09 pm, Mayor Haeder called the Council out of Executive Session.

Marcus Ireland made a motion to adjourn, Melissa Kay seconded it. All voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.

CITY OF ALCESTER
Daniel Haeder, Mayor

ATTEST:
Patricia Jurrens, Finance Officer