

## REGULAR MEETING OF THE ALCESTER CITY COUNCIL

The Alcester City Council held their regular City Council Meeting on Monday, June 5, 2023. Mayor Lukas Driesen called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm with the following Council members present: Kyle VandenHull, Cyndi Peeples, Kerry Hedden, Kendra Hatle and Darla Reppe. Also present during the meeting were Patricia Jurens, Abigail Moore, Landon Nygard, Chief Thompson, Austin Felts, Vickie Larsen and Jared Driesen. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Kendra Hatle made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 1 and May 15, 2023 meetings; Cyndi Peeples seconded it. Five voted aye.

Alderman Interviews – none.

Community Center / Golf Course Update – Landon Nygard addressed the Council with updates of events from May at the Community Center and an updated logo and scorecard. The Council was pleased with the levels of events and sales at the Center. Kerry Hedden made a motion to approve hiring Rick Schempp as PT Greenskeeper at \$14.00 per hour, effective immediately; Darla Reppe seconded it. Five voted aye. The Council discussed Clubhouse Attendant Pay and Bartender Wage per hour. Darla Reppe made a motion to approve paying Clubhouse Attendants at \$13.50 per hour and Bartenders at \$11.00 per hour with an effective date of 4/29/2023; Kendra Hatle seconded it. Five voted aye. This concluded Community Center and Golf Course Updates.

For Public Input – Vickie Larsen addressed the Council with concerns of an employee waiver, auditor wire fraud, meeting streaming, lawsuit update and Mayor responsibilities with respect to employees. Jared Driesen addressed the Council with comments from HRC – regarding purchase of 505 Ofstad Street property and 204 Ofstad Street property. Mr Driesen shared comments of the Housing Study and comments regarding the Community Center. This concluded Public Input.

For Police Department – Chief Thompson addressed the Council with the May Police Statistics. Chief Thompson talked about the slow-moving vehicle sign needed for golf carts which drive on City Streets. This will be enforced effective June 19, 2023. Chief Thompson talked about August 1, 2023 as the Alcester Police Department will participate in the National Night Out, a night to recognize law enforcement with events for children. More information to follow. No Executive Session was needed. Cyndi Peeples made a motion to approve hiring John Krebbs, PT PRN Officer, \$19.38 per hour effective immediately; Darla Reppe seconded it. Five voted aye. No additional motions were needed. This concluded Police Updates.

Regarding planning & zoning for fences – Kendra Hatle shared the information obtained and Austin Felts will draft an Ordinance for the June 20, 2023 Council meeting. This concluded Planning & Zoning discussion.

Regarding Snow Removal Repairs – the Council discussed the pros and cons of both situations. At this time the Council decided the city is not responsible for damage to mail boxes. This concluded the snow removal repairs discussion.

Regarding Legal Updates – Austin Felts had no updates.

Regarding the Fairgrounds discussion – Darla Reppe presented a recap of the recent events regarding the fairgrounds parcel that was declared surplus by the County Commissioners. This concluded the Fairgrounds discussion.

Regarding Street Parking and Maintenance – Mayor Driesen shared thoughts regarding parking on city streets and how this affects proper street maintenance. The Council is encouraged to contemplate alternatives to allow for regular street maintenance to be completed. Kendra Hatle shared information obtained regarding Beck Drive. Cyndi Peeples shared a concern on Beck Drive in front of Connie Lundberg's mailbox; this needs to be repaired so Ms Lundberg can collect her mail. This concluded Street Parking & Maintenance discussion.

Regarding Bill Approval – Darla Reppe made a motion approve paying IPT, \$155,610, Construction Services from Sewer Fund; Kyle VandenHull seconded it. Five voted aye. Kendra Hatle made a motion to approve paying Banner Engineering, \$6,318.08 for Engineering Services from Sewer Fund; Darla Reppe seconded it. Five voted aye. This concluded Bill approval.

For Finance Office Updates – Pat Jurens provided an update for the department including HRC paid off the Beck Drive development loan. Pat Jurens asked for Council input on Community Service Projects. The preliminary plat map was discussed for the new development along Lincoln Drive.

Kyle VandenHull made a motion to approve the May warrants; Cyndi Peeples seconded it. Five voted aye. Salaries: Finance Office-\$6,415.13, Police-\$8,106.93, Street-\$6,759.87, Water-\$3,733.07, Sewer-\$6,007.75,

Library-\$1,551.47, Snow-\$0, Audi-\$41.76, Solid Waste-\$1,023.19, Cemetery-\$2,089.14, Park-\$902.59, Golf-\$26,262.67, Mayor-\$0, Council-\$0, 5-Star Communications-Dues, \$50.00, Abigail Moore-Clothing Allowance, \$100.00, AACC-Chamber Dues & Summer Reading, \$600.00, Alcester Fire Dept-allowance, \$2,800.00, Alcester Quickstop-Fuel, \$134.90, Alicia Scheckel-Water Deposit Refund, \$84.30, All Cleaners-Maintenance, \$550.00, Alliance Communications-Utility, \$608.00, American Engineering-Lab Fees, \$1,342.75, Appera-Supplies, \$660.41, Auto-Pros Tires & Service-Maintenance, \$811.45, B&B Golf Carts-Equipment, \$320.00, Bomgaars-supplies & repairs, \$344.78, Boyer Machine-Repair, \$2,438.00, Brett Doering-Mowing, \$280.00, Chesterman-Supplies, \$2,249.50, City of Alcester-Water Payment, Beer Markup, Deposit Return, \$349.20, Community Partners-Housing Study, \$2,500.00, Core&Main-Supplies, \$1,040.70, Critter's Dive Bar Pizza-Food, \$245.50, Cub's Country Carwash-Maintenance, \$100.00, Dakota Beverage-Alcohol, \$2,805.91, Dave Larsen-Employee Reimbursement, \$129.40, DeBoer Tree Farm-Trees, \$264.00, Dee Cole-Contract Labor, \$230.00, Demco-Supplies, \$84.64, Depart of Revenue-Sales Tax, \$3,471.89, EcoLab-Supplies, \$83.42, Electronic Pump-Repairs, \$551.50, Hawkins-Chemicals, \$7,847.39, IPT-Construction Services, \$81,410.40, Ingram Library Services-Books, \$181.72, Iowa Information-Advertising, \$249.00, IRS-payroll taxes, \$14,917.20, Jack's Uniforms-Uniforms, \$563.45, LG Everist-Maintenance, \$982.35, LP Gill-Landfill Rental, \$2,001.48, Loffler-Supplies, \$354.24, Loren Fischer Disposal-Garbage, \$153.58, Mid-American Energy-Utilities, \$3,352.16, Motorola Solutions-Equipment Purchase, \$8,284.25, Muller Auto-Repairs, \$271.12, National Pens-Supplies, \$552.10, New Century Press-Publications, \$1,060.31, Northern State University-Dues, \$138.60, Olson's Ace Hardware-Repairs, Supplies, \$429.86, One Office Solution-Supplies, \$375.01, Paula Fagre-Artwork Sold, \$72.00, Pearson Dirt-Contract Labor, \$535.50, Pete's Produce-Supplies, \$662.73, Post Office-Box Rental, \$146.00, Premier Bank-HSA & Bond Payment, \$45,629.08, Reel Sharp-Maintenance, \$1,250.00, Reinhart/Performance Food-Food, \$5,289.30, RNDC-Alcohol, \$115.34, Roto-Rooter-Scope Lines, \$1,305.00, Ryan Emery-Maintenance, \$450.00, Sam's Club-Supplies, \$567.98, Sanitation Products-Maintenance, \$863.45, SD Golf Association-Dues, \$83.00, SDFOGA-Dues, \$150.00, SDHR-Dues, \$125.00, SECOG-Construction Services, \$25,000.00, SiteOne Landscaping-Chemicals, \$119.60, SODEXO-Dues, \$129.44, SDML-Dues, \$90.00, SD Retailer's Association-Dues, \$150.00, SD Retirement-Retirement, \$5,831.08, South Lincoln Rural Water-Water Purchase, \$6,048.90, Southeastern Electric-utilities & repairs, \$1,883.38, Southern Glazer-Alcohol, \$121.57, Square POS-Subscription, \$191.70, Sunlife Financial-Insurance, \$89.20, Swank Movie License-License, \$445.00, Sweeny Controls-Maintenance, \$546.40, Sysco-Food, \$10,209.26, Total Stop Food Store-Supplies, \$292.84, Truesdell Oil-Fuel, \$2,372.91, Uline-Supplies, \$1,078.82, Verizon-Utility, \$80.02, Visa-Supplies, Postage, Fuel, \$1,286.65, Waterman Backhoe-Repair, \$3,939.81, Wellmark-Health Insurance, \$4,774.74, WheelCo-Maintenance, \$2,526.67, and Zions Bank-Bond Payment, \$4,955.00.

Cyndi Peeples made a motion to approve changing the July 4, 2023 meeting date to July 6, 2023 at 6 pm; Kerry Hedden seconded it. Five voted aye.

For Reminders & Updates – Performance Reviews Abigail Moore (FY), Lonnie Johnson (FY). Monthly Spot Checks, City Council Meeting, June 20, 2023 at 6 pm. This concluded Finance Office Updates.

At 8:08 pm, Darla Reppe made a motion to enter into Executive Session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) – Personnel; Kerry Hedden seconded it. Five voted aye. Mayor Driesen called the Council out of Executive Session at 9:01 pm.

Kyle VandenHull made a motion to adjourn; Cyndi Peeples seconded it. Five voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 9:01 pm.

The following are the 2023 Salaries (per hour): Clubhouse Attendant-\$13.50, Bartender-\$11.00, Krebs, John-\$19.38, Schempp, Rick-\$14.00

CITY OF ALCESTER  
Lukas Driesen, Mayor

ATTEST:  
Patricia Jurens, Finance Officer