

City of Alcester
Regular Meeting Minutes
October 15th, 2024

Council President Reppe called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Council members present: Darla Reppe, Julia Sundstrom, Brian Johnson, and Kendra Hatle.

Others Present: Finance Officer David Hodgson, Riva Sharples, Attorney Austin Felts

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

D Reppe moved and K Hatle seconded to approve the agenda with the addition of an Executive Session after item #13. Motion carried. Unanimous.

No candidates presented themselves for the open Ward I Alderman seat or for Mayor at this time.

For public input J Sundstrom discussed concerns raised by Alkota regarding Broad Street outside the old auditorium.

For legal updates Attorney Austin Felts had no updates at this time. Union County Sheriff's Office & Beresford Police Department have submitted a request to purchase several items from the police department inventory. Council reviewed and discussed the requests. K Hatle then moved and J Sundstrom seconded to approve the sale of 2 head gears, 1 spike strip, 1 drug test kit, and 1 evidence bag to Union County Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$155.00. Motion carried. Unanimous. K Hatle then moved and B Johnson seconded to approve the sale of 1 Glock 17 Gen 5 pistol with serial number BMWS961 and 1 Glock 17 Gen 5 pistol serial number BMWS963, both with case and 3 magazines in the amount of \$250.00 each. Motion carried. Unanimous.

For the WasteWater Treatment Plant council discussed change order #11 Clarifier Scum Arm Rubber replacement. After discussion B Johnson moved and J Sundstrom seconded to approve the change order as proposed. Motion carried. Unanimous. K Hatle moved and B Johnson seconded to approve paying Banner Associates invoice #43587 in the amount of \$14,181.45 for work through Sept 21st, 2024. Motion carried. Unanimous.

For the Sanitary Sewer Collection System J Sundstrom moved and K Hatle seconded to approve paying Banner Associates invoice #43591 in the amount of \$2,055.60 for work through Sept 21st, 2024. Motion carried. Unanimous.

For the Water Facility Plan Amendment B Johnson moved and D Reppe seconded to approve paying Banner Associates invoice #43645 in the amount of \$3,784.00 for work through Sept 21st, 2024. Motion carried. Unanimous.

Finance Officer Hodgson walked the council through the most recent progress report from Code Enforcement Specialists Property Maintenance Enforcement Officer. K Hatle asked about a property that is listed in the report for abatement proceedings. Attorney's will start work on it this week.

For the Golf Course, Lonnie Johnson has requested a one time burn permit for trees and debris clean up. K Hatle moved and J Sundstrom seconded to approve a one time burn permit to be overseen by the Fire Department. Motion carried. Unanimous. D Reppe then moved and K Hatle seconded to enter into Executive Session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1). Motion carried. Unanimous. D Reppe declared council in executive session at 6:20p.m. D Reppe declared council out of Executive Session at 6:43p.m. B Johnson then moved and J Sundstrom seconded to approve hiring Lisa Millage as part time cook at \$16.00 per and as part time bartender at \$11.66 per hour effective immediately. Motion carried. Unanimous.

D Reppe brought forward Ordinance 2024-19 Flood Damage Prevention. Finance Officer Hodgson explained that this Ordinance came out of work during the Union County Pre-disaster Mitigation Planning and the adoption of that plan. The intention of this ordinance is to ensure prevention of loss of life and property, as well as economic and social hardship that could result in the event of a catastrophic flood within the city. This would also allow homeowners to be eligible to purchase flood insurance, and in the event of a disaster ensure the City is eligible to receive FEMA funding for relief. After discussion J Sundstrom moved and B Johnson seconded to approve the First Reading of Ordinance 2024-19 Flood Damage Prevention. Motion carried. Unanimous.

Next D Reppe brought forward an inquiry to purchase the city lot at 304 Circle Dr. The inquiring person is interested in potentially placing a garage on the site for the apartment building across the street. After council discussed further D Reppe moved and B Johnson seconded to allow the finance officer to have the lot appraised. Motion carried. Unanimous.

For the Alcester City Pool Update Finance Officer Hodgson and D Reppe discussed Burbach Aquatics onsite evaluation of the current pool and their recommendations to move forward. They were able to submit a preliminary estimate of costs for their engineering services and what the potential scope of work would include for a total of \$22,300. Also discussed was A1 Pools

from Des Moines Iowa coming this Saturday October 19th to evaluate the pool as well as conduct a pressure test of the plumbing that was replaced by the original contractor this summer. These results and A1 Pools recommendations will be brought back to the council upon receipt in order to make a decision on how best to proceed. No action taken at this time.

For reminders the City Office will be closed on Friday November 1st, Monday November 4th, and Monday November 11th (Veterans' Day). Due to the general election the next city council meeting will be scheduled on Thursday November 7th at 6pm. Finance Officer Hodgson encouraged all citizens that have yet to have their water meter upgraded to contact the city office to get on the schedule – Turner Plumbing is in town Wednesday's and Thursday's each week doing 10 meter changes per day.

K Hatle then moved and J Sundstrom seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Unanimous. D Reppe declared council adjourned at 7:05pm.

CITY OF ALCESTER, SOUTH DAKOTA

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Darla Reppe, Council President

ATTEST:

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David Hodgson, Finance Officer