

City of Alcester
Regular Meeting Minutes
November 19th, 2024

Council President Reppe reopened Council at 6:00 PM.

Council members present: Darla Reppe, Kendra Hatle, Brian Johnson, and Kerry Hedden.

Others Present: Finance Officer David Hodgson, Kristi Burke, Brenda Hakl, and Lisa Hodgson

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

K Hatle moved and B Johnson seconded to approve the agenda. Motion carried. Unanimous.

No persons presented themselves at this time for open Ward I Alderman positions, Lisa Hodgson expressed interest in the open seat for Mayor so K Hatle moved and B Johnson seconded to enter into Executive Session pursuant to SDCL1-25-2(1) Mayoral Interview. Motion carried. Unanimous. D Reppe declared council in Executive Session at 6:03pm. Council was declared out of Executive Session at 6:22pm with no action taken at this time.

K Hatle moved and K Hedden seconded to approve the minutes from the Thursday November 7th, 2024 Council meeting. Motion carried. Unanimous.

For public input Darla addressed concerns from Wass Funeral Home regarding the condition of the alley to the West of their building with standing water. They are working with the street department to come up with a solution in the coming summer season. Kendra addressed concerns from the street department to the citizens as a reminder to not blow or rake leaves and grass clippings out in to the street and to remove them from the gutter in front of your homes as soon as possible when they are present. The leaves and grass cause blockages in the street sweeper slowing down the work to clean off the streets in preparation for winter months ahead. Lisa Hodgson addressed the council regarding the Open Forum Night held the night before stating she felt it was very well attended and expressed appreciation from herself and others in attendance for the work the council and staff did to host the event. No other public input provided

No legal updates available at this time.

For the WasteWater Treatment Plant council reviewed an email sent from Tanya Miller apologizing for not being able to attend but going on to explain the requested change order #13 being necessary to extend the contract date to allow for sufficient time for the installation of a VFD that was approved in a prior change order. The VFD will require more time than expected to due shipment delays but will not increase the overall price of the project. After discussion K Hatle moved and B Johnson seconded to approve change order #13 as presented. Motion carried. Unanimous.

For the City Pool K Hatle moved and D Reppe seconded to approve the city attorneys to take appropriate legal action against AAA Pools. During discussion it was reviewed that AAA Pools was originally hired this spring to conduct a pressure test on the plumbing of the pool and after delaying sending those results eventually ceased communication with the city and the results of that test were never delivered despite payment of the \$2,500.00 fee paid. After discussion the motion carried. Unanimous. D Hodgson then presented the council with the remainder of the estimate received from A-1 Pools based in Des Moines for the plaster and paint portion of the rehab of the pool. The estimated cost for replastering the pool was estimated at \$100,000 and for painting it was estimated at \$55,000. Council discussed their options moving forward on how to cover the costs so the pool would hopefully be able to opened for the 2025 season. After several ideas and further discussion council asked the finance officer to compile several different options for them and present them at the next council meeting. No action taken at this time.

Council then brought forward Brenda Hakl from Sew Storm Quilt Shop's application for a CDBG Loan for building improvements. Brenda discussed her needs with her progress of improving the exterior of the building and is asking council for a CDBG Loan for \$11,500.00. After discussion K Hatle moved and K Hedden seconded to approve the CDBG Loan request for the full \$11,500 and to waive the city's origination fee. Motion carried. Unanimous.

Finance Officer Hodgson then presented council with a letter from the AHHS After-Prom committee requesting a donation. After discussion K Hatle moved and B Johnson seconded to approve a donation in the amount of \$100.00 towards the after prom as well as a gift card for the after-prom gifts.

D Reppe then presented a Fair Board update from the last meeting. The fair board is considering adding a beer garden next summer but are still working out details and will have to be first approved by the county commissioners and a special alcohol license would need to be approved by City council as well. They are again planning for the Thursday through Saturday fair and they are looking in to either another rodeo or potentially a demolition derby but no details on either at this time.

For reminders the city office will be closed Thursday November 28th & Friday November 29th for the Thanksgiving holiday, the City Landfill will close for the year on November 30th, and the Chamber of Commerce annual Craft Fairs is this Saturday from 10-2 at the school gymnasium.

K Hatle then moved and B Johnson seconded to enter into Executive Session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1 & 3). Motion carried. Unanimous. D Reppe declared council in Executive Session at 7:12pm. Council was declared out of Executive Session at 7:40pm.

Being no further business K Hatle moved and K Hedden seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Unanimous. D Reppe declared council adjourned at 7:41pm.

CITY OF ALCESTER, SOUTH DAKOTA

_____/s/_____
Darla Reppe, Council President

ATTEST:

_____/s/_____
David Hodgson, Finance Officer