

REGULAR MEETING OF THE ALCESTER CITY COUNCIL

The Alcester City Council held their regular City Council Meeting on Monday, March 21, 2022. Mayor Haeder called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm with the following Council members present: Linda Talbott, Darla Reppe, Lukas Driesen and Cyndi Peeples. Also present during the meeting were Patricia Jurrens, Wanda Halverson, Vickie Larsen, Gordon Richard and Richard Akland. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Cyndi Peeples made a motion to approve the agenda; Linda Talbott seconded it. Four voted aye. Mayor Haeder opened the Board of Equalization Meeting at 6:01 pm.

The Council, acting as the Board of Equalization, reviewed two objection applications. The first Objection to Real Property Assessment was from Doyle Fickbohm, Parcel 01.04.02.1015, 208 Union Street, Alcester. The property owner requested the valuation of the house be lowered from \$58,704 to \$52,150. Linda Talbott made a motion to deny the request and to keep the valuation at \$58,704; Lukas Driesen seconded it. Four voted aye. The second Objection to Real Property Assessment was from Robert Meadors, acting legal representation for Rob Huber, Parcel 01.01.24.1025, 202 E 6th Street, Alcester. The property owner requested the valuation of the buildings be lowered from \$155,216 to \$95,000 and the land value be lowered from \$44,886 to \$30,000. Linda Talbott made a motion to deny the request and to keep the valuation at \$155,216 and \$44,886 respectively; Darla Reppe seconded it. Four voted aye. No additional objections were presented. The Council reviewed the Tax Rolls.

At 6:23 pm, Mayor Haeder closed the Board of Equalization meeting.

No Alderman Interviews.

For Public Input – Cyndi Peeples addressed the Council with a concern of gophers digging at the Pleasant Hill Cemetery. Richard Akland addressed the Council with a Pickleball Update. The Open House went really well and people are actively playing. Tuesdays and Saturday mornings and any other times City Hall is open. Vickie Larsen addressed the Council with concerns regarding a water bill, shooting guns in City Limits and volunteers. This concluded Public Input.

Gordon Richard addressed the Council with an Affordable Housing Update. Gordon Richard had spoken with AHHS, Alkota, Southeaster Electric Coop, Alcester Care & Rehab, and Custom Coils to ask their opinions of what Alcester needs regarding housing. Mr Richard also provided the number of employees and a breakdown of employees who live or live and work in Alcester. The Council appreciated all the preliminary work Gordon Richard presented to the Council. This concluded the Affordable Housing Update.

Legal Updates – none.

For Chairperson Updates – David Larsen had provided input for the Golf Course. The Tee Box Signs have arrived and a Thank You to Gary McKellips for paying for the updated signs. The Grounds crew is starting work on the golf course along with watering of the greens. Mr Larsen offered a Thank You to Lonnie Johnson for the remodel job of the Pond Restroom. The bathroom looks very nice and will be appreciated by the Golfers. For Liquor Store Updates – Darla Reppe reported the plumber had not been to the Alcester Bar for the repairs. Pat Jurrens had made contact with TSR Plumbing and will keep the Council and Alcester Bar informed of when the repairs will be scheduled. This concluded Chairperson updates.

For Golf Course / Community Center - Linda Talbott made a motion to approve the hiring of Aleigha Paulson as hostess/server at rates of \$9.95 / \$7.00 respectively; Darla Reppe seconded it. Four voted aye. Darla Reppe made a motion to hire Darnell Moore as Prep Cook at a rate of \$9.95; Lukas Driesen seconded it. Four voted aye. This concluded Golf Course/Community Center.

For Finance Office updates – Pat Jurrens provided a list of employees with hire dates for the Council to conduct the scheduled Performance Reviews. Ms Jurrens stated the application closing date has passed and will provide copies of applications to the interview committee for the positions of Deputy FO and Custodian.

For Reminders & Updates – Saturday Library Storytime, March 19-April 30, 2022 10 am; Landfill opens April 2, 2022; Council Meeting April 4, 2022 with Banner Engineering attending; Spring Clean Up Dumpsters arrive April 15, 2022 – May 1, 2022. This concluded Finance Office Updates.

Executive Session – none.

Cyndi Peeples made a motion to adjourn, Linda Talbott seconded it. four voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 6:56 pm.

CITY OF ALCESTER
Daniel Haeder, Mayor

ATTEST:

Patricia Jurrens, Finance Officer