

REGULAR MEETING OF THE ALCESTER CITY COUNCIL

The Alcester City Council held their regular City Council Meeting on Tuesday, June 20, 2023. Mayor Lukas Driesen called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm with the following Council members present: Darla Reppe, Cyndi Peeples, Kyle VandenHull, Kendra Hatle and Kerry Hedden. Also present during the meeting were Patricia Jurens, Abigail Moore, Jared Thompson, Landon Nygard, Sam Nelson, Harley Ferguson, Tanya Miller, Julia Sundstrom, Vickie Larsen and Joe Zweifel. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

One change of order to the agenda – to move the CDBG Wastewater Treatment Facility Project Public Hearing after the Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvements. Kendra Hatle made a motion to approve the agenda with the change of order; Darla Reppe seconded it. Five voted aye.

For Alderman Interviews – Cyndi Peeples made a motion to enter into Executive Session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) – Personnel; Kerry Hedden seconded it. Five voted aye. Council went into Executive Session at 6:02 pm. Mayor Driesen called the Council out of Executive Session at 6:14 pm. Cyndi Peeples made a motion to approve the appointment of Julia Sundstrom, Ward I Alderman until the next election; Darla Reppe seconded it. Five voted aye. Mayor Driesen administered the Oath of Office and Julia Sundstrom was seated as Ward I Representative. This concluded Alderman Interviews.

Regarding the Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvements – Tanya Miller addressed the Council with details of the Change Order #1. Kyle VandenHull made a motion to approve the Change Order #1 and modify the contract price from \$5,338,000 to \$5,340,403.69; Darla Reppe seconded it. Six voted aye.

Regarding the CDBG Wastewater Treatment Facility Project Public Hearing – Harley Ferguson, SECOG Representative, addressed the Council with a review of the CDBG Grant funding and stated the public has until July 20, 2023 to provide public comments to the City of Alcester regarding the project. Comments should be made to the Finance Office. No Comments were given at the meeting. This concluded the Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvements.

For Public Input – Vickie Larsen addressed the Council with concerns of the change order, comments regarding the emergency City Council meeting, golf cart operation and access to city buildings. This concluded Public Input.

For Police Department updates – Jared Thompson addressed the Council. At 6:30 pm, Cyndi Peeples made a motion to enter into Executive Session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) Personnel; Kerry Hedden seconded it. Six voted aye. Mayor Driesen called the Council out of Executive Session at 6:47 pm. This concluded Police Department updates.

For Planning & Zoning – Austin Felts had provided an Ordinance to amend the Planning & Zoning Ordinances but not enough time prior to hearing. This will be on future agendas. This concluded Planning & Zoning.

For the Golf Course/Community Center topics – Mayor Driesen presented a quote and comments regarding the camera installation at the Community Center. No change to the current camera installation. Next topic was discussion on the Clubhouse hours for Mondays during the summer months. Pat Jurens presented Monday sales information and Landon Nygard provided additional information. It was decided to keep the Clubhouse hours as they currently are and will address a change in September. This concluded Golf Course / Community Center discussion.

For the Camera Quotes – Mayor Driesen presented two quotes for cameras for the City Pool and City Hall. The Council has questions regarding the quotes for City Hall. Darla Reppe made a motion to approve spending up to \$4,697.16 for two cameras to be installed at the City Pool; Cyndi Peeples seconded it. Six voted aye. This concluded Camera Quotes.

For Legal Updates – Sam Nelson had none.

For the Old Clubhouse Discussion – the Council reviewed possible options and decided to keep the property and look into converting it to lodging. This concluded the Old Clubhouse discussion.

For the Mowing Bill – Pat Jurens presented a bill from a Citizen who mowed a city owned parcel. Sam Nelson stated the City is not responsible to pay a citizen who takes it upon themselves for work on city property. Mr Nelson recommended sending a letter to citizen. This concluded mowing bill discussion.

Regarding Fire School Sponsorship – Mayor Driesen stated that ten fire department volunteers attended the 2023 Fire School in Watertown for continued education. Cyndi Peeples made a motion to approve the \$1,000 Sponsorship to the Alcester Fire Department to defray costs for the Fire School Attendees; Kendra Hatle seconded it. Six voted aye. This concluded Fire School Sponsorship.

For Finance Office updates – Pat Jurrens presented the Council with information regarding the Elected Officials Workshop in Pierre in July, information from Loren Fischer that garbage bills can no longer be dropped off at City Hall but must be mailed or payments made online. Loren Fischer will collect garbage on Monday – July 3, 2023 as the landfills are closed on Tuesday, July 4, 2023. Please set your cans out on Sunday night. Mayor Driesen commented that after garbage has been collected – please remove your garbage can from the City Streets. Mayor Driesen also recommended that trees hanging lower than fourteen feet over city streets need to be trimmed and trees hanging lower than seven feet over sidewalks must be trimmed. Abigail Moore is due her FY Performance Review. Council members are encouraged to perform their monthly spot checks.

For Reminders and Updates –City Hall Closed – Tuesday, July 4, 2023; City Council Meeting – Thursday, July 6, 2023.

This concluded Finance Office Updates.

At 7:39 pm, Darla Reppe made a motion to enter into Executive Session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) – Personnel; Kendra Hatle seconded it. Six voted aye. At 8:23 pm, Mayor Driesen called the Council out of Executive Session.

Cyndi Peeples made a motion to adjourn; Darla Reppe seconded it. Six voted aye. Meeting adjourned 8:23 pm.

CITY OF ALCESTER
Lukas Driesen, Mayor

ATTEST:
Patricia Jurrens, Finance Officer