

REGULAR MEETING OF THE ALCESTER CITY COUNCIL

The Alcester City Council held their regular City Council Meeting on Monday, September 20, 2021. Mayor Dan Haeder called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm with the following Council members present: Linda Talbott, David Larsen (via phone), Darla Reppe, and Cyndi Peeples (via phone). Also present during the meeting were Patricia Jurens, Wanda Halverson, Chief Schuller, Gordon Richard, Vickie Larsen, Sam Nelson and Grayson Lass. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Linda Talbott made a motion to approve the agenda; Darla Reppe seconded it. Roll Call Vote – Four voted aye.

Dave Larsen made a motion to accept Brian Johnson, Ward II Alderman resignation and Curtis Keiser, Ward III Alderman resignation; Darla Reppe seconded it. Roll Call Vote – Four voted aye. Dave Larsen offered a Thank You to Brian Johnson and Curtis Keiser for their service to the City of Alcester.

Linda Talbott made a motion to advertise for Alderman Vacancies; Darla Reppe seconded it. Roll Call Vote – Four voted aye.

For Public Input – Gordon Richard addressed the Council asking for a Mayor's statement on Alderman Resignation. Vickie Larsen addressed the Council with concerns of a FOIA request for water bills, a FOIA request for credit card statements, Alderman resignations, city employee concerns and Facebook copies for Alderman Larsen. Mr Nelson clarified FOIA request on Water Bills. This concluded Public Input.

Chief Schuller approached the Council introducing Tracy Grayson Reid Cannon-Lass as the new full time police officer. Dave Larsen made a motion to approve the hiring of Grayson Lass as a Full time police office at a rate of \$17.00 per hour until successful completion of LET Certification; Cyndi Peeples seconded it. Roll Call Vote – Four voted aye.

Regarding Medical Cannabis – Linda Talbott made a motion to approve the Second Reading of **Ordinance No 2021-16, An Ordinance Amending City of Alcester Revised Municipal Ordinances Title 4 Licenses by Adding Chapter 4.04 Which Enacts Licensing Provisions for Cannabis Establishments, and for the Repeal of All Resolutions and Ordinances in Conflict therewith**; Cyndi Peeples seconded it. Roll Call Vote – Four voted aye.

Cyndi Peeples made a motion to approve the Second Reading of **Ordinance No 2021-17, An Ordinance Entitled, an Ordinance to Amend Chapter 1 General Provisions, Chapter 6 Central Business District, Chapter 7 Highway Commercial District, Chapter 10 Additional Use Regulations, and Chapter 19 Definitions of the 2018 Revised Alcester Zoning Regulations and the Repeal of all Resolutions and Ordinances in Conflict therewith**; Dave Larsen seconded it. Roll Call Vote – Four voted aye.

For Legal Updates – No update on property nuisance. This concluded Legal Updates.

For Chairperson Updates – Pool – Darla Reppe questioned the dirt pile on pool deck. Excavations were done to check plumbing to chlorine house and to determine why pool deck was sinking in that corner. Library – Dave Larsen presented a quote for handicap door openers for Library, a split cost with AHHS and City of \$1,250 each. Golf Course – Dave Larsen stated the course will be closed for 2 days for green aeration. Pat Jurens presented comments of starting a Golf Course Advisory Committee made up of 2 Men's League Members, 2 Women's League Members, One Golf Committee Member and 2 Alcester Patrons. This would be an Advisory Committee only. This concluded Chairperson Updates.

For Office Building Door – two quotes were presented ADG and City Glass. The Council requested ADG to quote putting a special hinge on east door. Motions tabled for more information.

For Finance Office Updates – Darla Reppe made a motion to approve the Second Reading of City of Alcester 2022 Appropriation Ordinance; Dave Larsen seconded it. During discussion – Cyndi Peeples commented on bar rent increase held until door is repair is complete. Roll Call Vote – Four voted aye.

Workers Comp Volunteer Roster Coverage: Linda Talbott made a motion to approve adding coverage for Food Pantry workers, Golf Course Workers, HRC Representatives, and Library Board Members and Pleasant Hill Cemetery Members at a cost of \$10 per member per year; Cyndi Peeples seconded it. Roll Call Vote – Four voted aye.

THHM & HAA Test Results were presented. All tests comply with approved levels.

TextMyGov program was presented for Council review & approval. The Council felt this program was too expensive for the Community at this time.

Reminders and Updates include: Fall Clean-up, Dumpsters on Site September 20, 2021 – October 3, 2021; City Employees serving Meals On Wheels, September 27-October 1, 2021. This concluded Finance Office Updates.

Regarding the Alcester Community Center – the Bond for the City Contribution to the Center was purchased by Premier Bank at a rate 2.5% for 20 years. The Bond will be closed on September 30, 2021. A Center Rental Agreement was presented for Council review. Linda Talbott made a motion to approve the Center Rental Rates; Dave Larsen seconded it. Roll Call Vote – Four voted aye.

Dave Larsen made a motion to approve the Cart Rental Agreement; Cyndi Peeples seconded it. Roll Call Vote – Four voted aye.

At 7:33 pm, Linda Talbott made a motion to enter into Executive Session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2-(1) Personnel; Cyndi Peeples seconded it. Roll Call Vote – Four voted aye. Mayor Haeder called the Council out of Executive Session at 8:48 pm. Dave Larsen made a motion to hire James Anderson at a rate of \$15 per hour for Cemetery mowing and Snow Removal as necessary; Linda Talbott seconded it. Roll Call Vote – Four voted aye. Darla Reppe made a motion to hire Mitch Merrick at a rate of \$15 per hour as Landfill Operator, Snow Removal and Weed Eating as necessary; Linda Talbott seconded it. Roll Call Vote – Four voted aye.

Cyndi Peeples made a motion to adjourn, Darla Reppe seconded it. Roll Call Vote – Four voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 8:51 pm.

The following are 2021 Salaries: Anderson, James-\$15 per hour; Lass, Grayson-\$17 per hour; and Merrick, Mitch-\$15 per hour.

CITY OF ALCESTER
Daniel Haeder, Mayor

ATTEST:
Patricia Jurrens, Finance Officer