

REGULAR MEETING OF THE ALCESTER CITY COUNCIL

The Alcester City Council held their regular City Council Meeting on Monday, September 19, 2022 at the Alcester Community Library. Mayor Dan Haeder called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm with the following Council members present: Darla Reppe, Cyndi Peeples Kyle VandenHull and Lukas Driesen. Also present during the meeting were Patricia Jurrens, Paige German, Vickie Larsen, Gordon Richard, Dale & Debra Jorgensen, Joy Hemmingson, Curtis Wagner, Kyle Pennings, and Rich Akland. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance. Landon Nygard and Kelsey Erickson arrived later in the meeting.

Darla Reppe made a motion to approve the agenda with one change; deleting Executive Session for Personnel (item #12) and holding that at the end of the meeting (item #16). Cyndi Peeples seconded it. Four voted aye.

Paige German, Alcester Community Library Librarian, welcomed the Mayor, Alderman and Meeting attendants to the Library. Ms German provided several library statistics as well as a breakdown of the library events and services available to people of all ages. Some of the highlights included, grants the library has received, read squared app to track reading times, Swank movie license, adult book discussions, bi-lingual books, new tables & chairs, board games and the fall book fair. Thank you, Paige, for all the great things you are doing at the Library!

At 6:15 pm, a Public Hearing for the Phase 1 Improvements Financing of the Wastewater Treatment Plant began. Harley Fergenson, SECOG representative, addressed the Council confirming the Council wished to proceed with the CDBG Grant Application and confirming the Community Development and Housing Needs Assessment reasons have not deviated from the 2030 Community Plan. After the Community Development and Housing Needs Assessment items were addressed, Mayor Haeder asked for comments in favor of the project. After receiving those comments, Mayor Haeder asked for comments not in favor of moving forward with the project. After hearing all comments, Kyle VandenHull made a motion to approve the CDBG Application for State Assistance for the Wastewater Project; Cyndi Peeples seconded it. Four voted aye. This concluded the Public Hearing.

Joy Hemmingson provided a presentation on ideas of how to grow Alcester and how to incorporate more activities into the Community. Some ideas presented included agrihoods, ice skating rink, drive in movie night, archery and shooting clubs, living history museum, artisan skills, and shiny shows such as vintage tractor and classic cars. This concluded Joy Hemmingson's presentation.

For Public Input – Vickie Larsen addressed the Council with concerns of the Fire Department at the Community Center, direct deposit, culvert on Iowa Street, book bans at the Alcester Community Library, and garbage illegally deposited at the City Park. This concluded Public Input.

For the 505 Ofstad Street Property – Pat Jurrens stated the house is down and the hole from the basement and one final tree will be removed this week. The property contained three trees for removal and the Council had previously approved the removal of two trees. Darla Reppe made a motion to approve spending up to \$1,500 for removal of the third tree; Lukas Driesen seconded it. Three voted aye; Kyle VandenHull voted no. This concluded 505 Ofstad Street Property.

Legal Updates – none.

Iowa Street Storm Sewer – Mr Nelson is working on obtaining more information at this time.

Chairperson updates included: Street – none. Cemetery – monument getting moved. Water – none. Wastewater – none. Library – provided by Paige German. Golf Course / Community Center – working on staffing. Park/Pool – none. Police – Story on Keloland News helping out Beresford Police Department. Finance – none. Liquor Store – great opening day (Saturday, September 17, 2022.) This concluded Chairperson updates.

For Community Center Personnel – Kyle VandenHull made a motion to approve changing the wage of Darnelle Vermeesch to \$7.00, Server wage; Cyndi Peeples seconded it. Four voted aye. Darla Reppe made a motion to hire Andrew Terwee at \$13 per hour as a PRN Cook; Lukas Driesen seconded it. Four voted aye. This concluded Community Center personnel.

2023 Budget – Cyndi Peeples made a motion to approve the Second Reading of City of Alcester 2023 Appropriation Ordinance; Lukas Driesen seconded it. Four voted aye. This concluded 2023 Budget discussion.

For Finance Office updates – Pat Jurrens provided the results of the Fire Hydrant Flushing the Alcester Fire Department conducted on September 12, 2022. Darla Reppe made a motion to approve changing the October 3, 2022 Council meeting to October 10, 2022 and change the October 17, 2022 meeting to October 24, 2022 still meeting at 6 pm at 500 Dakota Street; Cyndi Peeples seconded it. Four voted aye. Performance Reviews needing completion – Dale Pearson (FY) and Pat Jurrens (FY).

For Reminders and Updates – AHHS – Homecoming – September 23, 2022; National Philanthropic Day, Pierre, SD – September 27, 2022 – Departure at 7 am from City Hall. Fall Cleanup September 30, 2022 – October 10, 2022 – Dumpsters on site. This concluded Finance Office Updates.

At 8:02 pm Darla Reppe made a motion to enter into Executive Session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) personnel; Lukas Driesen seconded it. Four voted aye. Mayor Haeder called the Council out of Executive Session at 8:48 pm. Darla Reppe made a motion to hire Landon Nygard and Kelsey Erickson as Co-Managers of the Alcester Community Center with Mr Nygard’s wage of \$19.75 and Ms Erickson’s wage of \$15.63. This position is on a trial basis and will be revisited on January 3, 2023. Lukas Driesen seconded it. Four voted aye. This concluded Executive Session.

Kyle VandenHull made a motion to adjourn; Cyndi Peeples seconded it. Four voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 8:52 pm.

The following are the 2022 Salaries (per hour): Erickson, Kelsey-\$15.63, Nygard, Landon-\$19.75, TerWee, Andrew-\$13.00, Vermeesch, Darnelle-\$7.00

CITY OF ALCESTER
Daniel Haeder, Mayor

ATTEST:
Patricia Jurrens, Finance Officer