

REGULAR MEETING OF THE ALCESTER CITY COUNCIL

The Alcester City Council held their regular City Council Meeting on Monday, October 18, 2021. Mayor Dan Haeder called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm with the following Council members present: Linda Talbott, David Larsen, Darla Reppe, Lukas Driesen and Cyndi Peeples. Also present during the meeting were Patricia Jurens, Wanda Halverson, Chief Schuller, Gordon Richard, Vickie Larsen, and Sam Nelson. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Darla Reppe made a motion to approve the agenda; Cyndi Peeples seconded it. Five voted aye.

For Public Input – Gordon Richard addressed the Council for Community Center opening date. Vickie Larsen addressed the Council with concerns of a Ordinance FOIA request, a cross walk, redistricting, website, and Rural Development loans. This concluded Public Input.

For Legal Updates – Sam Nelson provided update on nuisance property. This concluded Legal Updates.

For Redistricting District 16 – the Council reviewed materials and agreed it is in the best interest for Union County to stay intact as District 16. Dave Larsen made a motion to approve Sam Nelson draft Resolution to not redistrict but keep Union County whole with portion of Lincoln County; Darla Reppe seconded it. Five voted aye.

For Chairperson Updates – Street – Linda Talbott commented on Lonnie Johnson's request to look at two dump trucks on auction. The Council approved examining the trucks. Linda Talbott stated Street Dept review is Friday. Cemetery – looks beautiful. Water/Wastewater – the City failed a Toxicity test and is being retested. Police – Officers busy with drug issues. Library – Dave Larsen stated new door opener installed soon. Golf Course – Dave Larsen – End of season approaching and course play has slowed down. This concluded Chairperson Updates.

Chief Schuller approached the Council regarding on-call pay during the time of June 7, 2021 to present. Linda Talbott made a motion to approve payment for uncompensated on-call to Chief Schuller in the amount of \$1,836; Lukas Driesen seconded it. Roll Call Vote – Five voted aye.

For Community Center – Dave Larsen made a motion to hire Mike Croy, Full Time Bar/Clubhouse Manager, rate of \$13.50 per hour with benefits, effective November 1, 2021; Darla Reppe seconded it. Roll Call Vote – Five voted aye. Darla Reppe made a motion to hire Laura Walleen, Bartender/Server at rate \$15.00 per hour plus for accounting work \$20.00 per hour, effective October 25, 2021; Linda Talbott seconded it. Roll Call Vote – Five voted aye. Darla Reppe made a motion to approve reimbursement to Dave Larsen for the purchase of tv's, mounting brackets and door lock system, \$1,101.11; Linda Talbott seconded it. Roll Call Vote – Four voted aye – Dave Larsen abstained. Dave Larsen made a motion to approve the payment to Maxwell Food for kitchen equipment, \$2,560.00; Cyndi Peeples seconded it. Roll Call Vote – Five voted aye.

At 7:34 pm, Dave Larsen made a motion to enter into Executive Session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2-4 – Contract Negotiations; Linda Talbott seconded it. Five voted aye. At 8:02 pm, Mayor Haeder called the Council out of executive session. Dave Larsen made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the operating agreement with Chesterman's after a manor or form has been approved by Sam Nelson and Chesterman agent; Cyndi Peeples seconded it. Roll Call Vote – Five voted aye. This concluded Community Center updates.

For Finance Office updates – Pat Jurens presented information regarding recovery funds received from the state for Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (CLFRF). Monies can be used to replace lost public sector revenue, for infrastructure, and water & sewer or broadband infrastructure. Pat presented two projects for consideration: Sidewalk replacement on 2nd street and upgrade of water distribution building. Sam Nelson will review program guidelines for confirmation of suggested projects. City Hall will be closed on Friday, October 22, 2021 for cleaning of Community Center.

Reminders and Updates include: Daylight Savings Time ends, November 7, 2021; Landfill hours will change effective November 8, 2021: Mondays & Thursdays 3pm – 5 pm; Wednesdays 2 pm – 4 pm and Saturdays 8 am until noon. The landfill will close November 30, 2021. This concluded Finance Office Updates.

No Executive Session needed.

Cyndi Peeples made a motion to adjourn, Linda Talbott seconded it. Five voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 8:16 pm.

The following are 2021 Salaries: Croy, Michael-\$13.50 per hour; Walleen, Laura-\$15 per hour/\$20 per hour.

CITY OF ALCESTER
Daniel Haeder, Mayor

ATTEST:
Patricia Jurens, Finance Officer