

Regular Meeting of the Alcester City Council

The Alcester City Council held a regular City Council Meeting on Monday December 4th, 2023.

Mayor Driesen called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM with the following Council Members present: Darla Reppe, Kerry Hedden, Kendra Hatle, Julia Sundstrom, and Brian Johnson. Also, present were Finance Officer David Hodgson, Geoff Fillingsness, Aaron Larson, Patsy Luna, Andrea Irwin, and Austin & Augustine Schuller.

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Darla made a motion to approve the agenda with moving Item 14 to after Item 6. Seconded by Julia and all voted aye

No persons have presented themselves to fill the vacant Ward I seat so no Alderman interviews were required this meeting.

Kendra made a motion to approve minutes from the November 21st meeting. Seconded by Brian and all voted aye.

For public input Mayor Driesen presented Andrea Irwin, the assistant director of transit from Rural Office of Community Services, a check for \$1,000 to their program. Andrea then thanked the council for their donation and stated that in 2023 over 700 rides of over 20,000 miles had been provided to citizens of Alcester. No other public input given.

For nuisance properties, Geoff Fillingsness, Code Official state that there are 2 properties that need to be addressed as the year the owners were given to make improvements has now expired. He further stated that little progress has been made over the course of the year and that it was now time for the city to take action and that he would need an order of inspection to determine the next course of action. Geoff will follow up with city attorney to begin process and report back to the council. Darla asked Geoff about covering the costs incurred by the city to stated properties. Geoff stated that those costs would be billed to the owner and if not paid the City would then be able to place a lien against the property. Finance Officer Hodgson mentioned that building permits for both properties had expired and would need to be reissued if any further work was to be done. Mayor Driesen asked about a garage on Union St and Geoff stated no progress had been made and he would be including that in his discussion with the city attorney to be addressed. Next, Geoff updated the council on notices that were distributed last month. Most notices he placed have been taken care of and he will be following up the remainder of them in the next few weeks. Lastly, Geoff recommended publishing a reminder of the city snow ordinance for the public.

For Public Safety, Chief Thompson was unavailable for the meeting but had submitted the monthly police stats and these were reviewed.

For the Waste Water Treatment Plant Brian mad a motion to approve pay application #8 in the amount of \$161731.35 to Industrial Process Technology. Seconded by Kendra and all voted aye.

For the Library Darla mad a motion to appoint Sarah Allerding to the Library Board to another 3-year term through December 2026. Seconded by Julia and all voted aye.

For One More Bar Kendra made a motion to enter into Executive Session pursuant to SDCL1-25-2(4) Contract Negotiations. Seconded by Darla and all voted aye. Mayor Driesen declared the council in executive session at 6:22pm. The council was declared out of executive session by Mayor Driesen at 7:08pm. Item 10b was tabled until the next council meeting.

For Total Stop Store Kendra made a motion to approve annual 2024 operating agreement with Total Stop Groceries. Seconded by Brian and all voted aye.

For the Golf Course Brian made a motion to approve paying Scott Persing to remove old creek bridge, haul away, install 4-foot culvert, and cover with dirt at a cost of \$2,500. Seconded by Kerry and all voted aye. Julia made a motion to approve hiring Zack Kemner as a part-time cook at \$13.00 per hour effective immediately. Seconded by Brian and all voted aye. Darla made a motion to approve 2024 operating agreement for Alcester Golf Course. Seconded by Kerry and all voted aye.

For the Finance Office Kerry made a motion to approve November warrants. Darla seconded and all voted aye. November warrants: Visa \$2,704.84, Mid-American Research \$14,757.55, One More LLC \$750.00 ,Total Stop \$818.48, Mid-American Energy \$2,882.92, Wellmark BCBS \$1,510.48, Ecolab \$83.42, All Cleaners \$550.00, City of Alcester\$4,377.26, Verizon \$80.02, Dustar Express \$1,000.00, Waterman Backhoe \$1,000.00, Olson's Ace Hardware \$138.97, Dustex \$40.94, Murphy Tractor & Equip \$11,511.18, Loffler \$424.56, Muller Auto \$46.99, Ingram Library Services \$327.77, New Century Press \$352.66, Johnson Bros \$467.25, John Conkling Distributing \$435.60, Alcester Fire Department \$4,200.00 (for Sept, Oct, and Nov contributions), American Engineering Testing \$3,165.50, Union County Sheriff's \$144.27, Appera \$535.89, Uline \$133.22, Bomgaar's \$415.17, Frieberg, Nelson, Ask LLP \$1,387.50, SD Public Health Lab \$270.00, Ban-Koe Companies \$480.00, SD Municipal League \$1,144.44, SD Gov't HR Association \$25.00, SD Municipal Street Maintenance Association \$35.00, Butler Machinery Co \$4,902.53, SD Wastewater Association \$10.00, Dakota Beverage \$292.50, Sysco \$8,505.54, Premier Bank \$7,478.46, Southern Glazer's \$112.18, Alliance Communications \$565.00, South Eastern Electric \$2,050.67, SD Unemployment Insurance for Quarter 3 2023 \$381.94, Square \$191.16, Alcester Quickstop \$442.85, 5 Star Communications \$50.00, One Office Solution \$72.81, Iowa Information Inc.\$319.00, Good Shred \$49.00, LP Gill Landfill \$2,514.32, Southern Lincoln Rural Water \$7,129.70, Pete's Produce \$632.13, Alcester Towing \$246.05, Chestermans \$818.40, Loren Fischer \$1,531.54, Bluestone Landscape Co \$625.00, Grossenburg Implement \$170.73, SD Golf Association \$25.00, Industrial Process Technology \$235,256.45, Reinhart/Performance Food \$1,367.13, Union County Treasure \$316.16, SD Retirement System \$3,836.82, C&R Supply \$646.86, Pearson Dirt Construction \$2,524.50, Rural

Office of Community Services \$1,000.00, Zion's Bank \$19,955.00, Banner Engineering \$15,488.35. November salaries, Finance Office \$5,182.75, Police \$5,992.13, Street \$5,176.91, Water \$3,376.43, Sewer \$4,317.88, Library \$1,315.40, Solid Waste \$514.06, Golf \$11,340.17

Motion made by Kendra to enter into Executive Session pursuant SDCL 1-25-2(1) Employee Personnel. Seconded by Brian and all voted aye. Mayor Driesen declared the council in executive session at 7:16pm. The council was declared out of executive session at 7:53pm by Mayor Driesen.

For reminders the mayor reminded all present of the Open Forum Night to be held Monday December 11th at 6:00pm at Morningside Event Center. Reminder that the city offices will be closed on Monday December 25th for Christmas and Monday January 1st for New Years holidays.

Motion made by Kendra to adjourn City Council. Seconded by Brian and all voted aye and Mayor declared meeting adjourned at 8:05pm

City of Alcester

Lukas Driesen, Mayor

ATTEST:

David Hodgson, Finance Officer