

## REGULAR MEETING OF THE ALCESTER CITY COUNCIL

The Alcester City Council held their regular City Council Meeting on Monday, March 20, 2023. Council President Lukas Driesen called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm with the following Council members present: Darla Reppe, Cyndi Peeples and Kyle VandenHull. Also present during the meeting were Patricia Jurrens, Abigail Moore, Lonnie Johnson, Riley Johnson, Vickie Larsen, Gordon Richard, David Larsen, Doyle Fickbohm and Austin Felts. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Cyndi Peeples made a motion to approve the agenda with one change of removing Community Center updates; Darla Reppe seconded it. Four voted aye.

Council President Driesen opened the Board of Equalization Meeting at 6:01 pm.

The Council, acting as the Board of Equalization, reviewed one objection application. The Objection to Real Property Assessment was from Doyle Fickbohm, Parcel 01.04.02.1015, 208 Union Street, Alcester. The property owner requested the valuation of the house be lowered from \$64,574 to \$58,704. Kyle VandenHull made a motion to approve modifying the proposed assessed valuation from \$64,574 (structure) to \$62,510 (structure) for a total valuation of \$70,000; Cyndi Peeples seconded it. Four voted aye. No additional objections were presented. The Council reviewed the Tax Rolls. At 6:23 pm, Council President Driesen closed the Board of Equalization meeting.

For Public Input – Vickie Larsen addressed the Council with concerns of a city lawsuit, culverts in the city limits, police officer duty schedule, and property annexation. Darla Reppe shared follow up of Burke real estate tax issue and communication with Representative Bolin. Darla Reppe shared comments regarding pool behavior issues and lifeguards need Council support. Darla Reppe shared a concern of the accumulation of garbage in front of 1More Bar. Dave Larsen addressed the Council regarding a replacement for the Golf Course Superintendent position, Course Staff duties verses Clubhouse Staff duties and getting Golf Course Membership Fees published. Lukas Driesen shared comments about live streaming City Council meetings. This concluded Public Input.

For Golf Course – the Council discussed the Superintendent vacancy. Darla Reppe made a motion to approve advertising the Superintendent position as a part time seasonal position effective April – October with approximately 30 hours per week and wage dependent on experience; Cyndi Peeples seconded it. Four voted aye. Darla Reppe made a motion to approve spending up to \$15,000 from 2<sup>nd</sup> Penny Fund to purchase a Reel Mower from Purple Wave Auction; Kyle VandenHull seconded it. Four voted aye. This concluded Golf Course.

For Street Department – Lonnie Johnson shared information regarding a Drum Compactor. Kyle VandenHull made a motion to approve the purchase and paying up to \$14,200 to Black Star ACA, LLC, for 2005 Caterpillar CB-224E Smooth Drum Compactor; Cyndi Peeples seconded it. Four voted aye. This concluded Street Department.

Legal Updates – Austin Felts provided legal update regarding the OnCall policy in the Police Policy Manual and Employee Personnel Policy Manual. A resolution striking both On Call Policies will be available for the next Council meeting. Mr Felts shared information regarding the Police Limited Liability Agreement and Cyndi Peeples made a motion to approve the Police Limited Liability Agreement; Darla Reppe seconded it. Four voted aye. This concluded Legal Updates.

For the Wastewater Facility Plant Upgrade – Pat Jurrens reviewed the information from Banner Engineering for the Council's review and stated the approval motion will be on the April 3, 2023 Council meeting. This concluded Wastewater Facility Plant Upgrade.

At 7:15 pm, Cyndi Peeples made a motion to convene jointly as the Planning Commission and City Council; Darla Reppe seconded it. Four voted aye. The plat maps were discussed. Kyle VandenHull, Planning Commission, made a motion to recommend approval of Plat of Lots 1&2, South Addition, An Addition in the Southeast ¼ of Section 28, T95N, 5<sup>th</sup> P.M.; City of Alcester, Union County, South Dakota and to be signed by Darla Reppe, Chairman of Planning Commission; Cyndi Peeples seconded it. Roll Call vote – 3 vote aye; Lukas Driesen voted no. Kyle VandenHull, City Council, made a motion to approve the Planning Commission recommendation and to approve the Plat of Lots 1&2, South Addition, An Addition in the Southeast ¼ of Section 28, T95N, 5<sup>th</sup> P.M., City of Alcester, Union County, South Dakota and to be signed by Lukas Driesen, Council President and Patricia Jurrens, Finance Officer; Darla Reppe seconded it. Four voted aye. Cyndi Peeples made a motion to adjourn as Planning Commission and resume acting solely as City Council; Darla Reppe seconded it. Four voted aye. Joint meeting adjourned at 7:38 pm. This concluded the Plat Map Approval.

Regarding Pool Manager – Darla Reppe made a motion to hire Peyton Meyer, rate \$14 per hour, Pool Manager; Cyndi Peeples seconded it. Four voted aye. This concluded Pool Manager.

Regarding 1More Bar repairs – Kyle VandenHull made a motion to approve spending up to \$2,000 for plumbing repairs and \$1,000 for Scrap Removal plus dumpster rental; Darla Reppe seconded it. Four voted aye. This concluded Bar Repairs.

Regarding the Volunteer Roster – Cyndi Peeples made a motion to approve removing Karla Bailey, Jade Ericson, Alicia McMillan, Ashley Oberg and Kayla Pies from the EMS; removing Tim Nabity from Fire Department and adding Sam Borns, Lukas Driesen, Dustin John and Joe Saldana to Fire Department & EMS Drivers; adding Carmen Kast to Fire Department/EMS; removing Don Brose, Josh Nyreen and Myles Weck from the Fire Department, adding Andy German and Anna Howard to the Fire Department; removing Vickie Larsen from Alcester Food Pantry, adding Anna Mae Warnier to Alcester Food Pantry; removing Mark Dykstra, Wanda Halverson, Patricia Jurrens, Bill Larsen and Joni Schempp from Alcester Golf Course, removing Linda Talbott and Lance Johnson from Alcester HRC and removing David Larsen from Alcester Library Board and adding Cyndi Peeples to Alcester Library Board; Kyle VandenHull seconded it. Four voted aye. This concluded Volunteer Roster.

For Finance Office updates – Pat Jurrens stated Abigail Moore’s HY performance review needs to be completed as well as 2022 Monthly Spot Checks. Kyle VandenHull made a motion to approve paying Reel Sharp, Mower Repair, \$5,408.04, Golf Fund; Darla Reppe seconded it. Four voted aye.

Darla Reppe made a motion to approve paying the February Warrants; Kyle VandenHull seconded it. Four voted aye. Salaries: Finance Office-\$4,525.75, Police-\$1,270.95, Street-\$3,985.00, Water-\$2,462.43, Sewer-\$3,964.38, Library-\$1,210.81, Snow-\$1,416.54, Audi-\$115.80, Solid Waste-\$0, Cemetery-\$0, Park-\$0, Golf-\$12,854.48, Pool-\$0, Mayor-\$0, Council-\$0, Ad Ventures-Contract Labor, \$1,051.25, Alcester Fire Dept-allowance & Grant, \$1,650.00, Alcester Quickstop-Fuel, \$0, Alliance Communications-Utility, \$598.00, American Engineering-Lab Fees, \$1,566.50, Appera-Supplies, \$501.56, Axel Ericson Electric-Repairs, \$660.96, Bomgaars-supplies & repairs, \$84.72, Boyer Machine-Maintenance, \$9.40, Chesterman-Supplies, \$305.00, City of Alcester-Beer Markup, \$91.92, Critters Dive Bar Pizza-Food Supplies, \$308.75, Dakota Beverage-Supplies, \$87.60, Dayton Stencil-Supplies, \$377.28, Depart of Revenue-Sales Tax, \$1,585.41, Eco-Lab-Supplies, \$83.42, Equipment Blades-Supplies, \$1,760.00, Frieberg, Nelson & Ask-Legal Fees, \$1,965.00, Ingram Library Services-Books, \$390.53, IRS-payroll taxes, \$7,197.63, John Conklin-Supplies, \$134.55, Johnson Brothers-Supplies, \$566.68, Johnson Heating & Cooling-Repairs, \$126.80, Kapco-Supplies, \$177.93, Keion Johnson Estate-Security Deposit Refund, \$385.91, Kelsey Erickson-Supplies, \$107.57, LP Gill-Landfill Rental, \$1,683.30, Loffler-Supplies, \$211.38, Loren Fischer Disposal-Garbage, \$137.61, Mid-American Energy-Utilities, \$5,338.75, Mid-American Research Company-Supplies, \$336.14, Muller Auto-Repairs, \$313.12, New Century Press-Publications, \$254.92, O’Connor Company-Supplies, \$1,531.91, One Office Solution-Supplies, \$1,019.92, Pete’s Produce-Supplies, \$195.49, Pomp’s Tires-Vehicle Maintenance, \$1,668.78, Premier Bank-HSA Insurance, \$600.00, Reinhart/Performance Foods-Supplies, \$2,788.00, Sam’s Club-Supplies, \$151.44, SD Lottery-License, \$179.75, SD Rural Water Association-Dues, \$500.00, SECOG-Dues, \$138.00, SD Retirement-Retirement, \$3,076.28, South Lincoln Rural Water-Water Purchase, \$7,094.10, Southeastern Electric-Utilities, \$1,736.56, Square-Dues, \$191.70, Sunlife Financial-Insurance, \$87.89, Sysco-Food, \$5,847.06, Total Stop Food Store-Supplies, \$400.41, Truesdell Oil Company-Fuel, \$2,227.53, TSR Plumbing-Repairs, \$81.63, Verizon-Utilities, \$80.02, VFW Post #6149-Supplies, \$25.00, Visa-Supplies, Postage, Fuel, \$3,783.33, Waterman Backhoe-Repairs, \$459.18, and Wellmark-Insurance, \$989.31.

For Reminders & Updates – City Council Meeting-April 3, 2023, 6 pm; District 3 Meeting (Rescheduled) April 5, 2023 6 pm. This concluded Finance Office Updates.

Executive Session – none.

Cyndi Peeples made a motion to adjourn, Kyle VandenHull seconded it. Four voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 7:48 pm.

CITY OF ALCESTER  
Lukas Driesen, Council President

ATTEST:  
Patricia Jurrens, Finance Officer