

REGULAR MEETING OF THE ALCESTER CITY COUNCIL

The Alcester City Council held their regular City Council Meeting on Monday, April 18, 2022. Mayor Haeder called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm with the following Council members present: Linda Talbott, Darla Reppe, Lukas Driesen, Dave Larsen and Cyndi Peeples. Also present during the meeting were Patricia Jurrens, Wanda Halverson, Sam Nelson, Vickie Larsen, Gordon Richard, David Hammitt and Dale Jurrens. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

No Alderman Interviews.

For the Sealed Bids – no bids were received regarding the Rheem Air Conditioner. One bid was received for the Metal Clad Building. Mayor Haeder opened the bid. Dave Larsen made a motion to accept the bid of \$1,200 from Regan Hommandberg for the Metal Clad Building to be moved or dismantled; Lukas Driesen seconded it. Five voted aye. This concluded sealed bids.

For Public Input – none. This concluded Public Input.

Regarding Affordable Housing Pat Jurrens presented a completed application and resolution for the Council to review. Darla Reppe made a motion to approve submitting grant application and spending up to \$1,250 for the study; Dave Larsen seconded it. Five voted aye. Cyndi Peeples made a motion to approve Resolution No 2022-01 – Sponsorship of Housing Needs Study Update; Linda Talbott seconded it. Five voted aye.

CITY OF ALCESTER RESOLUTION # 2022-01

SPONSORSHIP OF HOUSING NEEDS STUDY UPDATE

WHEREAS, the City of Alcester desires assistance from the South Dakota Housing Development Authority for the purpose of conducting a housing needs study update for its community through the Housing Needs Study Program;

WHEREAS, the City Council hereby commits to sponsoring the undertaking of the study;

WHEREAS, the City Council commits to covering their local match of \$1,250 for the project; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council hereby authorizes the filing of a grant application, including all understandings and assurances contained therein, for the Housing Needs Study Program, and hereby authorizes the Mayor to act in connection with the application and to provide such additional information as may be required.

Adopted this 18th day of April 2022. /s/ *Daniel Haeder*, Mayor *ATTEST: /s/ Patricia R Jurrens*, Finance Officer

This concluded the Affordable Housing Update.

Legal Updates – Sam Nelson provided an update on the Condemnation of 505 Ofstad Street. No update on 307 Iowa Street. This concluded Legal Updates.

For Wastewater Facility Plant Upgrade – Pat Jurrens presented the City of Alcester's grant award for the street portion of the Sewer Collection Project. DANR awarded the City \$1,418,650 Grant towards the \$1,669,000 total cost of the project. The Council discussed when to start this part of the project and will make a formal decision later. Next the Council discussed reducing the Bid Award time of the Facility Plant Upgrade. Linda Talbott made a motion to approve reducing the Bid Award Timeframe from 30 days to 10 days; Lukas Driesen seconded it. Five voted aye. This concluded Wastewater Facility Plant Upgrade.

Street Repair – Pat Jurrens presented that Lonnie Johnson would like to start the prep work on the City Street Repairs. Lonnie Johnson had prepared a quote from Ziegler Rentals for equipment rental of a Skid Loader, Street Planer. Dave Larsen made a motion to approve the equipment rental from Ziegler Rentals, \$3,592, for one week rental, GF; Darla Reppe seconded it. Five voted aye. This concluded Street Repair.

Police Department – PD Truck Graphics. The Graphics wrap on the Police Pickup is peeling. Chief Schuller provided a quote of replacing the wrap. Cyndi Peeples made a motion to approve spending up to \$830.70 from Octane Ink, GF for a new Truck wrap; Linda Talbott seconded it. Five voted aye. Linda Talbott brought up truck wiring repairs which will be discussed at the May meeting. This concluded Police Department.

Library – Summer Library Assistant. Dave Larsen made a motion to hire Alyssa Just, Summer Library Assistant, \$9.95, effective immediately; Darla Reppe seconded it. Five voted aye. This concluded the Library discussion.

For Chairperson Updates – Lukas Driesen stated street repairs are beginning. Gopher situation has not been addressed at the Cemetery. The Council recommended placing a note on the water bill to remind patrons to not use powdered laundry detergent as it is hard on the sewer lines. Dave Larsen reported for Golf Course – Pump House will need a new roof, electrical issue for irrigation system and new Golf Carts will get ordered. Darla Reppe reported the plumbing issue got repaired at Alcester Bar. This concluded Chairperson updates.

For Golf Course / Community Center – Dave Larsen made a motion to approve the hiring of Justin Tyler Smith as Groundskeeper at rates of \$9.95; Lukas Driesen seconded it. Five voted aye. Dave Larsen made a motion to increase the salary of Michael Croy to \$15.50 due to increased duties; Cyndi Peeples seconded it. Five voted aye. This concluded Golf Course/Community Center.

For Finance Office updates – Pat Jurrens provided update on conducted interviews for Deputy Finance Officer and Custodian. The Council discussed annual audit costs. Cyndi Peeples made a motion to hire LeeAnn Haisch, Custodian, at \$11.00 per hour, effective immediately; Lukas Driesen seconded it. Five voted aye. Dave Larsen made a motion to pay Quam, Berglin & Post, 2020 Audit, GF \$4,250, Water Fund \$2,125, Sewer Fund \$2,125; Linda Talbott seconded it. Five voted aye.

For Reminders & Updates – Saturday Library Storytime, March 19-April 30, 2022 10 am; Landfill hours; Spring Clean Up Dumpsters arrive April 15, 2022 – May 1, 2022; Council Meeting May 2, 2022 at 6 pm. This concluded Finance Office Updates.

Executive Session – At 7:10 pm, Linda Talbott made a motion to enter into Executive Session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(3) Legal; Lukas Driesen seconded it. Five voted aye. Mayor Haeder called the Council out of Executive Session at 8:18 pm.

Linda Talbott made a motion to adjourn, Cyndi Peeples seconded it. Five voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 8:21 pm.

The following are the 2022 Salaries (per hour): Croy, Michael-\$15.50; Haisch, LeeAnn-\$11.00; Just, Alyssa-\$9.95; Smith, Justin Tyler-\$9.95

CITY OF ALCESTER
Daniel Haeder, Mayor

ATTEST:
Patricia Jurrens, Finance Officer