

REGULAR MEETING OF THE ALCESTER CITY COUNCIL

The Alcester City Council held their regular City Council Meeting on Monday, February 20, 2023. Council President Lukas Driesen called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm with the following Council members present: Cyndi Peeples and Darla Reppe. Also present during the meeting were Patricia Jurrens, Abigail Moore, Landon Nygard, Austin Felts, Vickie Larsen, Gordon Richard, Mike & Kristi Burke, Augustine LaFamboise, Austin Schuller, Marvel Swanson, Amanda Ericson, Kerry & Trudy Hedden and Dale Jurrens. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance. Kyle VandenHull arrived at 6:10 pm.

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

For the 1More Bar – Augustine LaFramboise & Austin Schuller approached the Council with details for a Special Alcohol Permit Request. 1More Bar would like to host a Street Dance, July 22, 2023, 6 pm to 1:45 am, blocking off one block of 2nd Street for the dance and 1 block of Iowa Street for a Car Show. The street will be blocked off with barriers, wrist bands used for id purposes and garbage control maintained by 1More Bar Staff. The Council requested a Special Liability Policy for the event. Council will vote on the permit at the March 6, 2023 meeting. This concluded the Special Permit discussion.

For the Property Tax Issue – Mike & Kristi Burke approached the City Council. The Burkes' feel the City should do something regarding their property tax situation. Austin Felts, City Attorney, presented his findings from additional research on the issue. Mr Felts also provided a letter to the Burkes for their records. The Council asked the Burkes to contact a State Legislator or someone at the State level to see if they could offer assistance. Mr Felts provided the Council and Burkes with options. This concluded the Property Tax Discussion.

For Public Input – Vickie Larsen addressed the Council with concerns of attorney work, questions on two warrants, comments on At-Large Alderman, and City Car use. This concluded Public Input.

Landon Nygard addressed the Council with a Community Center Update. Landon Nygard stated business is picking up, the Center now has Pizzas both for eat in and take out, banners have been purchased for the water shed to alert patrons the Center is open, curtain is up between the dining area and bar area, and video lottery is a work in process. This concluded Community Center Update.

For Golf Course - Lukas Driesen brought up the discussion item of declaring surplus the old clubhouse and golf repair shed and a portion of land to create a lot for sale as a residence. The lot could be platted and rezoned as residential. The Council discussed the pros and cons. More discussion at the March meeting. Lukas Driesen read a letter of resignation from Landon Nygard as Golf Course Superintendent. The Council thanked Landon for all he has done. Kyle VandenHull made a motion to accept the resignation; Darla Reppe seconded it. Four voted aye. Options were discussed regarding the vacancy of the Golf Course Superintendent. A decision will be made at the March 6, 2023 Council Meeting. This concluded Golf Course updates.

For Legal Updates – Austin Felts commented on the Chip Seal Bid using the Bid from City of Sioux Falls – as long as the project is under \$100,000 of capital improvement – no bid is necessary. Regarding the Police Policy Manual – Mr Felts will update and provide a draft for Council Review. Regarding the At Large – a citizen would need to circulate a petition with at least 15% of registered voters signatures before it could be considered either in the next municipal election or a special election. The nuisance property letter is complete and will be mailed out to the citizen. This concluded legal updates.

For Police Department Car Storage – the Council discussed where to store the patrol cars when officers are not on duty. Mr Felts will draft a liability document and present to the Council for review. This concluded Police Department.

For the Water Meter Project – Pat Jurrens presented an update on the vendor meter meetings and estimates of the project. The Council agreed to move forward with the project. Mr Felts will draft a bid for the project for Council to review at the March 6, 2023 meeting. This concluded Water Meter Project.

For the Wastewater Facility Plant upgrade – Tanya Miller requested a meeting with Lukas Driesen and any other staff on February 28, 2023 at 1 pm. If any Alderman have any questions regarding the project and rebid – email them to the FO prior to the meeting. This concluded Wastewater Facility Plant Upgrade.

For Ordinance No 2023-02 – Discretionary Tax of Real Property – Kyle VandenHull made a motion to approve the Second Reading of Ordinance No 2023-02 – Discretionary Taxation of Real Property, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 10.03-Discretionary Taxation of Real Property – 2018 Ordinances of the City of Alcester, South Dakota. Cyndi Peeples seconded it. Four voted aye. This concluded Ordinance Updates.

At 7:37 pm Kyle VandenHull made a motion to convene jointly as the Planning Commission and City Council to review the Plat Map; Darla Reppe seconded it. Four voted aye. Upon reviewing the maps – additional

questions arose and the Council asked for clarification. At 7:40 pm Cyndi Peebles made a motion to adjourn as Planning Commission and resume acting as City Council only; Darla Reppe seconded it. Four voted aye.

Pat Jurrens presented the Council with an aerial map of the Premier Bank Property. The bank is looking to remodel the drive-up area. Jaimey Schempp will attend the next Council meeting to discuss the remodel plans.

Kyle VandenHull made a motion to approve ELO to conduct the 2022 Audit at \$10,000; Darla Reppe seconded it. Four voted aye.

For Finance Office updates – Pat Jurrens stated forty-two dogs/owners need to complete their dog registration with the City and also requested the Alderman arrange time to conduct the monthly spot checks. Monthly spot checks should be completed by April 2023. Abigail Moore needs to have her HY Performance Review completed as well. Lukas Driesen stated with the proposed snow storm – all cars should be removed from street parking if the City issues a snow alert.

For Reminders & Updates–Petition deadline – February 24, 2023 5 pm; City Council Meeting-March 6, 2023; Bid Opening for Wastewater Facility – March 9, 2023 and Daylight’s Savings Time begins March 12, 2023. This concluded Finance Office Updates.

At 7:50 pm Darla Reppe made a motion to enter into Executive Session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) – Personnel; Cyndi Peebles seconded it. Four voted aye. Council President, Lukas Driesen called the Council out of Executive Session at 8:23 pm.

Darla Reppe made a motion to adjourn; Cyndi Peebles seconded it. Four voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 8:23 pm.

CITY OF ALCESTER
Lukas Driesen, Council President

ATTEST:
Patricia Jurrens, Finance Officer