City of Alcester
Regular Meeting Minutes
July 13th, 2026

Mayor Lisa Hodgson opened Council at 6:00 PM.

Council members present: Nick Wieseler, Marvie Swanson, Kirsten Tschida, and Kendra Hatle arrived at 6:48pm

Others Present: Finance Officer David Hodgson, Deputy Finance Officer Kristi Burke, Kari Kingma, Sheriff Jim Prouty, Tanya Miller – Banner Associates, and Greg Youell – Felsburg, Holt, & Ullevig

K Tschida moved and M Swanson seconded to amend the agenda to move items 17 & 18 to items 18 & 19, adding item 17 Clubhouse Grille. Add items 17a Approve hiring Teagen Mahoney as part time dishwasher at $12.24 per hour and part time cook at $14.47 per hour effective immediately. Add item 17b Approve hiring Dylon Peitzman as part time cook at $14.47 per hour effective immediately. Motion passed. Unanimous.

Mayor Hodgson then administered the Oath of Office for Marvie Swanson, Ward III, three year term and Kirsten Tschida, Ward I, two year term beginning July 1st, 2026.

K Tschida moved and M Swanson seconded to approve meeting minutes from Monday June 1st, Tuesday June 16th, and Wednesday July 8th, 2026. Motion carried. Unanimous.

No public input offered at this time.

No legal updates at this time.

Mayor Hodgson introduced Greg Youell, Planning Manager to present SECOG's Safe Streets for All Action Plan. He gave background on the planning process. He then reviewed the local safety plan and potential future projects that were identified during the planning process. Lastly, Mayor Hodgson introduced Resolution 2026-04 Resolution to adopt the regional and local safety plans. After several questions K Tschida moved and N Wieseler seconded to adopt the resolution as read. Motion carried. Unanimous.

RESOLUTION 2026-04

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ALCESTER, SD CITY COUNCIL ADOPTING A SAFE STREETS FOR ALL (SS4A) COMPREHENSIVE SAFETY ACTION PLAN

WHEREAS, traffic fatalities and serious injuries represent a significant public health concern nationally, statewide, and locally, with rural counties experiencing disproportionately high rates of fatal and serious crashes; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Transportation's Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) program, established through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), provides federal funding to support the development and implementation of comprehensive, data-driven roadway safety plans aimed at eliminating traffic-related deaths and serious injuries; and

WHEREAS, a Comprehensive Safety Action Plan is required to identify high-injury networks, analyze crash data, elevate community input, and prioritize evidence-based strategies to reduce and ultimately eliminate fatal and serious traffic crashes; and

WHEREAS, a regionwide Comprehensive Safety Action Plan has been developed through the South Eastern Council of Governments (SECOG) to establish clear safety goals, performance measures, underrepresented consideration, and implementation strategies that reflect local needs across nineteen cities and one county; and

WHEREAS, the City of Alcester is one of the participating communities in the SECOG Comprehensive Safety Action Plan and has also completed a Alcester Local Safety Action Plan that develops more specific policy and project recommendations for Alcester streets and roadways.

WHEREAS, approval of this Resolution satisfies the requirement for formal governing body commitment as part of an application for SS4A Planning, Implementation and Demonstration Grant funding. The Mayor of Alcester is authorized to sign all applicable SS4A grant application documents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Alcester:

1. *Authorization*
   The City of Alcester City Council hereby approves the SECOG and City of Alcester Safe Streets for All Comprehensive Safety Action Plans consistent with SS4A program requirements.

2. *Commitment to Safety Goals*
   That the City adopts Vision Zero as a guiding principle and commits to working toward the complete elimination of traffic fatalities and serious injuries through the adoption of the Comprehensive Safety Action Plan.
3. *Outcome-based safety metrics*

The City will monitor three outcome-based safety metrics as evidence of progress to reaching their safety goals including:

- *Annual number of roadway fatalities and serious injuries (KSI).*
- *Five-year rolling averages for fatalities and serious injuries to smooth annual variability.*
- *Changes in crash frequency and severity along the High-Injury Network.*

4. *Designation of Responsible Authority*
   The City of Alcester City Council is authorized to monitor the implementation of this Resolution and the SS4A Comprehensive Safety Action Plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect upon the twentieth day after its adoption.

Adopted at Alcester, SD this ____ day of _______ 2026.

_________/s/______
Lisa Hodgson, Mayor

ATTEST: __________/s/__________
David Hodgson, Finance Officer

For Banner monthly engineering report council discussed surveying and engineering proposal for drainage issue in alley near Wass Funeral Home. K Tschida moved and M Swanson seconded to table action on this until a future council meeting. Motion carried. Unanimous. K Tschida moved and M Swanson seconded to approve paying banner invoice #48607 in the amount of $6,976.88 for work completed on the Sanitary Sewer Improvements project through June 20th, 2026. Motion carried. Unanimous. K Tschida moved and N Wieseler seconded to approve change order #2 on the Sanitary Sewer Improvements project removing manhole rehab work and adding bid alternative #1 to rehab sewer main on Park Ave. Motion carried. Unanimous. K Tschida moved and M Swanson seconded to approve paying banner invoice #48641 in the amount of $1,295.00 for work completed on the Water Tower Recoat project through June 20th, 2026. Motion carried. Unanimous. K Tschida moved and N Wieseler seconded to approve paying banner invoice #48661 in the amount of $3,129.45 for work completed on the 4th St. Watermain Improvements project through June 20th, 2026. Motion carried. Unanimous. K Tschida moved and M Swanson seconded to approve pay application #1 to Siteworks Inc. in the amount of $54,298.08 for work completed on 4th St. Watermain Improvements through July 3rd, 2026. Motion carried. Unanimous.

Finance Officer Hodgson then gave an update of the Lead Line Survey Inventory. Per U.S. EPA guidelines from the 2021 & 2024 Lead and Copper Rule Improvements all municipalities in coordination with state agencies must inventory all municipal and resident owned water lines. All water systems must fully comply with this inventory by Nov 1, 2027, and full lead service line replacement is mandated within ten years of the final rule (2034). Currently in Alcester there are 347 “unknown” lines on the city owned portion (at the curb stop), 4 suspected lead and 6 galvanized needing replacement on the home owner owned portion. SD DANR has a grant agreement with SD Association of Rural Water Systems to “pothole” 20% (approximately 70 in total) of the unknown city lines as well as a number surrounding the lead and galvanized lines. This will be used to determine if any lead is present on city owned portions. If none is found during this time the remainder of the 347 would then be assumed to be non-lead. This would then complete the city owned portion of the required survey leaving us with 72 owner side lines still needing to be verified that were missed during the water meter upgrade project. According to SD DANR this process will take approximately 4-5 business days as they have been typically able to conduct 15-18 “potholes” per day but this is variable and could be shorter or longer. Again, this is done at $0 cost to the city and is fully funded by SD DANR. K Tschida then moved and N Wieseler seconded to approve SUD-C Agreement with DANR to conduct Interpolation in Support of Water Service Line Inventory. Motion carried. Unanimous.

Sheriff Prouty and council then held a discussion regarding current issues and safety concerns with motorized scooters/e-bikes. Several sample ordinances from other communities were presented and reviewed. Other options such as community education and school presentations were discussed. At this time council felt that community education encouraging all parents of riders to ensure children are wearing required helmets and obeying traffic laws at all times. Further consideration of an enforceable ordinance will be monitored and considered as necessary.

For public works K Hatle moved and N Wieseler seconded to accept resignation of Assistant Superintendent of Public Works Tyler Eisma. Motion carried. Unanimous. K Hatle moved and M Swanson seconded to approve posting full time Assistant of Public Works position. Motion carried. Unanimous.

For the finance office K Hatle moved and N Wieseler seconded to approve the June Warrants. Motion carried. Unanimous. June Warrants: Akron Hometowner $223.20, Alcester Ag $287.55, Alcester Fire Dept $2,400.00, Alcester Industrial Park $1,000.00, Alcester Quickstop $193.99, Alliance Communications $814.00, Alpha Golf Cars $400.00, Amazon Business $549.46, American Engineering Testing $2,467.00, Appeara $838.63, Arctic Ice $450.00, Axel Ericson Electric $760.24, Banner Associates $24,631.44, Banyon Data Systems $490.00, Bomgaar's $518.51, C & R Supply $780.00, Cahill Bauer & Associates $15,630.00, Chesterman Co. $2,214.44, City of Alcester $3,293.44, Code Enforcement Specialists, LLC $539.95, Collection Services Center $722.76, Colonial Life $286.72, D & D Small Engine Repair $743.46, Dakota Beverage $4,248.65, DANR $340.00, Dept of Revenue $2,281.44, Doll Distributing, LLC $3,967.60, EcoLab $108.09, Empire $600.00, Endless Vibes Salon & Spa $15,000.00, Express Produce $858.60, Frieberg, Nelson & Ask LLP $1,147.50, Grossenburg Implement $16,205.43, Hawkins $3,391.92, Ingram Book Company $843.93, Iowa Information Inc $464.00, IRS $11,507.96, Johnsen Heating & Cooling LLC $812.90, Johnson Brothers $1,914.33, Kari Kingma $20.00, L.P. Gill Landfill $2,376.62, Lacey Rentals $175.00, Loren Fischer Disposal $1,703.60, MC & R Pools $2,388.92, McCormack Distributing Co., Inc $4,539.00, Mid-American Energy $4,386.06, Musson Brothers, Inc. $205,199.51, New Century Press $557.05, Olson's Ace Hardware $1,884.23, Olson's Pest Technician $135.95, Paulson Lawn Care $265.50, Performance Foods $8,087.73, Post Office $162.00, Premier Bank $25.00, Pye Barker Fire & Safety $590.48, Qualified Presort Services LLC $255.66, SD Retirement $2,439.88, Shegrud Backhoe Services LLC $7,344.00, SiteOne Landscape Supply $61.63, South Dakota Golf Association $1,468.00, South Dakota Retailer's Association $195.00, South Lincoln Rural Water $12,236.00, Southeastern Electric $3,790.20, Square Inc $148.68, SYSCO $10,469.07, Total Stop Food Store $1,004.13, VISA $1,063.08, Waterman Backhoe $4,894.91, Wellmark $3,448.10, Western Equipment Finance $993.72, Zions Bank $4,792.50, Payroll: Admin $3,472.35, Auditorium $354.25, Cemetery $735.37, Clubhouse & Event Center $15,253.46, Finance Office $3,995.06, Golf Course $5,300.50, Library $2,023.62, Park $995.55, Sewer $2,711.67, Solid Waste $812.08, Streets $4,247.49, Swimming Pool $5,442.90, Water $2,436.55. Next Finance Officer Hodgson reviewed the year to date financial report with the council. No questions at this time. K Hatle then moved and N Wieseler seconded to approve July 2026 proposed records destruction list. Motion carried. Unanimous.

Finance Officer Hodgson then reviewed the July property maintenance code enforcement report. No questions at this time.

For reminders: Union Count Fair Thurs. July 30th – Sat. Aug 1st, there will be ZERO lawn watering allowed while the water tower is out of service for maintenance and specific dates will be relayed to residents once known, finally next regular council meeting is scheduled for Monday Aug 3rd, at 6:00pm

For Clubhouse Grille N Wieseler moved and M Swanson seconded to approve hiring Teagen Mahoney as part time dishwasher at $12.24 per hour and part time cook at $14.47 per hour effective immediately. Motion carried. Unanimous. N Wieseler moved and M Swanson seconded to approve hiring Dylon Peitzman as part time cook at $14.47 per hour effective immediately. Motion carried. Unanimous.

K Hatle then moved and N Wieseler seconded to enter into executive session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1). Motion carried. Unanimous. Mayor Hodgson declared council in executive session at 7:27pm. Council was declared out of executive session at 8:14pm.

Being no further business M Swanson moved and N Wieseler seconded to adjourn Council. Motion carried. Unanimous. Mayor Hodgson declared City Council Meeting adjourned at 8:14pm.

CITY OF ALCESTER, SOUTH DAKOTA
_________/s/_______
Lisa Hodgson, Mayor

ATTEST:
__________/s/__________
David Hodgson, Finance Officer