City of Alcester
Regular Meeting Minutes
November 2nd, 2026

Mayor Lisa Hodgson opened Council at 6:01 PM.

Council members present: Nick Wieseler, Marvie Swanson, and Kirsten Tschida

Others Present: Finance Officer David Hodgson, Deputy Finance Officer Kristi Burke, Tanya Miller – Banner Associates, Jessica Meyers, and Vicki Beeler.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

K Tschida moved and N Wieseler seconded to approve the agenda with adding items 11b executive session, 11c accepting resignation, and 11d approve hiring. Motion carried. Unanimous.

No persons presented themselves for open Ward II or Ward III seats.

No persons presented themselves for public input

Banner's Monthly Engineering Report was presented next as Jessica Meyer – Porchlight wasn't present yet. Mayor Hodgson introduced Tanya Miller who reviewed their monthly engineering report. K Tschida moved and M Swanson seconded to approve pay app #3 to Musson Brothers, Inc. for work on the Sanitary Sewer Improvements Project through Oct 23rd, 2026, in the amount of ($4,267.36). This was explained that due to a Banner error on Pay App #2 Musson was overpaid so this is correcting that error. Motion carried. Unanimous. K Tschida moved and N Wieseler seconded to approve change order #3 for Sanitary Sewer Improvements Project to balance quantities contractor bid to match quantities installed on the contract for a $84,878.00 decrease in the contract price. Motion carried. Unanimous. K Tschida moved and M Swanson seconded to approve paying Banner invoice #49447 in the amount of $6,602.00 for work on the Sanitary Sewer Improvements Project through October 24th, 2026. K Tschida moved and N Wieseler seconded to approve paying Banner invoice #49446 in the amount of $10,125.47 for work on the Water Tower Recoat Project through October 24th, 2026. Initially 2 voted aye and 1 voted no. After further discussion, M Swanson realized she misunderstood the monthly report and changed her vote to aye. Motion carried. Unanimous. K Tschida moved and N Wieseler seconded to table pay app #2 to Maguire Iron for work on the Water Tower Recoat Project through October 29th, 2026, in the amount of $84,420.00 until further notice. Motion carried. Unanimous. K Tschida moved and M Swanson seconded to approve paying Banner invoice #49448 in the amount of $22,273.78 for work on the 4th Street Watermain Project through October 24th, 2026. Motion carried. Unanimous. K Tschida moved and N Wieseler seconded to approve pay app #5 to Siteworks, Inc for work on the 4th Street Watermain Project through October 24th, 2026, in the amount of $211,514.61. Motion carried. Unanimous.

For 2026 Housing Study, Mayor Hodgson went back to item 7 as Jessica Meyers had arrived. Jessica Meyers – Porchlight introduced herself to council and reviewed their housing study results. Based on their research they recommend the following for housing development in Alcester: building 16 townhomes or duplexes prioritizing affordability and senior access, establish lots for 18 single-family homes, secure tax-credit funding for 4 affordable rental units for low-income households, either as a quad-plex or as part of a larger apartment building, build 14 rental units priced at $800-$1,200 per month, build 14 rental units priced at $1,200+ per month, approach housing needs cautiously, but comprehensively, proactively address rental management within the community. After discussion, council had no further questions and thanked her and Porchlight for their work on the study.

For the Finance Office, Finance Officer Hodgson presented the 2027 Budget, no questions presented from council. K Tschida then moved and M Swanson seconded to approve the 2nd reading of the 2027 Appropriations Ordinance. Motion carried. Unanimous. K Tschida moved and N Wieseler seconded to approve the October warrants. Motion carried. Unanimous. October 2026 Warrants: Alcester Fire Dept $1,400.00, Alcester Industrial Park $1,000.00, , Alcester Quickstop $260.10, Alcester-Hudson Booster Club $300.00, Alliance Communications $661.00, Amazon Business $632.09, American Engineering Testing $1,508.00, Appeara $421.23, Badger Meter, Inc $462.80, Bluestone Landscape Co $650.00, Bomgaar's $708.07, Chesterman Co. $596.40, City of Alcester $4,519.11, City of Hawarden $150.00, Collection Services Center $401.52, D & D Small Engine Repair $45.89, Dakota Beverage $974.30, Dept of Revenue $1,571.26, Doll Distributing, LLC $1,983.20, EcoLab $108.09, Emery Windows $495.00, Frieberg, Nelson & Ask LLP $2,459.10, Gene Fuller $1,100.00, Glass Doctor $326.54, Grossenburg Implement $51.61, Ingram Book Company $471.67, Iowa Information Inc $727.36, IRS $8,715.17, Johnson Brothers $362.01, Kristi Burke $39.46, L.P. Gill Landfill $3,836.85, Lacey Rentals $175.00, Loren Fischer Disposal $1,616.73,Mid-American Energy $4,309.95, Mi-Tech Services, Inc. $839.00, New Century Press $352.33, Northern Plains Lumber $107.22, Olson's Ace Hardware $160.92, Olson's Pest Technician $135.95, Overdrive $500.00, Performance Foods $3,588.08, Pete's Hardware $253.64, Premier Bank $237.71, Pye Barker Fire & Safety $446.04, Qualified Presort Services LLC $264.02, SD Retirement $9,752.59, SD Unemployment $738.32, SiteOne Landscape Supply $1,122.09, , South Dakota One Call $136.50, South Lincoln Rural Water $10,934.20, Southeastern Electric $3,650.97, Square In $158.24, Sun Life Financial $23.01, SYSCO $9,425.01, Total Stop Food Store $815.54, Union County Register of Deeds $34.00, Union County Sheriff's Department $28,585.21, US Bank $25,781.70, , Utility Equipment Company $8,350.50, VISA $1,365.65, Wellmark $2,419.74, Western Equipment Finance $49.69. Payroll: Admin $185.74, Auditorium $251.32, Cemetery $625.41, Clubhouse & Event Center $10,680.79, Finance Office $3,792.96, Golf Course $2,995.98, Library $1,596.49, Park $708.45, Sewer $3,734.30, Solid Waste $829.01, Streets $4,120.08, Water $2,370.88. Finance Officer Hodgson reviewed the year to date financial report with council. No questions at this time. K Tschida moved and N Wieseler seconded to approve issuing Nick Braaten a city credit card with a monthly spending limit of $1,000.00. Motion carried. Unanimous.

Finance Officer Hodgson presented the October property maintenance officer's report. No questions presented at this time.

For the Clubhouse Grille N Wieseler moved and M Swanson seconded to approve hiring Jane Waterman as part time server at $8.85 per hour and part time bartender at $12.25 per hour effective immediately. Motion carried. Unanimous. K Tschida the moved and N Wieseler seconded to enter into Executive Session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) Employee Personnel. Motion carried. Unanimous. Mayor Hodgson declared council in Executive Session at 6:32pm. Council was declared out of Executive Session at 6:55pm. K Tschida then moved and N Wieseler seconded to accept the resignation of Kari Kingma as General Manager of Clubhouse Grille & Morningside Event Center effective at end of day November

16th, 2026. Motion carried. Unanimous. K Tschida then moved and N Wieseler seconded to table item 11d's motion to approve hiring until a future meeting. Motion carried. Unanimous.

For the chamber of commerce annual Christmas Tree Lighting K Tschida moved and M Swanson seconded to approve closing Main street from Broad street to Iowa street & 1 block north on Iowa from Main street to Third street on Friday December4th from 4:45pm until 8:00pm. Motion carried. Unanimous.

For reminders: fall hours of the city rubble site have started and run 11/1 through 11/30 when the site closes for the winter. Hours now are Mon & Thurs 3-5pm, Wed 2-4pm, and Sat 8-12pm. Chamber of Commerce Fall Craft fair is Sat Nov 21st 10am – 2pm at the AHHS School with a free will baked potato bar benefitting the Braxton Winquist family, City Offices will be closed Wed Nov 11th for Veterans Day and Thurs Nov 26th and Fri Nov 27th for Thanksgiving Holiday, the next Regular council meeting will be held Mon Dec 7th at 6:00pm, and the city's annual open forum will be held on Wed Jan 6th at 6:30pm at Morningside Event Center.

Being no further business, K Tschida moved and N Wieseler seconded to adjourn Council. Motion carried. Unanimous. Mayor Hodgson declared City Council Meeting adjourned at 6:59pm.

CITY OF ALCESTER, SOUTH DAKOTA
_____/s/_____
Lisa Hodgson, Mayor

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