

City of Alcester
Regular Meeting Minutes
September 8th, 2026

Mayor Lisa Hodgson opened Council at 6:01 PM.

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

Others Present: Finance Officer David Hodgson, Deputy Finance Officer Kristi Burke, Paul Kraft – Banner Associates, Normajean Chambers, and Beverly Matza

M Swanson moved and K Hatle seconded to approve the agenda. Motion carried. Unanimous

M Swanson moved and K Hatle seconded to approve the meeting minutes of Tuesday August 11th, 2026. Motion carried. Unanimous

No persons presented themselves for public input at this time.

Mayor Hodgson then introduced Beverly Matza. Beverly introduced herself and described a painting that she owns done by Ray Swanson, 1955 graduate of AHS. After background and history was given she asked the council if they city would be willing to purchase the painting to bring it back to Alcester for \$5,000. Council discussed and ultimately chose not to proceed with purchasing the painting but suggested Beverly reach out to the local newspaper in hopes that someone local may have an interest in the purchase.

Mayor Hodgson then introduced Paul Kraft – Banner Associates. He presented the monthly engineering report to council. K Hatle then moved and K Tschida seconded to approve pay application #2 to Musson Brothers, Inc. in the amount of \$622,792.35 for work completed on the Sanitary Sewer Improvements Project through August 20th, 2026. Motion carried. Unanimous. K Tschida moved and M Swanson seconded to approve paying Banner invoice #49130 in the amount of \$19,521.04 for work completed on the Sanitary Sewer Improvements Project through August 22nd, 2026. Motion carried. Unanimous. K Hatle moved and K Tschida seconded to approve paying Banner invoice #49139 in the amount of \$4,912.83 for work completed on the Water Tower Recoat Project through August 22nd, 2026. Motion carried. Unanimous. K Tschida moved and M Swanson seconded to approve paying Banner invoice #49092 in the amount of \$28,571.51 for work completed on the 4th Street Watermain Project through August 22nd, 2026. Motion carried. Unanimous. K Hatle moved and K Tschida seconded to approve pay application #3 to Siteworks in the amount of \$623,540.64 for work completed on the 4th Street Watermain Project through August 28th, 2026. Motion carried. Unanimous. K Tschida moved and M Swanson seconded to approve change order #3 for 4th Street Watermain Project. Motion carried. Unanimous. Paul Kraft then presented the preliminary designs for the SD DOT Transportation Alternatives walking path project along 6th Street. Finance Officer Hodgson will present this to the school board at their next meeting on Monday September 14th in Hudson. Plans should be finalized and to be ready for bidding this winter with plans for construction in 2027 and 2028 in 2 phases.

For the Clubhouse Grille council reviewed proposals for non-alcoholic beverage contracts from Coke and Pepsi. K Hatle then moved and K Tschida seconded to enter into Executive Session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1 & 4) Employee Personnel and Contractual Negotiations. Motion carried. Unanimous. Mayor Hodgson declared council in Executive Session at 7:00pm. Mayor Hodgson declared council out of Executive Session at 7:34pm. K Hatle moved K Tschida seconded to approve Chesterman contract with terms subject to the agreement being in a final form and manner approved by the city attorney. Motion carried. Unanimous. K Tschida then moved and K Hatle seconded to approve adding Event Administrative Assistant position to the Clubhouse Grille. Motion carried. Unanimous. K Tschida moved and M Swanson seconded to approve hiring Wanda Halverson as the Event Administrative Assistant at \$15.50 per hour effective immediately. Motion carried. Unanimous. No motion was made on item 10e.

For Finance Office Finance Officer Hodgson presented the FY2027 proposed budget. He reviewed the projected revenues and the itemized expenses with council. Several questions were answered. No changes requested to be made at this time. K Hatle then moved and N Wieseler seconded to approve the first reading of 2027 Appropriations Ordinance. Motion carried. Unanimous. K Tschida moved and N Wieseler seconded to approve the August warrants. Motion carried. Unanimous. Finance Officer Hodgson reviewed the YTD financial report with council. No questions presented at this time. K Hatle moved and N Wieseler seconded to approve the proposed records destruction list. Motion carried. Unanimous. Finance Officer Hodgson then introduced the Capital Improvement Board law that was passed by the state earlier in the year. He reviewed the concept and specifics of the board. Board make-up requirement is 1 member from the council appointed by the mayor and approved by council and 4 residents of the city with all to serve 3-year terms. The purpose of the board would be to identify capital

improvement project(s), confirm it is eligible under the new law, develop a scope and dollar target, and draft an ordinance to be presented to council. Then once the ordinance would be passed this will then go to the voters for final approval requiring at least 60% supporting it. This would then allow a temporary 1% local gross receipts tax to fund the project. This tax would be sunset at the end of the project and there would be a minimum 24 month moratorium prior to a new project to start again.

For Public Works K Tschida moved and N Wieseler seconded to approve hiring Nick Braaten as full time Assistant Superintendent of Public Works at \$28.00 per hour effective September 14th, 2026. Motion carried. Unanimous.

Finance Officer Hodgson then reviewed the September Property Maintenance Inspection Report. No questions presented at this time.

For reminders Mayor Hodgson mentions that fall clean up is being help Friday September 11th through Sunday September 20th at the rubble site, a public hearing will be held on Monday September 21st at 6:00pm regarding the transfer of Malt Beverage and SD Farm Wine license to new owners of Alcester Quickstop, next regular council meeting will be on Monday October 5th at 6:00pm, and the annual open forum will be held on Wednesday January 6th 202 at 6:30pm at the Morningside Event Center

Being no further business K Tschida moved and M Swanson seconded to adjourn Council. Motion carried. Unanimous. Mayor Hodgson declared City Council Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

CITY OF ALCESTER, SOUTH DAKOTA

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Lisa Hodgson, Mayor

ATTEST:

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David Hodgson, Finance Officer