

City of Alcester
Regular Meeting Minutes
April 6th, 2026

Mayor Lisa Hodgson opened Council at 6:00 PM.

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

Others Present: Finance Officer David Hodgson, Deputy Finance Officer Kristi Burke, Paul Kraft – Banner Associates, Cory Buttemeier, David Larsen, Deputy Jeff Christie, Jared Driesen, Gene Fuller, Tom VanRooyen, John Wegh, Kari Kingma, Lonnie Johnson

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

K Hatle moved and N Wieseler seconded to amend the agenda to add item 10a. Motion to _____ and add to item 12h. "contingent upon DANR approval" and to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried. Unanimous.

No persons presented themselves for the vacant Ward II seats

M Swanson moved and K Hatle seconded to approve meeting minutes of Monday March 2nd & Monday March 16th, 2026. Motion carried. Unanimous.

For public input K Tschida discussed the upcoming city-wide rummage-sale weekend will be May 29th – 31st with sign up at the city office as well as a rummage sale to be held at Morningside Event Center May 30th & 31st as a fundraiser for Herb Anderson Memorial Park Revitalization. Anyone wanting to donate to the fundraiser sale can reach out to Alderwoman Kirsten or the city office. K Tschida then asked for volunteers to form a committee to organize a week of celebration for America's 250th the week of June 28th through July 5th. Interested parties should reach out to Kirsten or the city office.

For legal updates Deputy Christie gave updates from the Sheriff's office regarding patrol hours and cases, job openings, and encouraged voter turnout at the upcoming election. Also he stated the Sheriff's Office will be hosting another bike rodeo on June 6th at the Elk Point School. No other legal updates at this time.

K Tschida moved and K Hatle seconded to adjourn as Council and reconvene at Planning and Zoning Commission. Motion carried. Unanimous. Mayor Hodgson declared council adjourned and P&Z Commission convened at 6:08pm. David Larsen, board member for the Villages Apartments presented their request for a 30-foot variance for the front yard setback in order to place 2 new governors homes in the grass lot at the corner of 1st Street and Church Street so the front of the homes would then be just over 30 feet off of 1st Street. This would give them enough space to place both homes in that space. After several questions from council K Hatle made a recommendation to approve the variance request. Jared Driesen from the Alcester Housing and Redevelopment Commission presented their plan for a governor's home at 304 Iowa St and a request for a 9-foot variance to the front yard setback. This would allow the new home to be placed in line with the existing homes on the block and allow for space to use the current garage on the lot for the new home. After several questions K Tschida made a recommendation to approve the variance request. K Tschida then moved and K Hatle seconded to adjourn as P&Z Commission and reconvene as Council. Motion carried. Unanimous. Mayor Hodgson declared P&Z Commission adjourned and council reconvened at 6:17pm. M Swanson then moved to approve the 30-foot variance request from Alcester Village Inc. Motion carried. Unanimous. K Tschida moved and M Swanson seconded to approve the 9-foot variance request from Alcester HRC. Motion carried. Unanimous.

Mayor Hodgson then introduced John Wegh from Waas Funeral Home. He brought forward a concern regarding the drainage in the alley next to the PD building. After discussion and input from the city engineer and public works department no decision on a resolution was made. City Engineer will put together a proposal for that area and council will readdress at the special meeting for variance request to be held on April 16th.

Jared Driesen then came back to speak to council regarding a request for assistance from the Alcester HRC. He explained the increasing costs of the governor's home program and income limits on the homes. He walked the council through the utility layout for the home and the quote for costs to run water and sewer lines to the home. Alcester HRC is asking for the council to approve covering the costs of running these utilities to the home. After discussion K Hatle moved and N Wieseler seconded to approve assistance in the amount of \$5,500 for water and sewer lines for 304 Iowa St. Motion carried. Unanimous.

For the Golf Course Lonnie Johnson then gave council an update on a water line break underneath the irrigation pump house/bathrooms on the golf course and advised council that this building will need to be included in the coming budget year planning to be replaced. Lonnie mentioned that several options are being explored but for now the bathrooms on the course will need to remain closed for public safety. Next K Tschida moved and N Wieseler seconded to hire Taten Braaten as part time groundskeeper at \$16.15 per hour effective immediately for the 2026 season. Motion carried. Unanimous. K Tschida moved and K Hatle seconded to approve hiring Emmett Manning as part time groundskeeper at \$14.15 per hour effective immediately for the 2026 season. Motion carried. Unanimous.

Mayor Hodgson then brought Paul Kraft, Banner Associates to present the monthly engineering report. After discussion N Wieseler moved to approve work order for the 6th Street SD DOT TAP Project. Motion carried. Unanimous. N Wieseler moved and M Swanson seconded to approve change order #1 – Sanitary Sewer Collection System Improvements. Motion carried. Unanimous. K Tschida moved and K Hatle seconded to approve paying banner invoice #47822 in the amount of \$5,682.25 for

work completed on the Sanitary Sewer Improvements project through March 21st, 2026. Motion carried. Unanimous. K Hatle moved and K Tschida seconded to approve paying banner invoice #47759 in the amount of \$919.00 for work completed on the Water Tower Recoat project through March 21st, 2026. Motion carried. Unanimous. K Hatle moved and N Wieseler seconded to approve change order #1 – Water Tower Recoat project. Motion carried. Unanimous. Finance Officer Hodgson then discussed the presentation about the water tower and options for new paint color to the AH Elementary School 4th Grade class. He reviewed the choices of color chosen by the class for council to consider. After discussion decision was made to table a final decision until the May meeting. Paul Kraft then reviewed again the letter of determination and potential change order deducts for the 4th St watermain project. After discussion K Hatle moved and N Wieseler seconded to award bid schedules 1, 2, and 4 to Siteworks, Inc for a total of \$2,014,492.15 with the intent of providing a construction change order to reduce the scope of Schedule 2 to allow all construction to be within budgetary constraints, contingent upon DANR approval. Motion carried. Unanimous.

For annual malt beverage license renewal N Wieseler moved and K Tschida seconded to approve the 2026-2026 malt beverage operating agreement for Alcester Municipal Golf Course. Motion carried. Unanimous. K Tschida moved and M Swanson seconded to approve the 2026-2027 Retail on-off sale license for Alcester Golf Course. Motion carried. Unanimous. K Tschida moved and K Hatle seconded to approve the 2026-2027 operating agreement for Alcester Quickstop. Motion carried. Unanimous. K Tschida moved and M Swanson seconded to approve the 2026-2027 retail on-off sale license for Alcester Quickstop. Motion carried. Unanimous.

For the Finance Office N Wieseler moved and M Swanson seconded to approve the March warrants. Motion carried. Unanimous. March warrants: AJ&D Contracting \$1,816.35, Alcester Fire Dept \$1,400.00, Alcester Industrial Park \$1,000.00, Alcester Quickstop \$128.81 Alliance Communications \$666.00, Amazon Business \$2,092.09, American Engineering Testing \$1,397.00, Appera \$470.77, Avera Occupational Medicine \$37.70, Badger Meter, Inc \$457.32, Banner Associates \$8,766.00, Banyon Data Systems \$350.00, Bomgaar's \$154.34, Boyer Machine \$18.85, C & R Supply \$363.35, Chesterman Co. \$285.17, City of Alcester \$1,993.65, Colonial Life \$716.80, Dakota Beverage \$1,017.15, Dakota Supply Group \$302.69, Dan's Drain & Duct Cleaning \$292.50, Darin Johnson Repair \$8,126.00, Deposit Correction \$0.10, Dept of Revenue \$2,260.06, Doll Distributing, LLC \$1,005.95, EcoLab \$108.09, ELO \$3,820.00, Frieberg, Nelson & Ask LLP \$1,777.50, Hair'tage Salon \$15,000.00, Ingram Library Services \$666.70, Iowa Information Inc \$289.00, IRS \$11,401.36, L.P. Gill Landfill \$2,065.18, Layne Miller \$150.00, Loren Fischer Disposal \$236.09, Lukas Driesen \$150.00, Mid-American Energy \$6,631.18, Mikayla Brooke \$150.00, Muller Auto Parts \$642.98, New Century Press \$162.22, Northern Plains Lumber \$28.12, Olson's Ace Hardware \$23.98, Olson's Pest Technician \$460.95, Performance Foods \$3,952.63, Pete's Produce \$51.93, Post Office \$273.18, Premier Bank \$30.00, Qualified Presort Services LLC \$268.16, R & R Products \$297.77, Republic National \$181.91, Restaurant Equipment Repair \$1,403.06, Samantha Ekle \$150.00, SD Municipal League \$30.00, SD Retirement \$3,621.24, SD Rural Water Ass'n \$525.00, Sioux Falls Pressure Washing \$1,056.69, Sioux Links Golf Magazine \$1,487.25, South Lincoln Rural Water \$7,300.20, Southeastern Electric \$1,899.74, Sun Life Financial \$26.43, SYSCO \$7,751.83, Top Grade Excavation \$1,701.50, Total Stop Food Store \$340.84, Uline \$63.90, USA Blue Book \$507.09, Valley Industrial Powder Coating \$150.00, VISA \$2,070.29, Waddy's Bar \$150.00, Waterman Backhoe \$3,084.19, Wellmark \$3,231.04, Zane Fickbohm \$150.00 Payroll: Admin \$3,176.84, Auditorium \$330.03, Cemetery \$283.09, Clubhouse & Event Center \$15,345.69, Finance Office \$5,965.59, Golf Course \$29.83, Library \$1,940.82, Sewer \$4,679.40, Streets \$6,044.14, Water \$3,583.59. Finance Officer Hodgson then presented the YTD financial report and council reviewed with no questions at this time.

Finance Officer Hodgson presented the March 2026 property maintenance monthly report. He updated council that the mobile home located on lot #6 in the mobile home court should be cleared by the city attorney for removal by the end of the week. No other questions at this time.

For the Municipal Park & Pool K Tschida moved and M Swanson seconded to approve the Park Revitalization Committee to purchase a golf cart from Alpha Golf Carts in the amount of \$10,000 to raffle off this summer with all proceeds going toward the park revitalization. Motion carried. Unanimous. The plan will be to sell 300 tickets at a cost of \$100 each. K Tschida then moved and N Wieseler seconded to approve hiring Logan Rodriguez as 1st year lifeguard at \$12.24 per hour for the 2026 pool season pending passing lifeguard certification. Motion carried. Unanimous.

For Clubhouse Grille & Morningside Event Center K Tschida moved and N Wieseler seconded to enter into Executive Session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) for purposes of staff interviews. Motion carried. Unanimous. Mayor Hodgson declared council in Executive Session at 7:32pm. Mayor Hodgson declared council out of Executive Session at 10:00pm. K Tschida then moved to approve hiring Kari Kingma as full-time General Manager of Clubhouse Grille & Morningside Event Center at \$21.00 per hour effective immediately. Mayor Hodgson asked for roll call vote. All council members voted aye. Motion carried. Discussion was then held on replacement of patio furniture with insurance payout from last summer's storm. Several replacement options were looked at. Council chose to continue researching options and readdress at May council meeting. K Hatle then moved and N Wieseler seconded to approve replacing 4 patio heaters destroyed in last summer's storm with like heaters from insurance payout. Motion carried. Unanimous.

For donation request Mayor Hodgson read request from Union County Fair for 2026. K Hatle moved and N Wieseler seconded to approve donating \$500.00 to Union County Fair for 2026. Motion carried. Unanimous.

For reminders: Special Council Meeting for public hearing on Variance Request – Tuesday April 14th @ 6:30PM, Alcester Lions Club Pancake feed April 18th at Alcester Fire Station 7:30-11:30 AM with proceeds donated to Herb Anderson Park Revitalization, Next Regular Council Meeting to be held on Monday May 4th, 2026 @ 6:00PM, Spring City Wide Clean up – Friday May 1st through Sunday May 10th – dumpsters @ rubble site, May 16th will be the Herb Anderson 5K fun run starting at 9:15 AM at the AHHS Track; Cost is \$25 for 13 and

older and \$10 for 6-12 years old; Proceeds to be used for Herb Anderson Park Revitalization, There will be ZERO lawn watering while the water town is out of service for improvements this summer, specific dates will be released once known

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 10:19pm.

CITY OF ALCESTER, SOUTH DAKOTA

_____/s/_____
Lisa Hodgson, Mayor

ATTEST:

_____/s/_____
David Hodgson, Finance Officer