City of Alcester
Regular Meeting Minutes
October 5th, 2026

Mayor Lisa Hodgson opened Council at 6:00 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, Tom Van Rooyen, Gunnar Johnson, and Gene Fuller.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

K Tschida moved and N Wieseler seconded to approve Public Hearing Special Meeting Minutes of Monday September 21st, 2026. Motion carried. Unanimous.

No persons presented themselves for open Ward seats at this time.

K Tschida moved and M Swanson seconded to accept the resignation of Alderwoman Kendra Hatle from Ward III effective at the end of the October 5th, 2026, meeting. Motion carried. Unanimous. Mayor Hodgson then read a thank you letter recognizing Kendra for her years of service and dedication to the council and the City.

K Tschida moved and N Wieseler seconded to approve removing Kendra Hatle as signer on all city account at Premier Bank. Motion carried. Unanimous.

K Tschida moved and K Hatle seconded to appoint Nick Wieseler as Council President. Motion carried. Unanimous.

K Tschida moved and K Hatle seconded to appoint Marvie Swanson as Council Vice-President. Motion carried. Unanimous.

Tom Van Rooyen was recognized for public input. He thanked the mayor for her recent article in the newspaper and also mentioned he would like to see the park revitalization committee meet again soon to further discuss the current progress.

No Legal Updates at this time.

K Tschida moved and K Hatle seconded to adjourn as Council and reconvene as Planning and Zoning Commission. Motion carried. Unanimous. Mayor Hodgson declared Planning and Zoning Commission convened at 6:09pm. Variance request was presented to council from Billy Tilstra for a side yard set back variance of 5' on the North of the property for purposes of building a garage. Council discussed information and map layout of the property that was presented. No questions were brought forth. K Hatle moved and K Tschida seconded to recommend approving the request. Motion carried. Unanimous. K Hatle then moved to adjourn as Planning and Zoning Commission and reconvene as City Council. Motion carried. Unanimous. Mayor Hodgson declared council reconvened at 6:12pm. K Tschida then moved and N Wieseler seconded to approve the variance request from Billy Tilstra. Motion carried. Unanimous.

Mayor Hodgson then brought forth Paul Kraft for Banner's monthly engineering report. Paul reviewed current progress of all projects at this time. K Tschida moved to approve paying Banner invoice #49243 in the amount of $10,235.86 for work completed through Sept. 19th, 2026, on the Sanitary Sewer Improvements Project. Motion carried. Unanimous. K Tschida moved and N Wieseler seconded to approve paying Banner invoice #49385 in the amount of $9,728.44 for work completed through Sept. 19th, 2026, on the Water Tower Recoat Project. Motion carried. Unanimous. K Hatle moved and M Swanson seconded to approve pay app #1 to Maguire Iron in the amount of $214,965.00 for work completed on the Water Tower Recoat Project through Sept 19th, 2026. Motion carried. Unanimous. K Hatle moved and K Tschida seconded to approve paying Banner invoice #49391 in the amount of $19,784.13 for work completed through Sept. 19th, 2026, on the 4th Street Watermain Project. Motion carried. Unanimous. K Hatle moved and K Tschida seconded to Approve pay app #4 to Siteworks in the amount of $141,729.82 for work on the 4th Street Watermain Project through September 25th, 2026. Motion carried. Unanimous. M Swanson moved and K Hatle seconded to approve change order #4 to 4th Street Watermain Improvements Project to add replacement of asphalt along the North side of 4th Street at a cost of $40,908.79. Motion carried. Unanimous.

Mayor Hodgson then introduced an Apprenticeship program opportunity for Assistant Superintendent Nick Braaten through the SD Association of Rural Water Systems. Finance Officer Hodgson explained the program and costs to the city as well as the benefits for the city and employee. Nick and Lonnie have met with the program coordinator and agree this would be a good opportunity. After discussion K Hatle moved and K Tschida seconded to approve enrolling Nick Braaten in the SDARWS Apprenticeship Program. Motion carried. Unanimous.

Finance Officer Hodgson then presented council with a proposed L.P. Gill Landfill agreement. He mentioned that the most recent agreement from 2015 with L.P. Gill had actually expired last June. Currently rates at the gate to enter L.P. Gill Landfill are running $50-$65 per ton and the proposed rate for the City for the next 60 months is $33 per ton with an annual increase of $1.50 per ton. K Hatle moved and K Tschida seconded to approve the agreement with L.P. Gill in a final form approved by the city attorney. Motion carried. Unanimous. Finance Officer Hodgson will work with the city attorney and present the final agreed upon agreement for signature.

K Tschida moved and K Hatle seconded to approve notice of application for Garbage Collection for 2027-2029. Applications will be considered and voted upon at the December 7th regular council meeting. Motion carried. Unanimous.

For the annual liquor license and operating agreement renewal K Hatle moved and K Tschida seconded to approve the 2027 retail on-sale liquor license for Alcester Golf Course. Motion carried. Unanimous. K Hatle moved and K Tschida seconded to approve 2027 Operating agreement with Alcester Golf Course. Motion carried. Unanimous. K Hatle moved and K Tschida seconded to approve the 2027 package liquor license for Total Stop Food Store. Motion carried. Unanimous. K Hatle moved and K Tschida seconded to approve 2027 Operating agreement with Total Stop Food Store. Motion carried. Unanimous. M Swanson moved and K Tschida seconded to approve 2027 package liquor license for Waddy's A-bar. Motion carried. Unanimous. M Swanson moved and K Tschida seconded to approve 2027 retail on-sale liquor license for Waddy's A-bar. Motion carried. Unanimous K Tschida moved and M Swanson seconded to approve 2027 operating agreement for Waddy's A-bar. Motion carried. Unanimous.

For the Clubhouse Grille & Morningside Event Center Mayor Hodgson introduced Gene Fuller, consultant, for an update. Gene presented council with an update on what work has been done with Kari at the clubhouse. This includes initial menu changes and pricing, building a tool to track labor against sales, building a standardized training system, and next steps going forward. Lastly, he presented council with options to consider for consultation work going forward if they would feel it necessary. No action taken at this time. K Hatle moved and K Tschida seconded to approve hiring Samantha Ekle as part time bartender at $12.25 per hour, part time cook at $14.47 per hour, and part time dishwasher at $12.25 per hour effective immediately. Motion carried. Unanimous. K Tschida moved and K Hatle seconded to approve hiring Alex Meier as part time server at $8.03 per hour and part time dishwasher at $12.25 per hour effective immediately. Motion carried. Unanimous.

For the Golf Course K Tschida moved and K Hatle seconded to approve a one-time burn permit for the creek bed at Alcester Golf Course. Motion carried. Unanimous.

For the Finance Office, Finance Officer Hodgson presented an amended 2027 Budget. He explained he had finally heard back from the State regarding the payback timing of the sewer loan for the current sewer project. He was able to get the payment numbers entered into the budget and this did require removal two planned capital purchases for the next fiscal year. With no questions presented K Hatle moved and M Swanson seconded to approve the 1st reading of the amended 2027 Appropriations Ordinance. Motion carried. Unanimous. K Tschida then moved and N Wieseler seconded to approve the September warrants. Motion carried. Unanimous. September 2026 Warrants: Alcester Fire Dept $1,400.00, Alcester Industrial Park $1,000.00, Alcester Quickstop $366.03, Alliance Communications $645.00, Allison Jensen $150.00, Amazon Business $1,206.47, American Engineering Testing $2,651.50, Appeara $517.20, Avera Occupational Medicine $69.50, Badger Meter, Inc $461.76, Banner Associates $53,005.38, Bomgaar's $10.47, Chesterman Co. $575.23, Choice Construction & Electric $745.65, Chris Larsen $60.00, City of Alcester $4,302.00, Code Enforcement Specialists, LLC $999.36, Collection Services Center $845.97, D & D Small Engine Repair $275.25, Dakota Beverage $1,491.35, Dan's Drain & Duct Cleaning $390.17, Dee Cole $135.00, Demco $209.76, Dept of Revenue $2,450.47, Doll Distributing, LLC $1,234.85, East River Genetic Services $150.00, EcoLab $108.09, Express Produce $211.23, Frieberg, Nelson & Ask LLP $1,714.84, Gloria Proia $150.00, Greg Kleinhans $150.00, Grossenburg Implement $1,938.96, Ingram Book Company $499.66, Iowa Information Inc $50.00, IRS $13,622.29, Israel Curiel $150.00, Jack Rico $150.00, Johnsen Heating & Cooling LLC $3,745.87, Johnson Brothers $700.17, Kylie Grell $150.00, L.P. Gill Landfill $2,546.05, Lacey Rentals $175.00, Linda Pearson $150.00, Loren Fischer Disposal $236.09, Madysen Thompson $150.00, Metering Technology Solutions $1,769.04, Mid-American Energy $4,128.06, Muller Auto Parts $226.97, Musson Brothers, Inc. $622,792.35, New Century Press $364.21, Olson's Ace Hardware $27.84, Olson's Pest Technician $135.95, One Office Solution $276.95, Opperman Inc. $3,784.93, Parking Lot Solutions $596.55, Patricia Huebner $75.00, Performance Foods $5,940.17, Premier Bank $30.00, Premier Insurance $525.00, Qualified Presort Services LLC $265.38, Quality Brands South Dakota $196.26, SD Public Health Lab $230.00, SD Retirement $3,049.32, Siteworks Inc., $626,090.65, South Lincoln Rural Water $11,297.60, Southeastern Electric $4,132.09, Southern Glazer's $211.79, Square Inc $158.24, Steve Hagen $150.00, Steven Ranft $150.00, Sun Life Financial $17.27, Sysco $6,171.42, Total Stop Food Store $891.15, Truesdell Oil Company $1,522.21, VISA $838.07, Waterman Backhoe $6,678.59, Wellmark $1,359.72, Western Equipment Finance $1,888.06. Payroll: Admin $3,942.65, Auditorium $448.35, Cemetery $1,192.17, Clubhouse & Event Center $19,280.48, Finance Office $5,793.90, Golf Course $5,160.32, Library $1,666.25, Park $1,185.72, Sewer $1,808.66, Solid Waste $1,893.75, Streets $6,062.73, Swimming Pool $416.62, Water $3,447.12. Finance Officer Hodgson then reviewed the monthly and year-to-date financial report with the council. No questions presented at this time. Finally, an update on the Herb Anderson Memorial Park Revitalization was given. Currently the committee has been able to raise $71,025.59 exceeding the match requirement for the grant award for the replacement of the playground equipment. Next steps will be for Hodgson and Lonnie Johnson to meet with Carter Roberts, Norman Engineering to review the current equipment in the park and what will be planned to remove and what will be planned to remain as well as review proposed location of the new playground. Once that has happened the committee will meet with Carter to begin the early planning of the playground. The state still has not presented the finalized grant paperwork to the city so work on replacing the equipment can't begin until that has been finalized with the State grant coordinator. Hodgson has reached out to her several times and has not heard an updated timeline yet. He will reach out again this week.

For reminders: next regular council meeting will be on Monday November 2nd, 2026, at 6:00pm, city offices will be closed on November 11th in observance of Veterans Day – Mayor Hodgson encouraged all to attend the Veterans Day program at the school, Annual Chamber of Commerce Christmas Tree lighting will again be held on Friday December 4th starting at 5:00pm, and the annual open forum will be held on Wednesday January 6th at 6:30pm at Morningside Event center.

K Tschida then moved and N Wieseler seconded to enter into Executive Session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) Personnel. Motion carried. Unanimous. Mayor Hodgson declared council in Executive Session at 7:19pm. Council was declared out of Executive Session at 7:40pm.

Being no further business, M Swanson moved and K Hatle seconded to adjourn Council. Motion carried. Unanimous. Mayor Hodgson declared City Council Meeting adjourned at 7:41pm.

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

ATTEST:
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David Hodgson, Finance Officer