

City of Alcester
Regular Meeting Minutes
October 6th, 2025

Mayor Lisa Hodgson opened Council at 6:00 PM.

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

Others Present: Tom VanRooyen, Dane Ekdorf & Drew Daum – ISG, Tanya Miller & Paul Kraft – Bann Associates

Pledge of Allegiance was recited

Moment of Silence was observed to recognize and honor the life and service of former Mayor Dan Haeder.

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

N Wieseler moved and M Swanson seconded to approve the meeting minutes from Monday September 8th, 2025. Motion carried. Unanimous.

K Hatle moved and N Wieseler seconded to approve the special meeting minutes from Friday September 26th, 2025. Motion carried. Unanimous.

Public Input: Tom VanRooyen gave an update on park cleanup that he undertook and what all was done. He then asked if there are any city funds available to assist with the cost as his group still has approximately \$11,000 remaining to pay. Council stated they would discuss with Finance Officer and report back at the next meeting. No further public input provided at this time.

No legal updates provided.

Tanya Miller reviewed the monthly engineering report of current projects. K Hatle moved and N Wieseler seconded to approve paying Banner invoice #46303 in the amount of \$2,398.20 for work completed on Sanitary Sewer Improvements project through September 20th, 2025. Motion carried. Unanimous. Tanya Miller then reviewed bid results for Sanitary Sewer Collection System Construction. H&W was the only bidder and the total bid was significantly over budget. Further discussion regarding history of H&W not completing projects or not starting on time. K Hatle moved and K Hedden seconded to reject the bid from H&W Contracting due to exceeding the bid amount. Motion carried. Unanimous. Tanya then presented Amendment No. 1 to reorganize the project and separate it differently than previous to attempt to get better bids. K Hatle moved and N Wieseler seconded to approve the amendment as presented. Motion carried. Unanimous. K Hatle then moved and M Swanson seconded to approve paying Banner invoice #46304 in the amount of \$4,000.00 for work completed on Alcester Water Tower project through September 20th, 2025. Motion carried. Unanimous.

General City Engineering Services proposals were reviewed and discussed. Proposals were received from Banner Associates, JSA, DGR, and ISG. After discussion council wishes to further review proposals and will table a decision until next council meeting November 10th.

2026 Operating Agreements & Annual Liquor Licenser Renewal: K Hatle moved and K Tschida seconded to approve renewal of Retail On-sale Liquor License for Alcester Municipal Golf Course. Motion Carried. Unanimous. K Hatle moved and K Tschida seconded to approve 2026 Operating Agreement for Alcester Municipal Golf Course. Motion Carried. Unanimous. K Hedden moved and N Wieseler seconded to approve renewal of Package Off-sale Liquor License for Waddy's A-bar. Motion Carried. Unanimous. K Tschida moved and M Swanson seconded to approve renewal of Retail On-sale Liquor License for Waddy's A-bar. Motion Carried. Unanimous. K Hatle moved and N Wieseler seconded to approve renewal of 2026 Operating Agreement for Waddy's A-bar. Motion Carried. Unanimous. K Tschida moved and M Swanson seconded to approve Package Off-sale Liquor License for Total Stop Food Store #476-Alcester. Motion carried. Unanimous. K Hatle moved and K Tschida seconded to approve 2026 Operating Agreement for Total Stop Food Store #476-Alcester. Motion carried. Unanimous.

For the Finance Office the 2026 Budget Appropriation Ordinance was presented again to council. Per request research was done to compare the SD Health Pool and current BCBS health insurance premiums. SD Health Pool would cost anywhere from \$150-\$400 more per month so no changes were made to Appropriation Ordinance from last months presentation. After further discussion K Hatle moved and N Wieseler seconded to approve the First reading of 2026 Budget Appropriation Ordinance. Motion carried. Unanimous. K Hatle then moved and K Tschida seconded to approve the September 2025 Warrants. Motion carried. Unanimous. Monthly financial report was reviewed with no questions at this time.

For Golf Course K Hatle moved and M Swanson seconded to approve one time burn permits for City Staff to burn 2 piles of tree rubble on the golf course. Motion carried. Unanimous. K Tschida then moved and K Hatle seconded to approve a one time burn permit for Fire Department to burn tree rubble on the NW corner of the golf course. Motion carried. Unanimous.

For Clubhouse Grille K Hedden moved and K Tschida seconded to approve hiring Tyler Smith as part time dishwasher at \$12.01 per hour effective immediately. Motion carried. Unanimous. K Hatle moved and N Wieseler seconded to approve hiring Londyn Alba as part time cook at \$14.19 per hour, part time dishwasher at \$12.01 per hour, and part time bartender at \$12.01 per hour effective immediately. Motion carried. Unanimous. K Tschida moved and M Swanson seconded to approve hiring Natlie Lacey as part time bartender at \$14.19 per hour and part time server at \$8.68 per hour effective immediately. Motion carried. Unanimous. K Hatle moved and K Hedden seconded to approve hiring Malie Kingma as part time server at \$7.87 per hour and part time dishwasher at \$12.01 per hour effective immediately. Motion carried. Unanimous.

Reminders were given regarding all school reunion 10/17-10/18 with a special farmers market at the city office from 11-1 on Saturday 10/18 with food truck Porta Pit from Dakota Fundraising present. Annual Open Forum to be held Monday November 3rd at Morningside Event Center at 6:30pm. Next city council meeting will be on Monday November 10th at 6:00pm at the city office.

K Hatle moved and N Wieseler seconded to enter into Executive Session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2-(3) Contractual Matters. Motion carried. Unanimous. Council was declared in Executive Session at 7:41pm. Council was declared out of Executive Session at 8:00pm.

K Tshida moved and M Swanson seconded to adjourn council. Motion carried. Unanimous. Council declared adjourned at 8:00pm

CITY OF ALCESTER, SOUTH DAKOTA

_____/s/_____
Lisa Hodgson, Mayor

ATTEST:

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David Hodgson, Finance Officer