

MINUTE RECORD FOR CITY OF ALMA
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
February 18, 2026

A meeting of the City Council of the City of Alma, Nebraska was held at City Hall on Wednesday, the 18th of February 2026, at 5:30 p.m.

Present was Council Members: Larry Casper, Chris Mahalek, Tom Moulton, Joel Wheeler, and Mayor Hal Haeker. Administrator Steve Ardiana, City Attorney Doug Walker, and Clerk Janet Dietz, Treasurer Toshia Butterfield, City Utilities Superintendent Russ Pfeil, Kent Fleischmann, Alma Parrot Theater Board members, Chris Mroczek, Jesus Felix, and Tammy Wells were also in attendance. Notification of this meeting and the agenda was given in advance by posting, a designated method for giving notice. Advance notice of the meeting and the agenda were given to the Mayor and all members of the City Council. All proceedings hereinafter were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public, comments are allowed for agenda items only.

Mayor Haeker advised the public of the Open Meetings Act which is posted on the east wall of the meeting room, and then proceeded to call the regular meeting of February 18, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. and the following business was transacted:

Roll call: Larry Casper-present, Chris Mahalek-present, Tom Moulton-present, and Joel Wheeler-present, and Mayor Haeker-present. Motion made by Moulton, second by Casper to determine this meeting as previously publicized, duly convened and in open session. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Moulton, Casper, Mahalek and Wheeler. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to approve the minutes of February 4th, 2026, regular council meeting. Motion made by Mahalek, second by Wheeler to approve the minutes of February 4th, 2026, regular council meeting. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Mahalek, Wheeler, Moulton, and Casper. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss the claims and invoices for February 5, 2026, through February 18, 2026, for a total of \$113,057.00. Motion made by Wheeler to accept as presented, second by Moulton to approve. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Wheeler, Moulton, Mahalek, and Casper. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss the Treasurer's report. Treasurer discussed year to date Clines, Williams, Wright, Johnson and Oldfather legal fee total is \$26,693.00, Brown Street bond interest and wire fee, \$ 181.50, swimming pool permits, \$40.00 to Nebraska Dept., of Water Energy & Environment, and Two Rivers Public Health Dept, pool permit, \$200.00, PalmShield, pool sunshade, \$ 2,096.11, NPPD, \$723.28, upgrade (2) street lights to led, \$723.28, transfer into police budget, and EV revenues. Motion by Moulton, second by Wheeler to approve as presented. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Moulton, Wheeler, Mahalek and Casper. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss Mighty Tidy lien, Motion by Wheeler, second by Moulton to approve the Mighty Tidy lien. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call votes, the following voted yes: Wheeler, Moulton, Mahalek and Casper. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Haeker opened the floor to discuss/approve, Ordinance #2-2026, MODIFYING EXISTING ZONING ORDINANCE. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALMA, NEBRASKA, ESTABLISHING PENALTIES FOR CONSTRUCTION, RELOCATION OR DEMOLITION WITHOUT A ZONING PERMIT AND FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH A CEASE AND DESIST ORDER TO CEASE CONSTRUCTION, RELOCATION, OR DEMOLITION WITHOUT A ZONING PERMIT, TO REPEAL ALL PRIOR ORDINANCES AND TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Council Member Casper introduced Ordinance Numbered #2-2026 and moved that the statutory rule requiring reading on three different days be suspended. Council member Moulton second the motion to suspend the rules and upon the motion; the following Council Members voted Yes: Casper, Moulton, Mahalek and Wheeler. The following voted No: None. The motion was adopted by three-fourths of the Council and the statutory rule was declared suspended for consideration of this ordinance. Said Ordinance is then read by title and thereafter Council Member Moulton moved for the final passage of the ordinance and said motion was seconded by Council Member Mahalek. The Mayor then stated the question, "Shall Ordinance number 2-2026 be passed and adopted?" Upon roll call vote, the following Council members voted yes: Moulton, Mahalek, Wheeler and Casper. Voting No: None. The passage of this ordinance having been concurred by a majority of all members of Council,

the Mayor declared the ordinance adopted; and the Mayor in the presence of the City Council signed and approved the ordinance, and the Clerk attested passage and approval and affixed her signature thereto and ordered to be published as provided by law. A true and complete copy of the ordinance is attached hereto and incorporated by reference.

Mayor Haeker opened the floor to discuss/approve, Ordinance #3-2026, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALMA, NEBRASKA, ESTABLISHING MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE UTILITY RATES; REPEALING ALL PRIOR ORDINANCES, OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT WITH THE ORDINANCE; AND TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Council Member Casper introduced Ordinance Numbered #3-2026 and moved that the statutory rule requiring reading on three separate days be suspended. Council member Mahalek second the motion to suspend the rules and upon the motion; the following Council Members voted yes: Casper, Mahalek, Wheeler and Moulton. The following voted No: None. The motion was adopted by three-fourths of the Council and the statutory rule was declared suspended for consideration of this ordinance. Said ordinance is read by title and thereafter Council Member Moulton moved for the final passage of the ordinance and said motion was seconded by Council Member Wheeler. The Mayor then stated the question, " Shall Ordinance number 3-2026 be passed and adopted?" upon roll call vote, the following Council members voted yes: Moulton, Wheeler, Mahalek and Casper. Voting no: None. The passage of this ordinance having been concurred by a majority of all members of Council, the Mayor declared the ordinance adopted; and the Mayor in the presence of the City Council signed and approved the ordinance , and the Clerk attested passage and approval and affixed her signature thereto and ordered to be published as provided by law. A true and complete copy of the ordinance is attached hereto and incorporated by reference. Rates will take effect at the next billing period.

Mayor Haeker advised no executive session, nothing to discuss at this time.

City Administrator brought forth, auditorium updates, electrical project completion, new lights, doors, windows are on the way, north door entrance handrail price increase, formal proposal was requested, furniture delivery scheduled for Monday, America-250 flags are ordered, and city well monitoring. Discussion was brought up about changing the next first Council meeting in March. Motion was made by Casper, second by Wheeler to move Wednesday March 4th meeting to Monday March 2nd, at 5:30. There being no further discussion upon the motion made, and upon roll call votes, the following voted yes: Casper, Wheeler, Mahalek and Moulton. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Motion made by Casper, second by Wheeler to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 pm. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Casper, Wheeler, Moulton, and Mahalek. Voting no: None. Meeting was adjourned at 6:50 pm.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Hal Haeker".

Hal Haeker, Mayor

I the undersigned Clerk hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the proceedings had and done by the Mayor and Council; that all of the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the agenda for the meeting, kept continually current and available for public inspection at the office of the Clerk; that such subjects were contained in said agenda for at least twenty-four hours prior to said meeting; that at least one copy of all reproducible material discussed at the meeting was available at the meeting for examination and copying by members of the public; that the said minutes were in written form and available for public inspection within ten working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body; that all news media requesting notification concerning meetings of said body were provided advanced notification of the time place and of said meeting and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Janet Dietz".

Janet Dietz, City Clerk.