

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

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

Present was Council Members: Larry Casper, Chris Mahalek, Tom Moulton, Joel Wheeler, and Mayor Hal Haeker. City Administrator Steve Ardana, City Attorney Doug Walker, Treasurer Tashia Butterfield, Clerk Janet Dietz, Utility Superintendent Russ Pfeil, Hoesch Library Director, Jennifer Roethke, and Angela Belware, Harlan County Journal were also present. 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 March 18, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. and the following business was transacted:

Roll call: Larry Casper-present, Chris Mahalek-present, Tom Moulton-present, Joel Wheeler-present, and Mayor Haeker-present. Motion made by Casper, second by Moulton 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: Casper, Moulton Mahalek and Wheeler. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to approve the minutes of the March 2nd, 2026, regular council meeting. Motion made by Mahalek, second by Moulton to approve the minutes of March 2nd, 2026, regular council meeting. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Mahalek, Moulton, Wheeler, and Casper. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss the claims and invoices for period March 3rd, 2026 through March 18, 2026 for a total of \$148,738.66. Motion by Moulton, second by Wheeler to approve the claims and invoices for period March 3rd, 2026 through March 18, 2026 for a total of \$148,738.66. 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 the Treasurer's report. Motion by Mahalek, second by Wheeler to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Mahalek, Wheeler, Casper, and Moulton. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss/approve new Clerk hire at Hoesch Memorial library as presented by Library Director Jennifer Roethke. Motion by Moulton to recommend Melissa Engleman by second Mahalek by to approve the new hire. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Moulton, Mahalek, Casper and Wheeler. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss/approve the Hoesch Memorial Cleaning Service Agreement as presented. Motion made by Wheeler second by Casper to approve the Cleaning Service Agreement. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Wheeler, Casper, Moulton and Mahalek. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss/approve the National Public Gas Agency and State Fire Marshall assessment fees increase. City Treasurer presented Public Gas Agency Pool 3 assessment increase of \$1,248.38 per month, and State Fire Marshall monthly assessment increase of 47.00, for a total of \$1,295.38 per month to 525 active gas meters, resulting in a proposed increase of \$2.47 minimum charge increase for March 2026. City Administrator advised a meeting with National Public Gas Agency has been set up for March 26th, at 10:30 am to get answers/ explanations on the increase. Motion made by Casper to approve the \$2.47 increase effective with March billing, second by Mahalek. There being no further discussion and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes; Casper, Mahalek, voting no, Moulton and Wheeler, with Mayor Haeker voting

yes, Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor for the Administrator's report. Administrator Ardiana brought forth Dynasty Roofing quote for \$3,216.18 RV Park restroom, using RV park funds. Motion made by Wheeler, 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. Additional updates, RV park, internet band updated, City wells are still being tested and monitored, auditorium, waiting on sound system and hand railing proposal and dining tables.

Motion by Wheeler second by Casper to adjourn the meeting at 6:11 p.m. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Wheeler, Casper, Moulton, and Mahalek. Voting no: None. Meeting was adjourned at 6:11 p.m.


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.


Janet Dietz, City Clerk

