

MINUTE RECORD FOR CITY OF ALMA
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
December 17, 2025

A meeting of the City Council of the City of Alma, Nebraska was held at City Hall on Wednesday, the 17th of December 2025, 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, City Treasurer Tashia Butterfield, City Clerk Janet Dietz and City Utility Superintendent Russ Pfeil, Kent Fleischmann, Cody Simmons, Brad Tripe, Kristi Heft, Mike Stemper, 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 on 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 December 17th, 2025, 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 Haeker opened the floor to approve the minutes of December 3rd, 2025, regular council meeting. Motion made by Moulton, second by Mahalek to approve the minutes of December 3rd, 2025, regular council meeting. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Moulton, Mahalek, Wheeler and Casper. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Haeker opened the floor to discuss the claims and invoices. Motion by Moulton, second by Wheeler to approve the claims and invoices as presented for period December 4th, 2025, through December 17th, 2025, for a total of \$109,526.55. 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 Haeker opened the floor to discuss the Treasurer's report. Councilman Wheeler brought up the Gas Dept. deficit, Treasurer Butterfield advised utility payments are made in arrears, new rates are effective in November billing. Motion by Moulton, 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: Moulton, Wheeler, Mahalek and Casper. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Haeker opened the floor to discuss auditorium purchases, City Administrator Ardiana provided the information in the packet for council, double sided outdoor sign with illumination, for \$15,900.00, refrigerator, on wheels and shelving, \$ 1,519.00, warming oven cabinet on wheels \$1,029.00, (delivery charges, of \$817.22) . Motion by Wheeler second by Casper to approve the purchases as presented. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Wheeler, Casper, Mahalek, and Moulton. Voting no: None. Motion made by Moulton, second by Mahalek to table the furniture (tables/chairs) for the seating in the auditorium. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Moulton, Mahalek, Wheeler and Casper. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Haeker opened the floor to Kent Fleischmann to present the public awareness speech to public officials, this is an ongoing yearly process to be pro-active to improve public safety.

City Administrator advised no action was taken on the replat request of Harlan County Health System replat at the Planning Commission meeting held 12.16.2025. Motion was made by Moulton, second by Mahalek to table. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote: the following voted yes: Moulton, Mahalek, Wheeler and Casper. Voting no none: Motion carried.

Mayor Haeker opened the floor for the Administrator's Report. Administrator Ardiana reported on the concrete pour at the city auditorium being ADA compliant, NPPD light pole painting taking place in Mardi 2026, Hoesch Memorial Library skylight arriving in January 2026, with installation based on weather conditions. Discussion moved to correcting Golf course parking. Cody Simmons presented several updates and plans for a new golf cart storage building.

Current parking lot space is 21, the goal is to increase parking to 118 spaces, with the removal of old Quonset, moving the putting green, Councilman Wheeler advised the First State Bank has donated \$10,000 for the putting green project, move old clubhouse to the southwest corner of golf course for storage for Jordy. Cody advised (2) people who are interested in the old Quonset, possible bidding process, City Attorney Doug Walker will look into this. Cody provided plans for a new cart shed with electricity, and drawings for correcting the parking lot issues, also

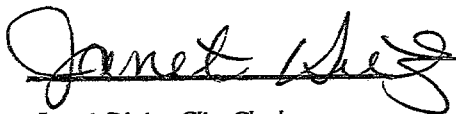
timeline issues, getting this completed before golf season, possibly in March 2026. Discussion moved to using Recreational Funds, as there will be a Legion Baseball team this year and lighting and sprinklers are needed in the ball field areas, (city could applying for grants for the ballfield lights). City Treasure requests the motion to state using recreational funds. Motion was made by Wheeler to allow up to \$117,000 of the recreational funds to improve golf cart parking, adding a new building and electrical, to use Quonset proceeds as they see fit, second by Moulton. 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.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Casper , second by Wheeler. There being no further discussion on the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Casper, Wheeler, Moulton, and Mahalek. Voting no: None. Meeting was adjourned at 6:55 pm.



Mayor Hal Hacker

I the undersigned Clerk hereby certify that the forgoing 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 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

