

MINUTE RECORD FOR CITY OF ALMA
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 4, 2026

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Alma, Nebraska was held at City Hall on Wednesday, February 4th 2026, at 5:30 p.m.

Present was Council Members: Larry Casper, Chris Mahalek, Tom Moulton, Joel Wheeler, and Mayor Hal Haeker. Absent: None. Administrator Steve Ardiana, City Treasurer Tashia Butterfield, City Clerk Janet Dietz, City Utility Superintendent Russ Pfeil, City Attorney Doug Walker, and Cody Simmons 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 was 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 posted on the east wall of the meeting room, and then proceeded to call the regular meeting of February 4, 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 Haeker opened the floor to approve the minutes of January 21st, 2026, regular council meeting. Motion made by Wheeler, second by Casper to approve the minutes of the January 21st, 2026, regular council meeting. 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 carried.

Mayor Haeker opened the floor to discuss the claims and invoices for January 22, 2026, through February 4th, 2026, for a total of \$54, 887.55. Motion made by Moulton, second by Casper to approve the claims. 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 Haeker opened the floor to discuss the Treasurer's report. Motion by Wheeler, second by Casper 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: Wheeler, Casper, Mahalek and Moulton. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Haeker opened the floor to discuss the purchase of America Flags, 250 celebration, for the Downtown City of Alma light poles, Councilman Casper would like to see flags put up during the summer months to recognize the USA-250 celebration. Motion made by Casper, second by Wheeler to approve the purchase of (6) flags for the downtown main street poles. 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. Motion carried.

Mayor Haeker opened the floor to discuss the Sanitation increase and Budget shortfall due to Holdrege landfill costs. City Treasurer brought forth proposals for Council to review. Treasurer advised the last increase was in 2020. Budget shortfall this year comes from increase in landfill fees, and insurance coverage. Discussion was held on possibly contracting out the sanitation department, and or adding additional local route areas. Council would like additional sanitation department analysis study done to study City's future options. Mayor Haeker would like the city to keep the sanitation dept for the citizens of Alma. Motion made by Casper, second by Wheeler to approve the seventeen percent increase in the next billing cycle and proceed with a study of options for the future of City sanitation. 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. Motion carried.

Mayor Haeker opened the floor to discuss proposed new Ordinance 2026-2

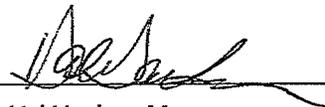
ORDINANCE NO. 2026-2

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALMA, NEBRASKA, ESTABLISHING PENALTIES FOR CONSTRUCTION, RELOCATION OR DEMOLITION WITHOUT A BUILDING PERMIT AND FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH A CEASE AND DESIST ORDER TO CEASE CONSTRUCTION, RELOCATION OR DEMOLITION WITHOUT A ZONING PERMIT TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES OF PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT WITH THIS ORDINANCE; AND TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

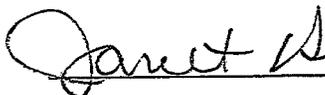
Council reviewed the proposed zoning modification. Ordinance No. 2026-2. Discussion was held on the language in the ordinance. Council wished to have clarification and brought back at the next meeting. Motion made by Moulton, second by Mahalek to table modifying Zoning Ordinance No. 2026-2. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call votes, the following voted yes: Moulton, Mahalek, Wheeler and Casper. Voting no. None: Motion carried.

Mayor Haeker opened the floor to discuss the need for a handrail at the City Auditorium, Event Center on the north entrance. City Administrator discussed adding a handrail on the complete length of the ramp. Councilmen Wheeler, Casper, Mahalek and Moulton agreed. Motion made by Casper, second by Moulton to proceed with the handrail, to contract with Alma FFA to build and install the handrail, the complete length of the ramp. There being no further discussion on the motion made and upon roll call votes, the following voted yes: Casper, Moulton, Mahalek and Wheeler. Voting no. None. Motion carried.

Mayor Haeker called for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Moulton, second by Casper. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call votes the following voted yes: Moulton, Casper, Wheeler, and Mahalek. Voting no. None. Meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.


Hal Haeker, Mayor

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 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

