

**MINUTE RECORD FOR CITY OF ALMA**  
**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING, January 7th, 2026.**

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Alma, Nebraska was held at City Hall on Wednesday, January 7th, 2026, at 5:30 p.m.

Present was Council Members: Larry Casper, Chris Mahalek, Tom Moulton, Joel Wheeler, and Mayor Hal Haeker. Absent: None. City Administrator Steve Ardiana, City Clerk Janet Dietz, Treasurer Tashia Butterfield, City Attorney Doug Walker, and City Utility Superintendent Russ Pfeil 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. City Administrator arrived at 6:00 pm.

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 January 7th, 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 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 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025, council meeting. Motion by Moulton, second by Wheeler to approve the regular minutes of December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025, council meeting. 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 claims and invoices for December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025, through January 7, 2026, for a total of \$166,077.45. Motion made by Moulton, second by Mahalek to approve the claims. 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 Haeker opened the floor to discuss and or approve the Treasurer's report. Treasure provided updated CD balances, unpaid utility balances, fiscal year projections with the gas sales, water sales. Motion by Moulton, second by Mahalek 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, Mahalek, Casper, and Wheeler. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

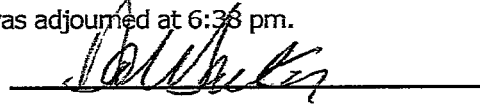
Mayor opened the floor to discuss and or approve EV Station Camera Installation proposal for \$3,834.50, as presented by City Administrator and Treasurer, proposal is for (2) cameras, funding would be provided by the NPPD lease payments. Motion by Moulton, second by Wheeler to approve the purchase of (2) cameras, to create a separate Enterprise fund for the EV Station. 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 and or approve the proposal for Flashing Speed limit signs (that has been resubmitted to the State of Nebraska) as presented by City Administrator. Discussion was held on placement, (2) on 183 highway, (north and south) also 136 north side of Cumberland Street as traffic enters Alma. Approximate cost could be as high as \$7,000.00 apiece. Additional concerns voiced were speed limit north of Alma, turning lane near the Dollar General entrance. The administrator advised the (3) signs were budgeted for this year. Council would like to apply for a traffic study from NDOT, possible turning lanes at Dollar General.

Mayor opened the floor to move into executive session to discuss pending litigation. Motion made was made by Casper second by Wheeler to move into executive session to discuss pending litigation at 6:27 pm. 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. ( Mayor Haeker, City Administrator

Ardiana and Councilmembers, Moulton, Mahalek, Wheeler and Casper remained). Counsel resumed to regular session at 6:37 pm with a motion made by Casper, second by Wheeler. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes, Casper, Wheeler, Mahalek and Moulton. Voting no: none. No action was taken.

Mayor Haeker asked for a motion to adjourn, motion made by Moulton, second by Casper to adjourn at 6:38 pm. There being no further discussion upon the motion made the following voted yes: Moulton, Casper, Wheeler, and Mahalek. Voting no: None. Meeting was adjourned at 6:38 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

