

MINUTE RECORD FOR CITY OF ALMA  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
September 3, 2025.

A meeting of the City Council of the City of Alma, Nebraska was held at City Hall on Monday, the 3rd of September 2025, at 5:30 p.m.

Present were Council Members: Larry Casper, Tom Moulton, Chris Mahalek, Joel Wheeler, and Mayor Hal Haeker. Absent: none. Administrator Steve Ardiana, City Clerk Janet Dietz, City Treasurer Tashia Butterfield, City Utility Superintendent Russ Pfeil, Cody Simmons, and Donna Bose 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.

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 September 3rd, 2025, at 6:10 p.m. and the following business was transacted:

Mayor opened the floor to approve the regular council minutes of August 18th, 2025, meeting. Motion made by Moulton, second by Wheeler to approve the minutes of August 18, 2025, regular 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 opened the floor to discuss the claims and invoices. Motion by Moulton, second by Wheeler to approve the claims and invoices from August 19, 2025, through September 03, 2025, for a total of \$111,864.38. 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 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, Wheeler and Casper. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss the Commemorative Benches to be placed at the pool and ballfields, paid for by donations, ( three families are interested). City Administrator brought forth (2) options for review. Option (1) is bench is approximately \$ 1,450.00 per bench made with recyclable materials warranty and plaque for names. Option (2) is similar to the updated picnic tables in the park, standard 6 feet size to seat (3) adults, with plaque for names. ( discussion was on placement of full concrete pads laid by city crew for additional fees paid by the donator). Also, Ardiana had reviewed benches at the State Fair. Ardiana asked for the council recommendations. Moulton preferred option #2, color red to match the new picnic tables, Wheeler also agreed, as ACAP and Chamber plan to donate additional tables to match. Placement was discussed, location near the swimming pool, and under the donated awning, possibly (1) bench inside the pool area. Motion by Casper, second by Wheeler to proceed with option #2 red commemorative benches. 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. Motion carried. Casper brought up for discussion, the city will provide available locations for families to choose from. Motion was made by Casper, second by Wheeler, in reference to placement of commemorative benches, city will provide available placement options for the families to choose from, allowing donors input. 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. Motion carried.


Mayor Haeker brought forth. Resolution No. 11-2025, Setting the Final Property Tax Request for 2025-2026 fiscal year. Property tax rate will be .304119, same as last year. Motion made by Moulton, second by Casper approve the final tax levy. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Moulton, Casper, Mahalek and Wheeler. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss cleaning specifications . City Administrator brought forth detailed specifications for bidding requirements, for the City Office, Johnson Center, and Airport. ( removing the

baseball restrooms in the contract) (An amendment to add the Auditorium could be made at a later time once the Auditorium is complete). Councilman Mahalek interjected the difficulties with the Corp of Engineers have getting contractors to clean, having a (3) year contract, allowing 2nd or 3<sup>rd</sup> year removal if expectations are not met. Discussion was had on advertising and posting in town. Motion by Moulton second by Wheeler to suspend until September 17th 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 for the administrator's report. Administrator Ardiana informed the council of the updated progress at the auditorium, electric water heaters, HVP4 NPPD pole setting, ADA parking, hopefully completion date of December 2025. EV charging station, NPPD work is complete, access ramp needs poured.

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

  
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

