

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

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Alma, Nebraska was held at City Hall on Wednesday, September 17, 2025, at 5:30 p.m.

Present were Council Members: Larry Casper, Chris Mahalek, Tom Moulton, and Mayor Hal Haeker. Absent: Joel Wheeler. City Clerk Janet Dietz, City Treasurer Tashia Butterfield, City Attorney Doug Walker, City Superintendent Russell Pfeil, Cody Simmons, Leroy, 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 17, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. and the following business was transacted:

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

Mayor Haeker opened the floor to approve the regular minutes of the September 3rd, council meeting. Motion by Moulton, second by Casper, to approve the regular minutes of the September 3rd, 2025, council meeting. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Moulton, Casper, and Mahalek. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Haeker opened the floor to discuss the claims and invoices for September 4, 2025, through September 17, 2025, for \$221,959.90. 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, and Mahlek. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Haeker opened the floor to discuss and or approve the Treasurer's report. Motion by Moulton second by Mahlek, 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, Mahlek, and Casper. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Haeker opened the floor to approve the Budget Hearing and Tax Request Hearing minutes. Motion made by Casper, second by Moulton, to approve the Budget Hearing and Tax Request Hearing minutes from September 3rd, 2025. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Casper, Moulton, and Mahalek. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Haeker opened the floor to discuss the Special Designated Liquor License application from the Bait Box for wedding reception at the Johnson Center October 11, 2025. Motion made by Moulton, second by Casper to approve. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Moulton, Casper, and Mahlek. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Haeker opened the floor to discuss the Special Designated Liquor License application from Fisherman's Corner for a tailgate to be held October 18, 2025. Motion made by Mahlek, second by Casper to approve. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Mahalek, Casper and Moulton. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Haeker opened the floor to discuss the Resolution 2025-#12, and the Interlocal Law Enforcement with Harlan County. Sheriff Langley was present for discussion. Current contract was approved in 2001. Sheriff Langley would like to provide good law enforcement, add additional deputies, handle city calls, ordinance, parking, violations, and upholding statutes. (Discussion held to remove

paragraph four in the Harlan County-City of Alma-Interlocal Law Enforcement Agreement,) Motion made by Moulton, second by Mahalek to sign Resolution 2025-12, (the Harlan County- City of Alma interlocal agreement contingent to paragraph four being removed and brought back for signage). There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll vote, the following voted yes: Moulton, Mahalek and Casper. Voting no: none. Motion carried.

Mayor Haeker brought forth discussion to consider taking bids for the cleaning contract for the Johnson Center, City Office, and City Airport. City Administrator brought forth the specifications on September 3rd council meeting, contract would be for (3) years, reviewed each year, contract is up end of September ,2025. Motion made by Mahalek, second by Moulton to approve the specifications, and put out for bid. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Mahalek, Moulton and Casper. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Haeker brought forth the discussion to approve Ordinance 2025-#4 Salaries for fiscal year 20252025.

Council Member Casper introduced **ORDINANCE 2025-04 Establish Salaries for Fiscal Year 2025-2026** and moved that the statutory rule requiring reading on three different dates be suspended. Council Member Moulton seconded the motion that the statutory rule requiring three different dates be suspended. A roll call vote was then taken on the motion; the following Council Members voted yes: Casper, Moulton, and Mahalek. The following voted no: None. The motion to suspend the rules was adopted by three-fourths of the Council and the statutory rule was declared suspended for consideration of these ordinances. These ordinances were then read by title and thereafter Council Member Moulton moved for final passage of these ordinances and said motion was seconded by Council Member Casper. The mayor then asked the questions, "Shall **Ordinance Number 2025-04 be passed and adopted?**" Upon roll call vote, the following Council members voted yes: Moulton, Mahalek and Casper. Voting no: None. The passage and adoption of these ordinances having been concurred in by a majority of all members of the Council, the Mayor declared the ordinances adopted; and the mayor in the presence of the City Council signed and approved the ordinances, and the City Clerk attested the passage and approval of the ordinances and affixed her signature thereto and ordered the ordinances to be published as provided by law.

Mayor Haeker opened floor to discuss the Annual Appropriation Bill, (Budget) for Fiscal Year 20252026. Motion made by Moulton, second by Casper to approve. There being no further discussion upon the motion made , the following voted yes: Moulton, Casper, and Mahalek. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Haeker opened the floor to discuss crosswalk painting on Fifth Street, Division, John, and Jewell Streets. City Administrator had been contacted by the public with concerns of the high volume of traffic and school children crossing, and parking in the parking lots. Motion made by Moulton second by Mahalek to approve. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Moulton, Mahalek, and Casper. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

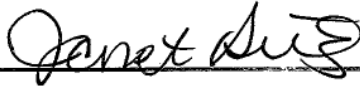
Mayor Haeker opened the floor to discuss the annual audit-terms of Engagement for fiscal year ending 2025, Michael Hoback, AMGL,PC. Motion made by Casper, second by Mahalek to approve. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Casper, Mahalek, and Moulton. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

City Administrator brought forth the repairs for the Hoesch Library Skylight, (waiting on delivery) concrete, curbing at the auditorium, EV station , painting the Parrot Theater, and City pool, sewer lift station specs/bids. Councilman Moulton was approached about pickleball court, (s) and placement.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Casper, second by Moulton. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Casper, Moulton, and Mahalek. Voting no: None. The meeting was adjourned at 7: 00 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

