

ALTURA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
March 14, 2023,

- Call to Order Mayor, John Mask called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Brad Brouwer, Kathie Burns, Paige Ellinghuysen, and Yvonne Ruhoff were present. Joan Jensen, Jess Romaine, Dan Horvat, Dave Schwantz, Matt Mohs, Matt Neumann, and Josh Elsing were present.
- Pledge of Allegiance.
- Monthly Minutes Yvonne Ruhoff made a motion to accept the last month's minutes. Paige Ellinghuysen seconded. Motion carried.
- Monthly Disbursements/Receipts Kathie Burns made a motion to accept the City and Fire disbursements and receipts. Brad Brouwer seconded. Motion carried.
- Planning Commission There was no report.
- Maintenance Report The Maintenance Report was given by Dan. Eric Hilke has not paid for his half of the water meter upgrade. This will be put on his taxes. The aerator that was ordered last year, is here.
- Fire Department Dan Horvat, Chief, reported the turn out gear will be ordered soon. 12 sets for \$50000. A FEMA grant has been submitted for the gear. Marvin Kreidermacher will retire on 7/1/23 with 43.5 years of service.
- Ambulance Department Jess Romaine, Director, reported there were 8 calls this month. The life pack had the cuffs replaced, but is not working properly. They applied for a grant for a new one but it was denied. The Ambulance has been taken to Precision Service and Repair in Lewiston, they will order parts and work on repairs when parts are in, so it will be taken out of service only for the day.
- Treasury Report The Treasurer's Report was given by the Treasurer. Kathie Burns made a motion to approve. Yvonne Ruhoff seconded. Motion carried.
- Old Business  
Memorial Committee
- Joan Jensen reported the dedication will be on June 10 at 10 a.m. Kathy Berry was making a few changes to the flag. John will take it to the graphic design team to make the template. Joel Hennessy said the cost would be about \$200 and take 3 weeks. Table/chairs have been reserved, but still working on a tent. The boy scouts will help with parking. The Legion will notify area groups to participate. The pavilion bathroom quote is about \$30000. John Mask took a pole of the council to see if a bathroom should be built. Vote 2 yes, Brad Brouwer and Yvonne Ruhoff; 2 no, Paige Ellinghuysen and Kathie Burns. John will look into this further.
- Altura Hometown Fest
- The Clerk and Paige Ellinghuysen gave the Council an update of what the Committee has been working on and events that are proposed.
- Bolton and Menk
- Matt Mohs, gave the Council an update on projects they have been working on. The Memorial Park Easement has been completed and will be sent on the Flaherty and Hood. The Water/Sewer Ordinance will be presented to the Council next meeting. The Water/Sewer infrastructure plan was reviewed. To qualify for Rural Development funding, the current water/sewer rates would have to be increased considerably to be eligible and completed and submitted by October 1. It makes more sense to come up with future plan in stages.

New Business

Vehicle parked on sidewalk

A letter will be sent to the resident that is consistently parking on the sidewalk.

Utility Billing program

The current utility billing program company was sold. The new company has notified the City that there will be changes in the program. The Clerk will keep the Council informed.

Digital Speed Signs

The Council asked the Clerk to check on digital speed signs.

Walch properties

It was brought to the Council's attention that the tenant living at 16 2<sup>nd</sup> Street SE is throwing the trash in the recycling bin. There was also discussion on the Conditional Use Permit from last month as to who enforces the CUP. WSE, our building inspectors have been given the information and are aware that they need to check the property for legal building codes.

Cement Bunker

Dan was asked to update the Council in around July of cost to cover the bunker. There is \$5000 earmarked for that project.

Wage Adjustments

The Council will discuss in a closed session.

Adjourn

Brad Brouwer made a motion to adjourn at 7:35 p.m. Yvonne Ruhoff seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted:

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Sandra Pasche  
City Clerk

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John Mask  
Mayor