

ALTURA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
June 13, 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, Becky Kreidermacher, Matt Mohs, Dan Horvat, Jessica Romine, Brad Romine, Bill Spitzer, Steve Jacob, Charlie Heinz and Guy Heinz were present.
- Pledge of Allegiance.
- Monthly Minutes Kathie Burns made a motion to accept the last month's minutes. Yvonne Ruhoff seconded. Motion carried.
- Monthly Disbursements/Receipts Brad Brouwer made a motion to accept the City and Fire receipts and disbursements with the addition of RP Electric. Paige Ellinghuysen seconded. Motion carried.
- Maintenance Report The Maintenance Report was given by Dan. Generator for the well house is here. S & S Heating and Cooling will be doing the install. The invoice will be turned in for the grant reimbursement. There are sewer line breaks on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street NE causing the road to sink. Dan suggested lining the existing sewer line for about \$18000 for 260 feet vs replacing the line for \$30000 for 20 feet.
- Fire Department Dan Horvat, Chief, reported they received \$4500 from the pork chop dinner. They have applied for the MN Energy grant for \$2000 for ropes and carabiners. They will be changing from Active 911 to I am Responding program this year for their radios.
- Ambulance Department Jessica Romine reported they had 12 calls this past month. Jess is getting a list of the parts that are at Precision Auto Repair. Ambulance members are going to do what repairs they can. Precision Auto Repair is having a hard time locating some parts. St Charles is having an EMT class in September.
- Treasury Report The Treasurer's Report was given by the Clerk. Yvonne Ruhoff made a motion to approve. Brad Brouwer seconded. Motion carried.
- Old Business
- School purchase John Mask and Yvonne Ruhoff attended the 6<sup>th</sup> grade graduation and the key was handed over to the City. The City will have an open forum to get input from the community to see what would serve the community best. Jim and Renee Christie would like to create a pickle ball court. They can this year, not sure what the plans will be for next year.
- Memorial Park In preparation for the dedication on 6/24, the 20 x 40 tent will be delivered along with 40 chairs. They will need 20 more chairs. There will be a donation box. Wasn't Me will have a food truck. Culligan is donating 10 cases of water. They will work on transportation to the site for attendees for the dedication.
- Altura Hometown Fest The silent auction had 56 baskets and made \$2250. They have the car show, softball tournament, band, face painting and bounce house. A note will put in newsletter so residents will be prepared for the outside band.
- Bolten Menk The lead service line requirement from the MN Dept of Health grant application has been submitted to try to get on the list for the grant money. Yvonne Ruhoff made a motion for Bolten and Menk to make an application for the grant for inventory of the city needs, the city will have no out-of-pocket expense. Brad Brouwer seconded. Motion carried.

Utility Billing Program

The clerk presented some estimates for utility billing program. More will be presented next month.

New Business

Winona Cty Commissioner Candidate

Bill Spitzer was present to introduce himself to the community as he is running for the open Winona County Commissioner position. He wants to serve the community, preserve family farms, natural resources, keep taxes affordable and provide essential services and will be dedicated to the position full time.

SEMLM Meeting 6/29

The meeting will be held in Wabasha if anyone can attend.

MN House of Rep Steve Jacob

Steve Jacob presented to the Council with updates of what bills have passed. There was a 19 billion dollar surplus and that is all spent plus the budget went from 52 billion dollars to 72 billion dollars. He also brought up the information of the proposed National Park set for our area and the impact that would have on area communities. A town hall meeting is to be held on 6/15 in Kellogg.

Eagle Scout Project

Charlie Heinz asked the Council for a donation to put toward the cost of the retired flag boxes that will be at the Memorial Park for his Eagle Project. The cost is \$1800. Yvonne Ruhoff made a motion to donate \$600. Paige Ellinghuysen seconded. Motion carried.

Website

The Clerk is looking into options to update the website. She will report back in July.

Speed Limit Sign

Discussion was held on whether to look further into the cost of Purchasing solar speed limit signs to try to slow down traffic. The Council would like to see the speed limit signs moved out further hoping that would slow traffic down.

Parking in driveways

There was a complaint that vehicles are blocking resident's driveways when the Altura Youth Sports' games are played at the school field. Hopefully word of mouth will take care of the problem.

Adjourn

Yvonne Ruhoff made a motion to adjourn at 8:24 p.m. Brad Brouwer seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted:

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Sandra Pasche  
City Clerk

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John Mask  
**Mayor**