

ALTURA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
October 10, 2023

- Call to Order Acting Mayor, Brad Brouwer called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Kathie Burns, Paige Ellinghuysen, and Yvonne Ruhoff were present. John Mask was absent. Joan Jensen, Kathy Berry, David Nelson, Eric Hilke, Everett Kreidermacher, Michelle Herber, Scott Herber, Ross Herber, Dan Horvat, Dave Schwantz, Don Dvorak, Mike Kreidermacher, and Seth Hilke 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 Kathie Burns made a motion to accept the City and Fire receipts and disbursements. Yvonne Ruhoff seconded. Motion carried.
- Maintenance Report The Maintenance Report was given by Dan. Yvonne Ruhoff made a motion to accept Dan's recommendation for the water softener grant rebates that will be available to the City residents to pay the rebate to the homeowner up front to help the residents with the cost of replacement vs waiting 30-60 days for the reimbursement. Kathie Burns seconded. Motion carried. This will be advertised to residents when available. The City's grant limit is \$37000. Dan was asked about the dip in 2nd street and he believes it's from a pipe that will be lined soon. He does not believe it is a sink hole.
- Planning Commission The Commission did not meet.
- Fire Department Dan Horvat, Chief, reported the service will receive a \$4000 grant from Compeer Financial for ropes and rescue equipment. Yvonne Ruhoff made a motion to pay \$5177.96 to San Joaquin for the equipment from the equipment fund. Paige Ellinghuysen seconded. Motion carried. They are still waiting to hear on the other 3 grants, not looking good. The turn out gear will be ordered in 2023 and received in 2024. Marvin Kreidermacher retired 2 months ago but has come back as a daytime fire fighter. Altura will assist Lewiston Fire for the fire prevention week activities.
- Ambulance Department Dan asked the council their input on last night's town ambulance meeting. They responded there was good attendance and great discussion. There were 25 people logged in to listen on Facebook as well. It was suggested that if there were volunteers on call here that needed ride-along hours to get their required hours they could assist area services as well to obtain their hours.
- Treasury Report The Treasurer's Report was given by the Treasurer. Yvonne Ruhoff made a motion to approve. Paige Ellinghuysen seconded. Motion carried.
- Old Business
- Veterans Memorial Joan Jensen reported that there are forms for people wanting to purchase pavers or bricks. The cement sidewalk will be poured next year. There will be a 2024 raffle needed to raise funds. Details are yet to be determined.
- Chicken Ordinance Kathy Berry asked the Council to consider changes in the ordinance. She emailed the information to Paige Ellinghuysen and John Mask. She was asked to forward to the clerk to share with the council. She also obtained a letter from Rory Ellsworth, Winona County 4-H. After much discussion it was recommended this will be discussed at the next meeting.
- New Business There was no new business.
- Adjourn Yvonne Ruhoff made a motion to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. Kathie Burns seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted:

Sandra Pasche

John Mask

City Clerk

Mayor