

ALTURA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
March 12, 2024

- Call to Order Mayor, John Mask, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Brad Brouwer, Kathie Burns, Paige Ellinghuysen, and Mark Swenson were present. Michelle Herber, Dan Horvat, Dave Schwantz, Eric Miller, Mitch Walch, Marlene Spencer, Jessica Romine, Brad Romine and Joan Jensen were present.
- Pledge of Allegiance.
Monthly Minutes Kathie Burns made a motion to accept last month's minutes. Brad Brouwer seconded. Motion carried.
- Monthly Disbursements/Receipts Brad Brouwer made a motion to accept the receipts and disbursements. Paige Ellinghuysen seconded. Motion carried.
- Planning Commission The Commission reviewed the chicken application and needed more information so letters were sent to the applicants. The Clerk will put advertise for a member in the newsletter.
- Maintenance Report The Maintenance Report was given by Dan.
- Fire Department Dan Horvat, Chief, reported a new member has passed the firefighter I and II class. The grant for SBGA's has been submitted. The cost for grant writing will be split between St. Charles, Wilson, and Altura. Paige Ellinghuysen made a motion to transfer 75% of the Relief's donation to the Fire Equipment Fund. Mark Swenson seconded. Motion carried.
- Ambulance Department Jessica Romine reported 1 person that committed to the EMR class I has not been attending. She will be billed for the class if she does not complete it. The next ambulance repairs will be the tires. A quote will be obtained from Jim's Truck and Trailer.
- Treasury Report The Treasurer's Report was given by the Treasurer. Brad Brouwer made a motion to approve. Mark Swenson seconded. Motion carried.
- Old Business
Water/Sewer Ordinance John Mask reported he met with the farmers that were directly involved, they have been sent official letters to connect to the City water line, cap their personal well, they could obtain equipment to remove the flouride or they must disconnect from main at the cost of the owner. They have 90 days, May 1 to complete. Michelle Herber asked for specifics as to how to disconnect. Dan mention that he and the contractor will be present and the valve will be removed and band applied.
- Memorial Park Donors are submitting their requests for pavers. There are 60 names to be added to the wall. The electricity should be hooked up to the pavilion soon. Landscapers will be contacted. There will be a Memorial Day celebration.
- New Business
Port- a-pottys LRS presented a quote of \$220/month, B & S Rentals was \$320/month. Brad Brouwer made a motion to go with LRS. Kathie Burns seconded. Motion carried.
- Batting Cage Dan Horvat reported the cost of a new batting cage ranged from 6500-8000. He has \$2600 in donations and will be asking for more. Brad Brouwer made a motion to donate \$3500. Mark Swenson seconded. Motion carried.

Mitch Walch 119 1st Street NE

Mitch Walch addressed the Council regarding his property now that he's trying to sell. His conditional use permit for the property was approved provided he provide cement/blacktop parking on the north side of the building. He poured cement in front of the building with the intentions of using it as parking which was specifically noted that this is not permitted. He said he would dump gravel on the side of the building for parking, however the council advised him that gravel was not acceptable and it needed to be cement/blacktop. He wanted the City to grant him a variance for the gravel and the Council was not going to approve any variance as it was discussed previously with the permit and was not followed through as approved. He also owes the City for the voided permit charge which was invoiced to him in November 2023 which is still outstanding. Mitch questioned why the permit was voided.

Wage Adjustments/Recess

Paige Ellinghuysen made a motion to recess for a closed session to discuss wage adjustments. Kathie Burns seconded. Motion carried.

Wage Adjustments

Brad Brouwer motioned to accept the wage adjustments as discussed; Kathie Burns seconded. Motion carried.

Adjourn

Paige Ellinghuysen motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mark Swenson seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted:

Sandra Pasche
City Clerk

John Mask
Mayor