

ALTURA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
July 9, 2024

- Oath of Office Mike Olson took the Oath of Office.
- Call to Order Mayor, John Mask, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Brad Brouwer, Paige Ellinghuysen, and Mike Olson were present. Mark Swenson arrived at 6:40. Michelle Herber, Kathy Berry, Dan Horvat, Matt Neumann, Matt Mohs, Sheila Harms, and David Schwantz were in attendance.
- Pledge of Allegiance.
- Monthly Minutes Brad Brouwer made a motion to accept last month's minutes. Paige Ellinghuysen seconded. Motion carried.
- Monthly Disbursements/Receipts Brad Brouwer made a motion to accept the receipts and disbursements. Mike Olson seconded. Motion carried.
- Planning Commission There was no report.
- Maintenance Report The Maintenance Report was given by Dan. Brad Brouwer made a motion to purchase a new water meter to replace the faulty one. Mike Olson seconded. Motion carried. Paige Ellinghuysen made a motion to sell the second lawn mower and purchase a UTV for the same or less amount. Mike Olson seconded. Motion carried.
- Fire Department Dan Horvat, Chief, reported there was nothing for this month.
- Ambulance Department Jess Romine had sent Gabriella Kreidermacher's cost for her EMT Class of \$1560. Brad Brouwer made a motion to reimburse her for the total amount of the class as she has volunteered for our service. Mark Swenson seconded. Motion carried.
- Treasury Report The Treasurer's Report was given by the Treasurer. Brad Brouwer made a motion to approve. Mike Olson seconded. Motion carried.
- Old Business
Infrastructure
Matt Mohs reported that Dan has been instrumental in helping with the lead service project and 1st Street Project. There is a list of 78 households that have not completed the service line survey. Personnel will be going door to door on July 17 & 18 to try to complete. July 15 the first grant information will be submitted. August 15 is the deadline for all the data and the grant will expire August 30. In August, the first neighborhood meetings will be held regarding the First Street reconstruction. A formal plan will be presented to the Council soon. This project will start around May 2025 and continue all summer. This will cause an inconvenience to the residents. Matt mentioned that they will try to address everything to help out everyone as best they can.
- New Business
Well #1 sealing
Sheila Harms from Winona County Water Planning was in attendance for a signature on the grant contract for sealing well #1.
2024/2025 Liquor License
Mike Olson made a motion to approve Pooters and Beavers Brew Pub Liquor Licenses for 2024/2025. Mark Swenson seconded. Motion carried.

- Farmers Market
Kathy Berry has 25 people interested in having a Farmers Market in town. It would be truck and treat style, where the vendors would not have to put up a tent, could sell out of a vehicle. Suggesting it would be Saturday morning at the intermediate school parking lot. The Council agreed that there needs to be someone that would take ownership of the project and suggest that it be in the parking lot on Main Street. Kathy will report to the Clerk of the official plan.
- Hometown Fest
Paige Ellinghuysen, Chair, reported the Hometown fest will be September 21. The committee would like to have a parade and car show and ask the council about closing roads. The car show organizer would like to have burnouts. They committee is also exploring having bingo that day.
- Approval of Election Judges
Brad Brouwer made a motion to approve the election judges. Mike Olson seconded. Motion carried.
- Gambling exemption
The Rollingstone Snowbankers asked for a no waiting period gambling exemption for their raffle on 10/26/24 at Pooters. Mike Olson motioned to approved. Mark Swenson seconded. Motion carried.
- SELMC Meeting 7/30
The SELMC Meeting will be held in Lewiston on 7/30 if anyone wants to attend.
- Liquor License
Jodi Wiza asked questions of the Council via phone. Her liquor license expires 7/31/24 and she will not be renewing it. The property is being listed for sale. She has some events scheduled through the end of the year bill will use her catering license and service outside her building. The Council asked her to send a copy of the catering license along with proof of insurance to the City.
- Adjourn
Brad Brouwer made a motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 p.m. Paige Ellinghuysen seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted:

Sandra Pasche
City Clerk

John Mask
Mayor