

ALTURA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
February 11, 2025

- Call to Order Mayor, Robert Schell, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Brad Brouwer, Paige Ellinghuysen, and Andy VanLoon were present. Mike Olson was absent. Michelle Herber, Brad Romine, Dave Schwantz, Joan Jensen, Steve Lueck, Jessica Romine, and Matt Mohs.
- Pledge of Allegiance.
- Monthly Minutes Brad Brouwer made a motion to accept the previous month's minutes. Andy VanLoon seconded. Motion carried.
- Monthly Disbursements/Receipts Brad Brouwer made a motion to accept the City disbursements and receipts. Paige Ellinghuysen seconded. Motion carried.
- Maintenance Report The Maintenance Report was given by Brad Romine. Andy VanLoon made a motion to pay \$1035 to continue on the ArcGIS project. Brad Brouwer seconded. Motion carried. Matt Mohs reported the State will be sending them the next step for the Lead Service Line Inventory. This will probably entail determining the unknown lines.
- Planning Commission Steve Lueck reported to the Council the Commission denied Patrick Thesing's rezone open hearing from last month. The Commission recommends for the council to send letters for ordinance violations for pet and truck parking. The Council agreed and they will be sent. Ray Badillo was in attendance and may be interested in the open position.
- Fire Department Dan Horvat, Chief submitted his report. Paige Ellinghuysen made a motion to accept Jeff Hess as an Altura Fireman. Robert Schell seconded. Motion carried.
- Ambulance Department Jess Romine, Director reported that the ambulance rate has increased \$50 as of 1/1/25. There is an EMT Class in Chatfield starting at the end of the month and our service will have 1 attendee. She would like more. Jess will work on having an EMT class in Altura in the fall. She is going to bring to the Fire Department tomorrow the Ambulance Purchase. The Ambulance members would like purchase an AID for \$35000-40000 with the State funds received.
- Treasury Report The Treasurer's Report was given by the Treasurer. Brad Brouwer made a motion to approve. Paige Ellinghuysen seconded. Motion carried. The Clerk will send the Council an updated Balance Sheet.
- Old Business
- Thesing CUP Paige Ellinghuysen made a motion to deny Pat Thesing's request for zoning change from last month. Andy VanLoon seconded. Motion carried.
- Schedule of Fees The Council had their annual review of the Schedule of Fees revising the building permits schedule to be set by Construction Management Services and adding the Chicken license fee. Brad Brouwer made the motion. Paige Ellinghuysen seconded. Motion carried.
- Yearly Ordinance review Tabled until March.
- Clean up date May 3 Miller Scrap will provide again and the cost estimate is \$1500.

New Business

Cannabis Resolution 25-01

Brad Brouwer made a motion accept Resolution 25-01 delegating Cannabis Retail Registration to the County of Winona. Andy VanLoon seconded. Motion carried.

Sound System for Council

The Council will look into options for a sound system for the Council.

Winona County Mitigation

Robert Schell and Sandra Pasche attended the zoom training for updating the Winona County Mitigation Plan. A questionnaire will be sent out to each community for input.

SEMMLC Update

Andy VanLoon and Robert Schell attended. Andy reported the state has allocated \$24,000,000 to the State's Rural EMS to help with funding. This won't cover 1/2 of the operating cost. The State will also be looking at how to obtain more volunteers for these services. These are issues nationwide. Local Government Aid and promoting housing were also topics discussed.

2024 Financial Statement

Brad Brouwer made a motion to accept the 2024 Financial Statement as presented. Paige Ellinghuysen seconded. Motion carried.

Overdue pet Licenses

Citations will be issued if not paid by Friday.

Wage Adjustment

Brad Brouwer made a motion to give a 3% wage increase to Dave Schwantz, Steve Mill, and Sandra Pasche. Paige Ellinghuysen seconded. Motion carried.

Adjourn

Brad Brouwer made a motion to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. Paige Ellinghuysen seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted:

Sandra Pasche
City Clerk

Robert Schell
Mayor