

ALTURA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
March 11, 2025

- Call to Order Mayor, Robert Schell, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Brad Brouwer, Paige Ellinghuysen, Mike Olson and Andy VanLoon were present. Michelle Herber, Brad Romine, Dave Schwantz, Ryan Kreidermacher, Steve Lueck, Yvonne Ruhoff, Caleb Speltz, Marlene Spencer, and Jeff Scherbring.
- Pledge of Allegiance.
- Monthly Minutes Andy VanLoon made a motion to accept the previous months minutes. Brad Brouwer seconded. Motion carried.
- Monthly Disbursements/Receipts Brad Brouwer made a motion to accept the City disbursements and receipts. Mike Olson seconded. Motion carried.
- Planning Commission Steve Lueck reported to the Council the Commission reviewed the permits. There is a resident that is not in compliance with the Pet Ordinance. The Council agreed to contact the sheriff to follow up. There has been inquiry to sell 3 acres in an Agricultural Zone. This does not align with the 10 acres stated in the Code Book. The Council advised to look at area city/county to align what they have in place.
- Maintenance Report The Maintenance Report was given by Brad Romine. The FEMA Grant should come through for the ditches by the turkey store. The Council approved Jim Mohr being hired part time again this year. To replace the gate valve at Main Street and Center Avenue would cost \$7772. The Council agreed this would be updated when the State does the street project in approximately 2032.
- Fire Department Ryan Kreidermacher reported for the Chief. The Department is asking for the \$98000 donation be transferred to the Fire Equipment Fund. This was tabled until April.
- Ambulance Department Jess Romine, Director reported for the ambulance. Mike Olson made a motion to approve the purchase of a new ambulance as presented. Paige Ellinghuysen seconded. Motion carried. Jess is working on having an EMT class and looking at what it would take for the EMR's to become EMT's. There was also talk of offering sign-on bonuses. An article will be done with Winona Post to encourage recruitment.
- Treasury Report The Treasurer's Report was given by the Treasurer. Brad Brouwer made a motion to approve. Andy VanLoon seconded. Motion carried.
- Old Business
- Yearly Ordinance review Tabled until April.
- Sound System for Council Boyd Stangler has been contacted, waiting to hear back.
- Winona County Mitigation Robert Schell and Brad Romine will complete the City's portion of the questionnaire for the Winona County Mitigation Plan.
- New Business
- Altura Youth Sports Dan Horvat submitted a report. Mike Olson made a motion to allocate \$250 to AYS for paint and field maintenance for the year. Paige Ellinghuysen seconded. Motion carried.

Dustin Lano – insurance

Dustin Lano reviewed the insurance coverage with the Council.

Hometown Fest Gambling

Mike Olson made a motion to approve the Hometown Fest Gambling application. Andy VanLoon seconded. Motion carried.

Portable Restrooms

Bids were submitted from LRS and Kimos. Mike Olson made a motion to accept LRS. Brad Brouwer seconded. Motion carried. These will start April 1.

Dept of Ag/Farmers meeting

Robert Schell attending the meetings held here. Review of nitrogen application for area farmers was reviewed so that it does not affect the City wells.

Oils stains on road

There was concern about oil stains on the road. Brad Romine will contact the owner of the vehicle.

Adjourn

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

Respectfully submitted:

Sandra Pasche
City Clerk

Robert Schell
Mayor