

ALTURA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
June 10, 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, Joan Jensen Yvonne Ruhoff, Marlene Spencer, Steve Lueck, Sheriff Ron Ganrude, Deputy Jeff Mueller, SGT Craig Wurel, and Deputy Tanner Clay.
- Pledge of Allegiance.
Monthly Minutes Paige Ellinghuysen made a motion to accept the previous month's 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 on behalf of the Commission. Matt Monahan was sworn in as a member. There will be no meeting in July. The Council does ask the Commission to revisit the Code Book for updates.
- Maintenance Report The Maintenance Report was given by Brad Romine. Mike Olson made a motion to purchase 4 key boxes for the pavilion and city hall rentals. Brad presented a quote to install more lighting at the pavilion. The Council asked for another quote. Brad will be replacing batteries in the security lights at City Hall.
- Fire Department Dan Horvat, Chief submitted a report. The Department responded to 2 fires. The Pork Chop Dinner had a great turn out of volunteers from Fire and Ambulance Department and was a success.
- Altura Youth Sports Dan Horvat submitted a report. There are around 150 kids participating from Lewiston and Altura. The annual tournament will be July 26.
- Ambulance Department Jess Romine, Director reported the mock crash training went well. Some of the volunteers are going to cover shifts at the First Aide Station at the Winona County Fair. In mid-April Jes transitioned to the new ambulance billing company. There are WSU students that are freshly certified that may volunteer but the issue is that they are hard to train. Jess is checking to see if they can train on different services or can get them to CEVO certified to drive with one other EMT. Zoll finally prepared a quote for the defibrillator for \$42905.60 which would be covered by the State money received last year. Mike Olson made a motion to approve pending the fire departments approval. Paige Ellinghuysen seconded. Motion carried.
- 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
Sound System for Council Robert Schell is still researching and found out that an Owl 3 may fit the City needs better and is cheaper. Bob will look into the price.
- City Hall Road Andy VanLoon reported they brought in 3 years of black dirt and 2 loads of rock to shape the road for proper drainage.
- School playground equipment Brad Romine reported the City was able to obtain used playground equipment. Robert Schell said that we could get 100 ton of pea gravel at ½ price. Brad Romine mentioned there needs to be a base. Casey Domke thought we might use 90 ton of lime at \$17/ton. Then we need a weed barrier installed after the old swing set is removed. Andy VanLoon made a motion to approve. Mike Olson seconded. Motion carried.

Lead Water Mains

Brad Romine reported that he and Matt Mohs submitted the intended use report request form for the project to proceed with the grant with the State.

New Business

Altura Vol Fire Relief Company Gambling

Adam Gudmundson was present to ask the council to approve gambling at Taqueria El Lunar at 10 N Main Street. Paige Ellinghuysen made a motion to approve. Mike Olson seconded. Motion carried.

Parking Ordinance

Winona County Sheriff and Deputies were in attendance regarding the parking ordinance and enforcement. SGT Wurzel reported the Ordinance is too vague. He has been monitoring the town and there past few weeks 30 plus violations should have been issued. Truck is not defined. The Council is implying a semi and the state statue definition includes a pickup truck. There will be a committee of 2 council and the deputies to meet to determine what the best resolve will be and then send to legal. Sheriff Ganrude gave an update on what has been happening at the County and said they are always happy to attend the Council meeting.

Staffing during the day

Robert Schell brought up the he thinks there should be staff at the office during the day. It would be nice if that person was also an EMT. The Clerk let the Council know that not much happened during the day as most residents were not in town during the day. The Council will think about it.

Altura Development Group donation

The Council would like to Thank the Altura Development Group for the generous donation to cover the flowers on Main Street.

Veterans Memorial

Joan Jensen reported there were around 75 people at the Memorial Day Program. The American Flag Pole is leaning. The gentleman from Ashley has volunteer to take the sand out and level but will need machinery to help. It was suggested that may Kalmes Implement equipment would work great.

Adjourn

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

Respectfully submitted:

Sandra Pasche
City Clerk

Robert Schell
Mayor