

ALTURA PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
August 4 2025

Call to Order

Planning Commission Member, Richard Lueck called the regular meeting of the Altura Planning Commission, held at the Altura City Hall, to order at 6:06 p.m. with members Don Dvorak, Steve Lueck, Matt Monahan, and Raelene Stanislawska present. In attendance were Kyle Kampschroer, Dane Saxon, Gerald Kieffer, Scott Sense, Ben Christie, Brad Brouwer, Michelle Herber, and Joan Jensen.

Minutes

Raelene Stanislawska made a motion to accept the previous minutes. Don Dvorak seconded. Motion carried.

Building Permits

The building permits were reviewed.

Council Report

There was nothing to report.

Old Business

Pet Licenses

The resident that was in violation of the pet license, has moved.

New Business

Proposed Cannabis Ordinance

Gary Heim asked to make a statement and was addressed. He had heard that one of the Commission Members had refer to him as a Cartel Pawn and didn't appreciate the reference especially coming from someone serving on the Board for the City. The topic then diverted to the plan for the potential buyers is to have a Cannabis Cultivation Business. They would employee 10- 15 full time workers. It could consumer up to 83,000 gallons per month of water when at full capacity. 80% of the water consumption goes back into the city sewer. The city water would go through a reverse osmosis system and then nutrients would be added to the water. These are clean nutrients made up of nitrogen, phosphorus, and potassium at 1250 ppm. 10% of the run off would be collected in the HVAC system. Licenses are required from the State of Minnesota for each stage of Cannabis production including transportation. Production of an immature plant is from 10 – 20 days, then moved to the flowering room for 2 weeks, total of 60 days until harvest. They have to test 10 days prior to shipping. The production would take place indoors only and is capped at less than 5000 square feet. The stems and excess leaves would go back into the sewer system. The facility is under Bio Security and no one would be allowed in unless they sign in and have a photo ID. When questioned about odor, there air quality is in sealed rooms. Any outside ventilation would run through carbon filtration. You may be able to smell right next to the building, any smell would be just a scent like any other agricultural scent. They could double carbon filter if the odor were more. If there would be a liquid spill, it would at most 200 gallons. The liquid fertilizer is stored in 5 gallon jugs. They are hoping to get operational in a few months but will take 3 – 5 years to be at full capacity. Matt Mohs, Engineer presented point of concern regarding the city water and wastewater system. Matt Monahan made a motion to include the information provided by the engineer to the Ordinance and requiring \$1,000,000 bond. Raelene Stanislawska seconded. Motion carried. The Commission will continue to review the ordinance.

Adjourn

Steve Lueck made a motion to adjourn at 8:50 p.m. Raelene Stanislawska seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted:

Sandra Pasche
Altura City Clerk