

ALTURA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
January 13, 2025

- Call to Order Mayor, Robert Schell, called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. Brad Brouwer, Paige Ellinghuysen, Mike Olson, and Andy VanLoon were present. Brad Romine, Matt Mohs, Steve Lueck, Ryan Kreidermacher, Beau Pasche, Eric Hilke, Marlene Spencer, and David Schwantz were in attendance.
- Pledge of Allegiance
Recess for Public Hearing The regular meeting was recessed and the Public Hearings to vacate sewer and roadway easements were called to order at 6:33 p.m. There was no one in attendance for or against. Brad Brouwer made a motion to adjourn the open hearings at 6:40 p.m. Mike Olson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- The Regular Meeting was recalled to order.
- Monthly Minutes Mike Olson made a motion to accept the previous month's minutes. Andy VanLoon seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- Monthly Disbursements/Receipts Brad Brouwer made a motion to accept the City disbursements and receipts. Andy VanLoon seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- Planning Commission Andy VanLoon made a motion to approve Resolution 26-01 to vacate the roadway easement. Brad Brouwer seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Mike Olson made a motion to approve Resolution 26-02 to vacating the sewer easement. Brad Brouwer seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- Maintenance Report The Maintenance Report was submitted by Brad Romine. Brad Brouwer made a motion to pay up to \$500 for the Annual DNR Water Usage Fee. Paige Ellinghuysen seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Andy VanLoon made a motion to purchase a Milwaukee Pole Saw. Mike Olson seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Brad Brouwer made a motion to pay \$247 for American Waterworks Training March 10 – 12. Paige Ellinghuysen seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The water tower overflow issues have been repaired. The Council clarified usage of compensation time. Money to be paid out or banked after 40 hours at time and ½. Andy VanLoon made a motion to approve. Paige Ellinghuysen seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- Fire Department Ryan Kreidermacher reported the officers have changed and he is the Chief. They had \$7346.43 of repairs unexpected. He presented the 2026 budget. Mike Olson made a motion to accept. Paige Ellinghuysen seconded. Motion carried unanimously. For 2026 only, 95% of the contracts will go into the Fire/Ambulance Fund and 5% will go into the Fire/Ambulance Equipment Fund. Paige Ellinghuysen made a motion to accept. Mike Olson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- Ambulance Department Jess Romine reported the new ambulance is in service. The old ambulance is empty and the cot goes back for trade in. Matt Neumann will try to sell the old ambulance. This will be tabled until next month. Paige Ellinghuysen made a motion to get a Kwik Trip fuel card in addition to Elba Valley Express Card. Mike Olson seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The EMT class has started. There are 4 students from our area.

Treasury Report

The Treasurer's Report was given by the Treasurer. Brad Brouwer made a motion to approve. Mike Olson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

There was no Old Business.

New Business

Fire Relief Reports

Paige Ellinghuysen made a motion to approve as presented. Mike Olson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Official:

Brad Brouwer made a motion to accept the following. Paige Ellinghuysen seconded. Motion carried:
Official Depository: Peoples State Bank
Official Newspaper: Winona Post
Official Attorney: Flaherty and Hood
Official Posting Areas: PSB, PO, City Hall, Residents Emails on file.
Acting Mayor: Brad Brouwer
Maintenance Supervisor: Mike Olson
Park Advisor: Paige Ellinghuysen

Budget

Mike Olson made a motion to approve the 2026 Budget. Paige Ellinghuysen seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Yearly Ordinance review

Tabled until February.

Yearly Service Fee Schedule review

Tabled until February.

Clean Up day

The City clean up day will be May 2. Use email and newsletter to advertise.

Resolution 26-03

Mike Olson made a motion to approve Resolution 26-03 adopting the 2025 Winona County Hazard Litigation Plan. Brad Brouwer seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Chris Heim

Chris Heim presented a proposal for a property sale and handed out ariel view maps showing areas to be sold off. However, new City maps were found to have missing information. He was told platting would probably be needed. Brad Brouwer will get a meeting together with Bolten and Menk and a council representative to update map errors and omissions.

Semi Tractor parked in alley

There was a semi trailer parked in the alley blocking other driveways. The sheriff was called and has been resolved.

Noise complaint

The Mayor received another complaint of the music being played outside at the restaurant. He has taken care of it.

WC Deductible

Mike Olson made a motion for the deductible to be \$250. Brad Brouwer seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn

Brad Brouwer made a motion to adjourn at 8:26 p.m. Paige Ellinghuysen seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

Dave Schwantz
Of behalf of the City Clerk

Robert Schell
Mayor