ALTURA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
February 10, 2026

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. Brad Romine, Steve Lueck, Ryan Kreidermacher, Marlene Spencer, Joan Jensen, Michelle Herber, and David Schwantz were in attendance.

Pledge of Allegiance

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. Mike Olson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Planning Commission

Steve Lueck presented updated forms to the Council. Brad Brouwer made a motion to accept the Peddlers Application with a fee of $50. Paige Ellinghuysen seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Andy VanLoon made motion to approve the Dumpster Application with a fee of $50. Brad Brouwer seconded. Motion carried unanimously. A new Conditional Use Permit application was presented. This will be sent to legal and then come back for approval. There were sidewalks that were not shoveled, but now have melted.

Maintenance Report

The Maintenance Report was submitted by Brad Romine. Brad Brouwer made a motion to pay $1211 for ERIS renewal. Andy VanLoon seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The Council agreed to keep LRS for port-a-potty services at the parks. The Council discussed the proposal from Chris Him regarding parceling off property that he purchased. The streets were originally created with 90 degree corners however, when there was a lot of semi traffic in the area, there was a gentleman's agreement to make those corners rounded from 1st Avenue SW behind Steve Lueck's home and 2nd Street SW. The property cannot be parceled off until surveys are done and utility easements have been determined.

Fire Department

Ryan Kreidermacher reported all the 2025 invoices have been paid. In March he will be attending training with the Law Enforcement Center. Fire Board meeting went well and invoices were sent out. They would like the Department to look at a 5 year plan to replace the pumper truck. The Council was asked to look at the Relief Donation to determine if funds could go to the equipment fund.

Ambulance Department

Brad Romine reported for the Director. The receipts for Kwik Trip gas should be given to the clerk. The EMT Class is going well and all Altura students have pagers and will do ride along with Altura, Winona and Mayo so they will be able to schedule shifts as soon as they have passed their tests. Mike Olson made a motion for Brad Brouwer and Andy VanLoon will be the committee in charge to sell the old ambulance. Andy VanLoon seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Dave Schwantz brought up the fact that even with the new EMT class there is still issue with not enough people picking up shifts. An EMT has to be on every run. Most times there's the EMR that driving and the EMT. There was talk about getting more drivers. Mike Olson mentioned that he was certified but never contacted. There was talk if any of the Rollingstone EMT first responders would take shifts. This is an ongoing concern for not only Altura but also other services.