

ALTURA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
April 14, 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, Marlene Spencer, David Schwantz, Becky Zittel, Yvonne Ruhoff, Jess Romine, Steve Verthein, and Melissa Odegaard were in attendance.
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Monthly Minutes Andy VanLoon made a motion to accept the previous month's minutes. Brad Brouwer seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- Monthly Disbursements/Receipts Mike Olson made a motion to accept the City disbursements and receipts. Brad Brouwer seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- Planning Commission Steve Lueck reported the Comprehensive Surveys are starting to come in. They will be looked at next meeting. There were 2 letters sent out the residents that have storage shed but no zoning permit. Storage sheds need to be less than 120 square feet and meet the setbacks and on a suitable surface. There may be an inquiry about shipping containers allowed in residential areas. That would be over the max footage and not allowed in residential. There is also concern for the school park not being updated with the purchased equipment, it's not safe, and there is a drop off. Brad Romine will put up tape by the drop off but noted that there will still be a drop off when the park is complete. The Commission would like to meet in the Community Center but there is a conflict with the Lion's meeting the same night. Both Organization will check on availability.
- Maintenance Report The Maintenance Report was submitted by Brad Romine. The Council approved having Jim Mohr be hired again part time this summer to assist Brad. Schofield Surveying was chosen to complete the survey for Chris Heim's property. The cordless drill needs replacing. The Council agreed that Brad Romine can purchase up to \$500/month for supplies if needed.
- Fire Department Brad Romine reported their were 4 calls last month. The department has been approved for a \$2500 matching grant. Jacob Boynton will be moving out of town and Rick Kreidermacher will be retiring at the end of the year. They have 2-3 spots open.
- Ambulance Department Jess Romine reported this is the last night of the EMT class and Altura may get 1-2 volunteers added to the service. She has checked into the bridge course for RN's to EMT and EMR to EMT's but they are not offered close by. Winona Area Ambulance is offering a class the Fall and Jess will try to recruit members to attend. The Ambulance inspection is scheduled for the end of the month.
- Treasury Report The Treasurer's Report was given by the Treasurer. Brad Brouwer made a motion to approve. Andy VanLoon seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- Old Business  
Audit The Clerk presented a quote for a review of the city finances for \$5500. Robert Schell will check with other Cities and be discussed next month.

New Business

Clean Up Day Contact

Contact for Miller Scrap will be Andy VanLoon. Other Council can attend to help. Brad Romine mentioned for 2027 the Wellhead Protection Program is working on a grant to have a chemical drop off at the same time as our clean up day.

Resolution 26-04 Sale of Property

Mike Olson made a motion to approve Resolution 26-04 Declaring equipment or property surplus and authorizing the sale of the same for the 2007 Ford. Brad Brouwer seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Flowers for main street

The Altura Development Group will donate funds to cover the flowers again this year.

City sign by post office

Robert Schell asked Yvonne Ruhoff to ask the Altura Area Lions Club if they would like to revamp this sign and add area volunteer group signage.

Adjourn

Paige Ellinghuysen made a motion to adjourn at 7:27 p.m. Mike Olson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

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Sandra Pasche  
City Clerk

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Robert Schell  
Mayor