ALTURA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
September 8, 2026

Call to Order

Mayor, Robert Schell, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Brad Brouwer, Mike Olson, Paige Ellinghuysen, and Andy VanLoon were present. Brad Romine, Jessica Romine, Matt Mohs, Marlene Spencer, 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

Paige Ellinghuysen made a motion to accept the city disbursements and receipts. Brad Brower seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Ambulance Department

Jessica Romine met with the committee providing her duties as director. The Director Position could also help with the Fire Department, maintenance department, clerical, and grant writing. This Director Position would bea full time position and would also be required to be on call, preferably 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. 3 days a week. Pay would be $21-$29/hour plus medical benefits. The Committee is waiting for Matt Essig to provide his job description to finalize.

Fire Department

Brad Romine reported the annual hose testing is complete. Dan Horvat is moving out of town so Brad Romine was elected to Asst Chief and Casey Domke was elected Captain. Paige Ellinghuysen made a motion to approve Garrett Hilke as a new department recruit pending the interview and background check Mike Olson seconded. After 6 months of probation, members are required to attending Firefighter I and II, participate in a set amount of training and meetings. The Breakfast will be 9/20 from 9 – 12.

Planning Commission

The Clerk presented Ordinance 26-01 regarding Storage Containers and the permit application to the Council. The Council will review.

Maintenance Report

The Maintenance Report was submitted by Brad Romine. Brad talked to Chris Heim and he's interested in selling the property that has the City Streets and utilities are in for $1. They will work out the details. Mike Olson made a motion to approve the replacement of doors on the wellhouse. Andy VanLoon seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasury Report

The Treasurer's Report was given by the Treasurer. Andy VanLoon made a motion to approve. Paige Ellinghuysen seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

Audit

The Clerk will send the audit description to the Council to determine if they want hire a firm.

MAOSC Membership

The Clerk contact the organization to determine how the City would Benefit from their membership. They did not respond.

New Business

Bolten and Menk – 1st Street Project

Matt Mohs, Brad Romine, and Robert Schell met to start talking about the 1st Street Project. Updating is approximately $650,000 per block and there are 21 blocks. The plan will be to have a town meeting in October to start talks on financing. The Lead Service Line State project has funding so we could try to incorporate those funds.

Hometown Fest Donation

Mike Olson made a motion to waive the noise ordinance until midnight on September 19 for the dance. Brad Brouwer seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Brad Brouwer made a motion to purchase 18 barriers and splitting the cost with the Hometown Fest. Paige Ellinghuysen seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Tax Levy

Brad Brouwer made a motion to submit the levy as follows: General – $155000, Fire - $6000, Ambulance – 15000, Park - $15000. Mike Olson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Propane Contract

Brad Brouwer made a motion to contract 1500 gallons at $1.49/ gallon. Andy VanLoon seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 26-05 resignation

Paige Ellinghuysen made a motion to accept Resolution 26-05 the resignation of Brad Brouwer after 20 years served on the Council as he's moving out of town. Mike Olson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn

Brad Brouwer made a motion to adjourn at 8:18 p.m. Mike Olson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

Sandra Pasche
City Clerk

Robert Schell
Mayor