

MINUTE RECORD FOR CITY OF ALMA

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

June 16, 2025

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Alma, Nebraska was held at City Hall on Monday, June 16, 2025, at 5:30 p.m.

Present was Council Members: Larry Casper, Dyann Collins, Tom Moulton, Joel Wheeler, and Mayor Hal Haeker. City Clerk Janet Dietz, City Treasurer Tashia Butterfield, City Utility Superintendent Russ Pfeil, and City Attorney Doug Walker were also in attendance. Notification of this meeting and the agenda was given in advance by posting, a designated method for giving notice. Advance notice of the meeting and the agenda was given to the Mayor and all members of the City Council. All proceedings hereinafter were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

Mayor Haeker advised the public of the Open Meetings Act (new version) posted on the east wall of the meeting room, and then proceeded to call the regular meeting of June 16, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. and the following business was transacted:

Roll call: Larry Casper-present, Dyann Collins-present, Tom Moulton- present, Joel Wheeler-present, and Mayor Haeker-present. Motion by Collins, second by Moulton to determine this meeting as previously publicized, duly convened and in open session. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Collins, Moulton, Casper, and Wheeler. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Haeker opened the floor to approve the minutes of June 2, 2025, regular council meeting. Motion by Moulton, second by Collins to approve the minutes of June 2, 2025, regular council meeting. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Moulton, Collins, Casper, and Wheeler. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Haeker opened the floor to discuss the claims and invoices for June 3, 2025, through June 16, 2025, for a total of \$ 196,458.27. Motion made by Moulton, second by Wheeler to approve the claims. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Moulton, Wheeler, Casper, and Collins. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Haeker opened the floor to discuss the Treasurer's report. Motion by Wheeler, second by Casper to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Wheeler, Casper, Collins, and Moulton. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Haeker opened the floor to discuss the CASA Insurance Agreement.(agreement for use of city property for special event) Per City Attorney Doug Walker this is a hold-harmless agreement, insurance formality to finish the process with CASA. Motion by Wheeler, second by Casper to approve the Agreement for Use Of City Property For Special Event. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Wheeler, Casper, Moulton, and Collins. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Haeker opened the floor to discuss the Application Use of City Property. City Administrator Ardiana brought forth the application to be used for use of City property special events, non-alcohol private events with a 30-day review for the application. Mayor Haeker asked if this was necessary, Councilman Wheeler wondered if the City needed additional hoops to jump through, Collins didn't feel we need to rock the boat, Moulton suggested a special use permit, also didn't think this it was needed. General consensus was a no. Motion was then made by Moulton "do not use property form" second by Wheeler. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Moulton, Wheeler, Collins, and Casper. Voting no: none. Motion carried.

Mayor Haeker opened the floor to discuss Wages and Benefits for 2025-2026 Fiscal Year. COLA increase is 2.40%. Suggested additional increases are Johnson-\$1.00 per hour, Lynch \$2.00 extra for certifications, additional for Treasure, \$2,000 and \$1,430 for Administrator, library board approved 5% for Jennifer Roethke. Council requested additional wage increase information from the golf course. Motion by Moulton, second by Casper, to accept the Wages and Benefits for 2025 — 2026 Fiscal Year. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Moulton, Casper, Collins, and Wheeler. Voting no: none. Motion carried.

Mayor Haeker opened the floor for discussion with a Community Development Block Grant – Economic Hardship. Individual has requested reduced payments. Previous program was based on

different income levels, (this hardship is a change of financial status). Community Development Block Grant funds have been de-obligated and are in the General Fund. A lengthy discussion was held, suspend payments, let interest keep accruing, or no interest accruing, recouping funds from seller at closing, new agreement drawn up. Motion made by Moulton, second by Wheeler to suspend monthly payments, keeping the yearly interest accruing. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Moulton, Wheeler, Collins, and Casper. Voting no: none. Motion carried.

Mayor Haeker opened the floor to discuss NE Dept of Transportation Aeronautics summary project costs, No.2 in the amount of \$17,723.00,(Federal funds to due Alma) also Project estimate No.5 in the amount of \$18,655.42 due to Olssons. (Aeronautics engineers have reviewed and approved estimates. City Administrator provided information , preconstruction/ progression meeting was held at the City Airport.) Motion was made by Wheeler, second by Collins to accept payments/approve payments. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Wheeler, Collins, Casper, and Moulton. Voting no: none. Motion carried.

Mayor Haeker opened the floor for the City Administrator 's report. Administrator brough forth updates on the Pelican repairs, pelicans have been removed from the base and will be moved to the city shop city for repair's, auditorium, inside remodel is progressing with no problems, outside concrete pouring with be put on hold until after the fourth of July activities, reviewing samples of chairs and tables, Councilman Wheeler drought up discussion on the blocked off area in front of the auditorium, Administrator provide information, Los Primos will move the "barricades" on the evening and weekends' for parking and put everything back when the construction is going on. Council Member Casper discussed the type of new flooring , (acrylic), Administrator is positive that it's durable, additional information as follows, inside projects- sewer plumbing, walls prepping, reviewing HVAC bids.

Councilman Wheeler informed the Council, ACAP- will buy additional benches for the City Park/Pool, to match the Westerbeck request, Wheeler inquired when the city is performing the mosquito spraying, Pfeil informed the Council fogger is calibrated and ready to go, Collins suggested to spray every Thursday, Casper questioned where the electric speed signs are for highway 136 east. (Administrator, project is still in the works.) Casper also wanted to know where the City stands with the lift station project, Dunse has met with Miller & Associates , still looking into grants. Charger has been installed for the EV Station, ramp needs installed, City is waiting on capacitors. Property at 218 south street received letter that requires much need repairs, property at 507 first street has been sold.

Mayor entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting, so move by Moulton at 6:28 pm second by Casper. There being no further business, roll call vote : Moulton-yes, Casper -yes, Collins-yes and wheeler-yes. Voting no none: Meeting adjourned.


Hal Haeker, Mayor

I the undersigned Clerk hereby certify that the forgoing is a true and correct copy of the proceedings had and done by the Mayor and Council; that all of the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the agenda for the meeting, kept continually current and available for public inspection at the office of the Clerk; that such subjects were contained in said agenda for at least twenty-four hours prior to said meeting; that at least one copy of all reproducible material discussed at the meeting was available at the meeting for examination and copying by members of the public; that the said minutes were in written form and available for public inspection within ten working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body; that all news media requesting notification concerning meetings of said body were provided advanced notification of the time place and of said meeting and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting.


Janet Dietz, City Clerk