

MINUTE RECORD FOR CITY OF ALMA
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
November 5th, 2025.

A meeting of the City Council of the City of Alma, Nebraska was held at City Hall on Wednesday, the 5th of November 2025, at 5:30 p.m.

Present were Council Members: Larry Casper, Tom Moulton, Chris Mahalek, Joel Wheeler, and Mayor Hal Haeker. Administrator Steve Ardiana, City Treasurer Tashia Butterfield, Attorney Henry Schneker, City Clerk Janet Dietz and City Utility Superintendent Russ Pfeil, Kent Fleischmann, Leroy and Donna Bose, Dave Wells, Rick Calkins, Mike Stemper, and Cody Simmons were also in attendance. Absent was City Attorney Doug Walker. 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 were 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, comments are allowed for agenda items only.

Mayor Haeker advised the public of the Open Meetings Act which is posted on the east wall of the meeting room, and then proceeded to call the regular meeting of November 5th, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. and the following business was transacted:

Roll call: Larry Casper-present, Chris Mahalek-present, Tom Moulton-present, Joel Wheeler-present, and Mayor Haeker-present. Motion made by Moulton second by Wheeler 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: Moulton, Wheeler, Mahalek and Casper. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to approve the minutes of October 15, 2025, regular council meeting. Motion made by Wheeler, second by Casper to approve the minutes of October 15th, 2025, regular council meeting. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Wheeler, Casper, Mahalek. Moulton, abstained. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss the claims and invoices. Councilman Wheeler discussed the generator bid held over from the last meeting, City Administrator provided information generator was put out for bid and (1) was received and accepted. Motion by Wheeler, second by Casper to approve the claims and invoices for period October 16th, 2025, through November 5th, 2025, for a total of \$244,610.83. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Wheeler, Casper, Moulton, and Mahalek. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss the Treasurer's report. Treasurer Butterfield discussed capital outlay funds for auditorium will be reimbursed, cd's renewals, utility reimbursements, capital outlay for gas dept, down payment for the generator. Motion by Moulton, 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: Moulton, Casper, Mahalek and Wheeler Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Haeker opened the floor to City's RV Park renewal contract for 2026 with Leroy and Donna Bose. Contract was reviewed by council, (Donna Bose advised in section #3-D that a computer is not used). Lottery drawing was held in September, inspection was completed, showers and restrooms need updating. Motion by Casper, second by Mahalek to renew the contract removing #3-D computer usage. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Casper, Mahalek, Moulton and Wheeler. Voting no: None.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss the necessity for raising the city gas rates. Additional information was provided in the council packet, various comparisons were supplied and discussed by Treasurer Butterfield, increasing the base rates, CCF-rates, and restructuring staff wages in other departments. Motion made by Wheeler, second by Casper to change the base rate per Ordinance at the next meeting. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Wheeler, Casper, Moulton, and Mahalek. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss the leaving the city compost site open for 2026. (council voted to leave the site open in 2025 and review in 2026). City Administrator and Utility Superintendent preferred to have the site remain open. Motion made by Wheeler, second by Casper to have the city compost site remain open for 2026. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Wheeler, Casper, Moulton, and Mahalek. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss/approve the municipal office cleaning bids, (3 year contract) as advertised. City Administrator provided the council information the city received (2) bids. Laura Schneider bid \$1,000.00 per month, or \$25.00 per hour, Jeff Lynch bid \$800.00 per month or \$20.00 per hour. City Administrator recommended to continue with Jeff Lynch, with an addendum to the contract for cleaning the city auditorium once the remodel is completed. Motion by Moulton, to accept the bid of Jeff Lynch as recommended by City Administrator, second by Casper. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Moulton, Casper, Wheeler, and Mahalek. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Mayor opened the floor to discuss a proposal donation to the City of Alma for renovation to the gazebo at the west end of the trail. Landscaping, additional sod, sprinkler system, split rail fence, possibility of water fountain and dog watering system, and would not interfere with the frisbee golf, with minimal maintenance for the city. Mayor Haeker questioned the approval with the Corp of Engineers, Rick Calkins informed the council that Tom Zikmund gave approval for the project. Project would be completed in the spring of 2026. Motion made by Wheeler second by Casper to approve. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Wheeler, Casper, Mahalek and Moulton. Voting no: None. Motion Carried. Councilman Wheeler thanked the Calkins Family for the donation.

At 6:31 pm, Mayor requested a motion to move into executive session for the purpose to discussing updates on litigation. Motion made by Moulton, second by Mahalek. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote the following voted yes: Moulton, Mahalek, Casper and Wheeler. Mayor, Council, and City Administrator remained. At 6:38 pm council resumed to regular session with a motion made by Casper, second by Wheeler. There being no further discussion upon the motion made and upon roll call vote; the following voted yes: Casper, Wheeler, Mahalek and Moulton. Motion carried.

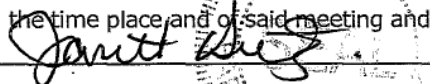
City Administrator report: Ardiana supplied the council with updated completed projects and updated costs, projects in process, costs of furniture, outside concrete, parking curb, and gutter. Lift Station updates and bid reviews will take place next council meeting, November 19th with Lewis Hyatt, Miller & Associates, (1) bid was accepted for the emergency generator for city well #5 for 64,000.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Moulton, second by Wheeler. There being no further discussion on the motion made and upon roll call vote, the following voted yes: Moulton, Wheeler, Mahalek and Casper. Voting no: None. Meeting was adjourned at 7:12 pm.



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