

ALTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes of Regular Session
Tuesday, June 10, 2025

Mayor Vande Griend called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. with Council members Kleinhesselink, Mulder, and Plathe present. Also present were Brand Mars, Leon Hubers, Dan Van Schepen, Dale Oltmans and Laurie Tentinger.

Motion by Kleinhesselink and second by Mulder to approve the agenda. Ayes 3

SEWER REIMBURSEMENT: Leon Hubers from Hubers Plumbing informed the Council that Brandon Mars ordered tanks with lift pumps for two properties that he was building on in Aalbers Second Addition. The order was placed in June and shipped in August 2024. Mars requested the City review the current ordinance and consider letting them install a septic tank instead of lift stations as it would be quite expensive to purchase the lift stations and install and maintain a sewer force main. The Council discussed the request at the regular Council Meeting on September 10, 2024. No action was taken as it was the interpretation of the Council that the Code allowed for septic tanks on those lots since the properties being built were more than 100 feet from a sewer main. Hubers wasn't able to return the lift stations as they were built to the specifications provided by the City's engineer. That type of lift station is necessary in this addition, if the property owner wanted to connect to a sewer force main. The requirement was set when the Aalbers II was plated without gravity flow sewer mains as required by City Code. Dan Van Schepen, City Engineer from DGR, stated that the specifications given are still correct for any lift station that would be installed in Aalbers Second Addition. Mars is requesting the City pay for all or at least a portion of the lift stations he ordered. The council asked several questions, establishing whether the lift stations are still useable to the right customer, but that may be hard to find.

It was the consensus of the Council to table the discussion until the next regular council meeting in order to get the input from the absent Council Members.

Mars and Hubers left the meeting at 6:15 PM.

LIBRARY RETAINING WALL: Van Schepen spoke to the Council regarding the retaining walls at the Library. The wall on the north side of the building has collapsed and the wall on the south side is sagging. Van Schepen reviewed different options on replacing the walls dependent upon durability and aesthetics. In addition to the new wall the east staircase will be removed, and the damaged area of the parking lot will be replaced.

Motion by Mulder and second by Plathe to proceed with engineering concrete walls for the Library's retaining walls. Ayes 3

Motion by Mulder and second by Plathe to approve the Geo Testing Agreement with Certified Testing Services, Inc. and Raker Rhodes Engineering to engineer the walls as proposed. Ayes 3

Van Schepen left the meeting at 6:40 PM.

Motion by Kleinhesselink and second by Mulder to approve the minutes from both May 13, 2025, meeting. Ayes 3

Motion by Plathe and second by Kleinhesselink to accept the financial reports as presented. Ayes 3

Motion by Mulder and second by Plathe to approve the bills as presented. Ayes 3

JUNE 2025 ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>PRODUCT/SERVICE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
A & M LAUNDRY INC	LAUNDRY SERVICE	\$73.55
AALBERS EXCAVATING/TRUCKING	RIVER ROCK	\$37.68
ACCESS SYSTEMS	COPIER FEES	\$54.95
AFLAC	AFLAC-PRE-TAX	\$417.77
AGSTATE	FUEL, SPRAY	\$2,764.65
ALTON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COR	TIF REBATE	\$19,651.00
AMERICAN STATE BANK	FED/FICA TAX	\$11,313.48
AMERICAN STATE BANK	SAFE DEPOSIT BOX RENTAL	\$25.00
ANALYTICAL & CONSULTING	COMPLIANCE TESTING	\$161.41
BOMGAARS	POOL REPAIRS, SUPPLIES	\$285.66
BORDER STATES INDUSTRIES, INC.	ID STICKERS	\$180.48
CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS	COPIER FEES	\$101.17
CERTIFIED TESTING SERVICES	TESTING - 3RD AVE RECON FLOOD	\$536.00
CITY OF ORANGE CITY	POOL MANAGEMENT	\$4,000.00
CLAYTON ENERGY CORPORATION	GAS RESERVATION	\$2,890.09
CLAYTON ENERGY CORPORATION	GAS COMMODITY	\$4,502.40
CLEVERINGA EXCAVATING	3RD AVE RECON - FLOOD	\$137,647.40
DELEEUW GRAPHICS & SIGNS	SIGNS	\$237.81
DEWILD GRANT RECKERT & ASSOC	ENGINEERING FEES	\$7,343.00
DIAMOND VOGEL PAINT	PAINT	\$85.92
ECHO GROUP INC	WIRE, PVC FITTINGS	\$1,649.28
ERS ELECTRONIC RECYCLING	E-RECYCLING	\$928.33
FOREMAN TIRE SERVICE	A/C RECHARGE, TIRE REPAIR	\$230.65
GROUND EFFECTS	TREE REPLACEMENT	\$338.97
HORIZON COMMERCIAL POOL	RING, BRUSH, DRAIN COVER	\$1,163.45
DAINA HOWREY	COMM BLDG DEPOSIT REFUND	\$100.00
IOWA ASSN. OF MUNICIPAL UTIL.	APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM	\$1,300.00
IOWA ONE CALL	LOCATES	\$48.70
IOWA STATE TREASURER	STATE TAX	\$1,074.53
IPERS COLLECTIONS	IPERS	\$7,845.91
STUART C IRBY CO	FVM3 VALVE BOXES, SUPPLIES	\$994.97
JANITOR'S CLOSET	TOWELS, TOILET PAPER	\$481.68
KGM	VALVES	\$457.35
KOPETSKYS ACE	SUPPLIES	\$246.53
MID SIOUX OPPORTUNITY	PROJECT SHARE, DONATION	\$1,170.00
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY	ELECTRIC - BLOWOFF VALVE	\$30.35
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY	STREETLIGHTS	\$347.09
MIKES WELDING & REPAIR	SUPPLIES	\$22.00
MISSOURI RIVER ENERGY SERVICES	ELECTRIC	\$35,928.72
MUNICIPAL MANAGEMENT CORP	LEAK SURVEY/DETECTION	\$1,500.00
MUNICIPAL UTIL-BILLS	UTILITIES	\$1,761.47
NASSAU CEMETERY	DONATION	\$500.00
NEAL CHASE LUMBER CO	SUPPLIES	\$334.36
NORTHWEST IA LEAGUE OF CITIES	DUES	\$25.00
NORTHWEST IOWA PLANNING	DUES	\$811.20
NOTEBOOM OIL CO., INC	FUEL	\$26.99
ORANGE CITY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES	BULK WATER	\$18,155.61
OOSTRA BIERMA LAW	LEGAL FEES	\$815.40

ORANGE CITY SANITATION	GARBAGE HAULING	\$9,248.00
PAYROLL	PAYROLL 5/31/2025	\$38,994.94
PCC	RESCUE BILLING	\$1,133.88
PEFA, INC	GAS COMMODITY	\$1,975.32
PREMIER COMMUNICATIONS	COMPUTER, IT SERVICES	\$2,526.86
PRINCIPAL LIFE	GROUP INSURANCE	\$174.44
REHAB SYSTEMS INC.	JET VAC/TELEVISION/CLEANING	\$25,895.85
SIOUX COUNTY RECORDER	RECODING FEES	\$99.00
SIOUXLAND PRESS	PUBLICATIONS	\$173.00
SUPERHITECH	CAMERA REPAIR	\$449.99
T & L TOOLS	SUPPLIES	\$24.95
TREASURER - STATE OF IOWA	WATER EXCISE TAX	\$1,854.51
TREASURER - STATE OF IOWA	SALES TAX	\$2,926.76
U. S. POSTMASTER	POSTAGE, PO BOX RENTAL	\$620.00
UNITYPOINT CLINIC-OCC MED	DRUG TESTS	\$84.00
UTILITY EQUIPMENT CO.	GATE, VALVE BOX, 2 WAY, PIPE	\$16,343.69
UMB BANK	BOND FEES	\$600.00
UNUM LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY	GROUP INSURANCE	\$371.20
VERIZON	CELL PHONES	\$370.53
VISA	SENSAPHONE, TRAINING, SUPPLIES	\$3,322.31
WELLMARK BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD	GROUP INSURANCE	\$9,003.26
WESCO DISTRIBUTION, INC.	STREETLIGHTS, SWITCH REPAIR	\$4,642.00
WEST IOWA TELEPHONE	TELEPHONE, FAX, INTERNET	\$766.83
CHASE WILLIAMS	MILEAGE	\$302.40
ZIEGLER	V-BELT	\$49.49
	TOTAL ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	\$392,551.17

LIQUOR LICENSE: Casey's General Store submitted a liquor license application.

Motion by Mulder and second by Kleinhesselink to approve Casey's General Store Class E Retail Alcohol License. Ayes 3

TRANSFER OF FUNDS:

RESOLUTION 25-24: "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALTON, IOWA TRANSFERRING FUNDS FROM THE TIF FAIR VIEW MEADOWS 2ND ADDITION PHASE 1 HOUSING FUND FOR DEBT REPAYMENT AND LMI SET ASIDE" was introduced and moved for adoption by Council Member Kleinhesselink. Mulder seconded the motion to adopt.

On roll call vote:

Ayes: Kleinhesselink, Mulder, Plathe

Nays: None

Absent: Frederes, Jorgensen

Whereupon the Mayor declared the Resolution duly adopted.

RESOLUTION 25-25 “A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALTON, IOWA TRANSFERRING FUNDS FROM THE TIF FAIR VIEW MEADOWS 2ND ADDITION PHASE 2 HOUSING FUND FOR LMI SET ASIDE” was introduced and moved for adoption by Council Member Kleinhesselink. Mulder seconded the motion to adopt.

On roll call vote:

Ayes: Kleinhesselink, Mulder, Plathe

Nays: None

Absent: Frederes, Jorgensen

Whereupon the Mayor declared the Resolution duly adopted.

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES: Mayor Vande Griend informed the Council that Beth Mulder is willing to remain on the Recreation Board, Sheryl Slegers and Renae Recker will serve on the Library Board, Greg Bogan and Ken Kroon will serve on the Planning & Zoning Commission, and Angela Riedemann will again serve on the Historical Board. There is still a vacancy on the Recreation Board.

Motion by Mulder and second by Plathe to approve the Mayor’s Boards and Committees as presented.
Ayes 3

OTHER BUSINESS: Oltmans provided updates on the amended 28E Agreement with Early Childhood Development 28E, financial software conversion, lawn nuisances and Emerald Ash Borer tree removal. The July meeting will be moved to July 15, and the new Public Works Grade 1 employee, Connor Beltman, will start on June 23.

Motion by Kleinhesselink and second by Plathe to adjourn the meeting at 6:58 PM. Ayes 3

Mayor
Dan Vande Griend

City Clerk/Administrator
Dale Oltmans

May Revenue

General Fund	\$62,396.04	Capital Parks & Trails Fund	\$326.00
RUT Fund	\$14,051.48	Water Fund	\$29,432.10
Employee Benefits Fund	\$3,259.04	Sewer Fund	\$30,107.21
Local Option Sales Tax Fund	\$24,235.83	Electric Fund	\$81,021.81
TIF – FVM2 Phase 1 Fund	\$7,383.72	Gas Fund	\$67,874.16
Debt Service Fund	\$19,990.82	Storm Water Fund	\$2,835.89
Capital Equipment Fund	\$499.00	Total Receipts	\$343,413.10