

**ALTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes of Regular Session
Tuesday, December 9, 2025**

Mayor Pro Tem Mulder called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. with Council members Frederes, Jorgensen, Kleinhesselink, and Mulder present. Also present were Derek DeGroot, Scott Bortscheller, Brian Konz, Dale Oltmans and Laurie Tentinger.

Motion by Jorgensen and second by Kleinhesselink to approve the agenda. Ayes 5

CAPITAL PROJECTS PLAN:

Derek DeGroot, representing Alton Fire & Rescue, spoke to the Council about fire equipment needs. DeGroot informed the Council that the Engine 92 Pumper is 33 years old and too small for the Department’s needs. The department would like to upgrade to another rescue pumper to better fit their needs. A less than five-year-old used rescue pumper, similar to RE9 Rescue Pumper currently used, is estimated at \$750,000. A new rescue pumper would be estimated at \$1.2 million.

DeGroot also spoke about Tanker 1, which is 29 years old and has a steel tank and body that has suffered significant corrosion, including holes rusted completely through the structure. A new tanker would be approximately \$350,000 and DeGroot asked if it could be funded at the same time as the pumper.

The ambulance also needs to replace the 12-lead life pack, which is nine years old and software will no longer be supported. The County will contribute \$20,000. To stay compatible, there are two options, one is \$20,000 and the other is \$60,000. The Department is researching what which would best fit their needs.

DeGroot left the meeting at 6:13 PM.

Oltmans reviewed the remainder of the proposed Capital Projects Plan.

Motion by Plathe and second by Kleinhesselink to approve the Capital Projects Plan as presented. Ayes 5

DECEMBER 2025 ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>PRODUCT/SERVICE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
ACCESS SYSTEMS	COPIER FEES	\$71.26
AFLAC	AFLAC-PRE-TAX	\$536.85
AGSTATE	FUEL, PUMP & NOZZLE	\$5,151.23
AGRIVISION EQUIPMENT	OIL	\$64.50
AHLERS & COONEY, P.C.	URBAN RENEWAL	\$155.00
ALTON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	TIF REBATES	\$33,095.87
AMERICAN STATE BANK	CAP DISASTER LOAN INTEREST	\$17,700.00
AMERICAN STATE BANK	FED/FICA TAX	\$11,532.19
AMERICAN STATE BANK	GAS LOAN PRINCIPAL & INTEREST	\$29,369.09
ANALYTICAL & CONSULTING	COMPLIANCE TESTING	\$60.00
ELIZABETH ANZUA	COMMUNITY BLDG REFUND	\$100.00
ARNOLD MOTOR SUPPLY	FLOOR MATS, MUDFLAPS, MATS, DEF	\$554.78

FULLER & SONS PAVING	MILL & PATCH STREETS	\$43,255.00
BOMGAARS	DRILL PUMP KIT	\$49.87
BORDER STATES INDUSTRIES, INC.	PHOTO EYES	\$450.00
BORTSCHELLER, SCOTT	BOOT REIMBURSEMENT	\$125.00
CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS	COPIER & PRINTER FEES	\$219.62
CERTIFIED TESTING SERVICES	LIBRARY SITE IMPROVEMENTS	\$2,791.75
CLAYTON ENERGY CORPORATION	GAS RESERVATION	\$19,175.64
CLAYTON ENERGY CORPORATION	GAS COMMODITY	\$891.57
CLEVERINGA EXCAVATING	LIBRARY IMPROVEMENTS, SEWER REPAIRS	\$109,403.15
DEWILD GRANT RECKERT & ASSOC	ENGINEERING FEES	\$63,997.20
ECHO GROUP INC	LED LIGHTS	\$456.24
FOREMAN TIRE SERVICE	BATTERY, OIL CHANGE, TIRE REPAIRS	\$387.50
FREDS PLUMBING & HEATING	ELECTRIC REBATE - SCHNEE	\$100.00
GROEBNER & ASSOCIATES INC	GAS TEES	\$212.23
H & D UNDERGROUND INC	DIRECTIONAL BORING	\$6,125.00
HEYING CO	BUSINESS ENCOURAGEMENT GRANT	\$2,223.00
IOWA FIREFIGHTERS ASSOC	DUES	\$378.00
IOWA INFORMATION	ELECTRIC/GAS POSITION AD	\$701.42
IOWA ONE CALL	LOCATES	\$68.50
IOWA PLAINS SIGNING, INC	3RD AVE RESTRIPE - FLOOD	\$5,367.70
IOWA STATE TREASURER	STATE TAX	\$1,171.22
IOWA UTILITIES COMMISSION	ELECTRIC INSPECTION	\$1,103.35
IPERS COLLECTIONS	IPERS	\$7,641.35
KOLBECK INC	WOOD GRINDING	\$1,151.00
KOPETSKYS ACE	TOOLBOX, SCREWDRIVER SET	\$249.92
MATHESON TRI-GAS IN	OXYGEN TANK	\$34.56
MID SIOUX OPPORTUNITY	PROJECT SHARE	\$35.00
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY	STREETLIGHTS	\$347.76
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY	ELECTRIC - BLOWOFF VALVE	\$24.33
MISSOURI RIVER ENERGY SERVICES	ELECTRIC	\$45,512.61
MISSOURI RIVER ENERGY SERVICES	REGISTRATION	\$75.00
MOUW MOTOR	2026 F250	\$36,660.00
MUNICIPAL UTIL-BILLS	UTILITIES	\$1,900.87
NEAL CHASE LUMBER CO	SUPPLIES	\$8.35
NO STREAKING INC	WINDOW CLEANING	\$99.00
ORANGE CITY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES	BULK WATER	\$14,518.69
ORANGE CITY SANITATION	GARBAGE HAULING, DUMPSTER	\$9,693.00
PAYROLL	PAYROLL 11/30/2025	\$38,842.46
PEFA, INC	GAS COMMODITY	\$17,161.19
PHELPS UNIFORM SPECIALISTS	LAUNDRY SERVICE	\$73.35
PLUIM PUBLISHING CO., INC.	PERFORATED PAPER, PUBLICATIONS	\$316.88
PREMIER COMMUNICATIONS	IT SERVICES	\$1,050.00
PRINCIPAL LIFE	GROUP INSURANCE	\$142.42
SIOUX COUNTY AUDITOR	2025 ELECTION FEES	\$1,341.20
SIOUXLAND PRESS	PUBLICATIONS, AD	\$399.00
TREASURER - STATE OF IOWA	WATER EXCISE TAX	\$1,691.23
TREASURER - STATE OF IOWA	SALES TAX	\$3,683.61
U. S. POSTMASTER	POSTAGE	\$500.00
UNUM LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY	GROUP INSURANCE	\$390.63
VERIZON	CELL PHONES	\$437.45
VISA	TRAINING, ESRI, SUPPLIES	\$3,085.86
WARD ELECTRIC	ELECTRIC REBATE - MOC/FV	\$100.00
WELLMARK BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD	GROUP INSURANCE	\$8,195.47
WEST IOWA TELEPHONE	TELEPHONE, FAX, INTERNET	\$773.05
	TOTAL ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	\$553,178.97

PERSONNEL: Konz spoke to the Council regarding part-time staff needed for snow removal. It is hard to find people to do this type of work, especially for the irregular hours worked, usually starting removal at 2:00 a.m. Increasing part-time staffing helps mitigate fatigue among full-time employees who would otherwise work their normal shifts immediately following overnight snow removal. Snow removal can also be completed more efficiently and timelier with additional help and reduce the costs of overtime. He asked the Council to review and consider increasing pay for the part-time snow removal staff to hopefully assist with hiring and retaining staff.

RESOLUTION 25-47: “A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALTON, IOWA, SETTING SALARIES AND WAGES FOR APPOINTED OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026” was introduced and moved for adoption by Council Member Plathe. Mulder seconded the motion to adopt.

On roll call vote:

Ayes: Plathe, Mulder, Frederes, Kleinhesselink, Jorgensen

Nays: None

Whereupon the Mayor Pro Tem declared the Resolution duly adopted.

Konz left the meeting at 6:32 PM.

ELECTRIC UTILITY:

Line Superintendent Scott Bortscheller presented information on a Missouri River Energy Services project called Light Up Navajo. MRES staff and representatives from member communities travel to the Navajo Nation for the Light Up Navajo Project, working to connect families to electricity for the first time. Bortscheller would like to participate in the week-long project and asked the council if they would support him in the effort.

Motion by Jorgensen and second by Frederes to approve Scott Bortscheller using a city truck and to pay Bortscheller his normal wage to volunteer at the Light Up Navajo Opportunity. Ayes 5

Bortscheller left the meeting at 6:35 PM.

Motion by Jorgensen and second by Plathe to approve the minutes of the November 11, 2025, meeting. Ayes 5

Motion by Kleinhesselink and second by Plathe to accept the financial reports as presented. Ayes 5

Motion by Kleinhesselink and second by Frederes to approve the bills as presented. Ayes 5

Mayor Pro Tem Mulder opened a public hearing on Proposed Plans and Specifications, form of Contract, and Estimate of Cost for Furnishing an Electric Power Transformer and the Taking of Bids for Procurement of Said Work at 6:44 PM. No written or oral comments were received.

Motion by Jorgensen and second by Plathe to close the public hearing at 6:47 PM. Ayes 5

Motion by Jorgensen and second by Kleinhesselink to approve the Proposed Plans and Specifications, form of Contract, and Estimate of Cost for Furnishing an Electric Power Transformer and the Taking of Bids for Procurement of Said Work, pending attorney review.
Ayes 5

RESOLUTION 25-42: “RESOLUTION ADOPTING PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, FORM OF CONTRACT AND ESTIMATE OF COST FOR AN ELECTRIC POWER TRANSFORMER FOR THE ALTON SUBSTATION” was introduced and moved for adoption by Council Member Mulder. Kleinhesselink seconded the motion to adopt.

On roll call vote:

Ayes: Mulder, Kleinhesselink, Plathe, Frederes, Jorgensen

Nays: None

Whereupon the Mayor Pro Tem declared the Resolution duly adopted.

RESOLUTION 25-43: “RESOLUTION MAKING AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR PROVIDING ELECTRIC TRANSFORMER FOR THE ALTON SUBSTATION” was introduced and moved for adoption by Council Member Kleinhesselink. Plathe seconded the motion to adopt.

On roll call vote:

Ayes: Kleinhesselink, Plathe, Frederes, Jorgensen, Mulder

Nays: None

Whereupon the Mayor Pro Tem declared the Resolution duly adopted.

RESOLUTION 25-44: “RESOLUTION APPROVING CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT AND BOND FOR FURNISHING AN ELECTRIC TRANSFORMER FOR THE ALTON SUBSTATION PROJECT” was introduced and moved for adoption by Council Member Plathe. Frederes seconded the motion to adopt.

On roll call vote:

Ayes: Plathe, Frederes, Jorgensen, Kleinhesselink, Mulder

Nays: None

Whereupon the Mayor Pro Tem declared the Resolution duly adopted.

TRANSFER OF FUNDS:

RESOLUTION 25-45: “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 Mulder. Plathe seconded the motion to adopt.

On roll call vote:

Ayes: Mulder, Plathe, Frederes, Kleinhesselink, Jorgensen

Nays: None

Whereupon the Mayor Pro Tem declared the Resolution duly adopted.

RESOLUTION 25-46: “A RESOLUTION FO THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALTON, IOWA TRANSFERRING FUNDS FROM THE TIF FAIR VIEW MEADOWS 2ND ADDITION PHASE 2 HOUSING FUND FOR DEBT REPAYMENT AND LMI SET ASIDE” was introduced and moved for adoption by Council Member Kleinhesselink. Jorgensen seconded the motion to adopt.

On roll call vote:

Ayes: Kleinhesselink, Jorgensen, Plathe, Frederes, Mulder

Nays: None

Whereupon the Mayor Pro Tem declared the Resolution duly adopted.

2024 FLOODING: Oltmans updated the Council on his progress with FEMA. He continues to work with the consultant and Homeland Security to make progress.

OTHER BUSINESS: Oltmans updated the Council on the upcoming interviews to be held for the open Electric & Gas Position at the City.

Motion by Mulder and second by Frederes to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 PM. Ayes 5

Mayor Pro Tem
Justin Mulder

City Clerk/Administrator
Dale Oltmans

November Revenue

General Fund	\$48,123.53	Capital Disaster Fund	\$1,842.67
RUT Fund	\$14,849.28	Capital Parks & Trails Fund	\$366.82
Employee Benefits Fund	\$2,619.72	Water Fund	\$32,958.86
TIF – FVM2 Phase 1 Fund	\$6,841.00	Sewer Fund	\$30,616.31
TIF – FVM2 Phase 2 Fund	\$11.64	Electric Fund	\$105,709.84
Debt Service Fund	\$15,843.79	Gas Fund	\$37,630.56
Capital Equipment Fund	\$537.23	Storm Water Fund	\$2,915.74
		Total Receipts	\$300,866.99