

ALTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes of Regular Session
Tuesday, January 13, 2026

Mayor Vande Griend called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. with Council members Frederes, Jorgensen, Kleinhesselink, Mulder, and Plathe present. Also present were Dustan Kneip, Dale Oltmans, and Laurie Tentinger.

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

AUDIT REPORT: Dustan Kneip from Williams and Company reviewed the June 30, 2025, Audit Report with the Council. In the Auditors' opinion, the financial statements present fairly, and Kneip stated the City Staff has done a thorough job reporting the finances as well as maintaining the City's financial position.

Motion by Mulder and second by Frederes to accept the annual financial audit for Fiscal Year 2024-2025. Ayes 5

Kneip left the meeting at 6:07 PM.

Motion by Kleinhesselink and second by Plathe to approve the minutes from December 9, 2025, and December 23, 2025 meetings. Ayes 5

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

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

JANUARY 2026 ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>PRODUCT/SERVICE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
AALBERS EXCAVATING/TRUCKING	RED ROCK	\$3,095.40
AFLAC	AFLAC-PRE-TAX	\$502.79
AGSTATE	FUEL	\$3,793.15
AGRIVISION EQUIPMENT	CAMERA	\$615.04
ALTEC INDUSTRIES INC	TRUCK MAINTENANCE	\$906.18
AMERICAN STATE BANK	FED/FICA TAX	\$12,982.59
ANALYTICAL & CONSULTING	COMPLIANCE TESTING	\$215.05
ARNOLD MOTOR SUPPLY	OIL FILTER, OIL, SUPPLIES	\$270.17
BOLKEMA REPAIR LLC	BRAKE REPAIR	\$578.12
BOMGAARS	HOSE NOZZLE, BALL MOUNT	\$75.97
BOXCARS CAFE	MEETING EXPENSE	\$765.00
CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS	COPIER/PRINTER FEES	\$99.50
CITY OF ORANGE CITY	LAW ENFORCEMENT, GAS CONTRACT	\$60,460.00
CLAYTON ENERGY CORPORATION	GAS RESERVATION	\$19,175.64
CLAYTON ENERGY CORPORATION	GAS COMMODITY	\$21,606.43
CONNECTIONS INC	EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM	\$86.52
DEWILD GRANT RECKERT & ASSOC	ENGINEERING FEES	\$21,835.50
FP MAILING SOLUTIONS	POSTAGE MACHINE RENTAL, INK	\$730.35
GRAINGER	EAR PLUGS, SAFETY GLASSES, HARD HAT	\$292.85
GROEBNER & ASSOCIATES INC	EF FITTINGS	\$863.58
NOAH HARDING	UTILITY CONNECTION REBATE	\$600.00
HUBERS PLUMBING, HEATING	SHOP FURNACE	\$105.22
IOWA ASSN. OF MUNICIPAL UTIL.	OQ TRAINING, RECORDKEEPING	\$3,185.00
IOWA DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION	ROCK SALT	\$1,051.44
IOWA INFORMATION	ELECTRIC/GAS POSITION AD	\$506.66
IOWA LEAGUE OF CITIES	BUDGET WORKSHOP	\$60.00
IOWA STATE TREASURER	STATE TAX	\$1,249.07
IPERS COLLECTIONS	IPERS	\$8,935.24
STUART C IRBY CO	GAS VALVE BOXES	\$548.76

KOLBECK INC	WOOD CHIP TRUCKING	\$6,178.00
KOPETSKYS ACE	FLAT BAR, TAPE, SCREWDRIVER	\$96.14
MID SIOUX OPPORTUNITY	PROJECT SHARE	\$235.00
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY	STREET LIGHTS	\$347.74
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY	ELECTRIC - BLOWOFF VALVE	\$23.52
MIKES WELDING & REPAIR	SUPPLIES, WELDING WIRE	\$130.25
MISSOURI RIVER ENERGY SERVICES	ELECTRIC	\$63,165.88
MUNICIPAL PIPE TOOL CO LC	SEWER REPAIR/REPLACEMENT	\$76,057.33
MUNICIPAL UTIL-BILLS	UTILITIES	\$3,634.39
NEAL CHASE LUMBER CO	SUPPLIES	\$182.12
NEW TEC	RUBBER TRACK SNOW PUSHER	\$2,500.00
ORANGE CITY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES	BULK WATER	\$13,572.82
ORANGE CITY HEALTH SYSTEM	PARAMEDIC ASSISTS	\$465.00
ORANGE CITY SANITATION	GARBAGE HAULING	\$9,868.90
PAYROLL	PAYROLL 12/31/2025	\$45,623.36
PEFA, INC	GAS COMMODITY	\$31,298.28
PEHELPS UNIFORM SPECIALISTS	LAUNDRY SERVICE	\$73.35
PLUIM PUBLISHING CO., INC.	ELECTRIC/GAS POSITION AD	\$121.88
PREMIER COMMUNICATIONS	IT SERVICES	\$1,050.00
PRINCIPAL LIFE	GROUP INSURANCE	\$169.56
RANDY'S IRON WORKS INC	SUPPLIES	\$43.80
SIOUX COUNTY SHERIFF	SIOUX COUNTY COMM CENTER	\$9,763.00
SIOUXLAND PRESS	PUBLICATIONS, SUBSCRIPTION	\$378.00
SPIREWORKS CREATIVE	WEBSITE UPDATES	\$120.00
SUPERHITECH	CAMERA REPAIR	\$75.00
T&R SERVICE COMPANY	PCB TESTING	\$45.00
TOWN & COUNTRY IMPLEMENT	TRANSMISSION REPAIR	\$1,250.85
TREASURER - STATE OF IOWA	SALES TAX	\$5,442.64
TREASURER - STATE OF IOWA	WATER EXCISE TAX	\$1,367.96
U. S. POSTMASTER	POSTAGE	\$500.00
UNUM LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY	GROUP INSURANCE	\$406.07
QUINTIN VAN ES	ANNUAL ZONING FEES	\$1,300.00
VANDER POL EXCAVATING	CRUSHED CONCRETE	\$2,511.08
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	CONSULTING - FLOOD	\$596.00
VERIZON	CELL PHONES	\$470.94
VISA	REGISTRATION, SHRIMP, SUPPLIES	\$1,149.35
WELLMARK BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD	GROUP INSURANCE	\$8,941.46
WEST IOWA TELEPHONE	TELEPHONE, FAX, INTERNET	\$746.45
WILLIAMS & CO	AUDIT	\$1,585.00
ZIEGLER	BROOM , SUPPLIES	\$1,817.17
	TOTAL ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	\$458,494.51

FY26 BUDGET AMENDMENT: Mayor Vande Griend opened a public hearing on Approving the Budget Amendment for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2026, at 6:13 PM. No written or oral comments were received.

Motion by Plathe and second by Frederes to close the public hearing at 6:16 PM. Ayes 5

RESOLUTION 26-01: “A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALTON, IOWA, ADOPTING THE BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2026” was introduced and moved for adoption by Council Member Jorgensen. Plathe seconded the motion to adopt.

On roll call vote:

Ayes: Jorgensen, Plathe, Frederes, Kleinhesselink, Mulder

Nays: None

Whereupon the Mayor declared the Resolution duly adopted.

FY27 BUDGET: Oltmans reviewed the preliminary budget with the Council, noting any significant changes.

Motion by Plathe and second by Frederes to approve the preliminary budget moving the Fiscal Year 2027 annual appropriation from Sioux Golf & Country Club to the Capital Equipment Fund towards the future purchase of a new fire engine. Ayes 5

2026 BUILD GRANT APPLICATION: Oltmans informed the Council he received an e-mail request from the Sioux County Engineer for the City to participate in the cost of the grant-writing fees for the bridge on East Division St.

The Council discussed the County having paid the full expense for the last two years.

Motion by Kleinhesselink and second by Plathe to approve paying half of this year's grant-writing fees for the bridge on East Division St. Ayes 5

UTILITIES: Council received in their packet copies of updated plans for Operations and Maintenance Plan Version 1.2, Emergency Plan and Procedures Version 1.2, 2026 Operator Qualifications Plan Version 1.1, and 2026 Alton Gas Security Plan.

Motion by Mulder and second by Jorgensen to approve Operations and Maintenance Plan Version 1.2, Emergency Plan and Procedures Version 1.2, 2026 Operator Qualifications Plan Version 1.1, and 2026 Alton Gas Security Plan. Ayes 5

DELINQUENT MOWING CHARGES & FEES AND VANDALISM DAMAGE

REIMBURSEMENT AMOUNTS: Tentinger provided the Council with a list of accounts receivable that the City has not been able to collect on.

RESOLUTION 26-02: "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALTON, IOWA CERTIFYING DELINQUENT MOWING CHARGES AND FEES AND VANDALISM DAMAGE REIMBURSEMENT AMOUNTS" was introduced and moved for adoption by Council Member Kleinhesselink. Frederes seconded the motion to adopt.

On roll call vote:

Ayes: Kleinhesselink, Jorgensen, Frederes, Plathe, Mulder

Nays: None

Whereupon the Mayor declared the Resolution duly adopted.

LIQUOR LICENSE: Casey's General Store submitted updated ownership information for approval on their current liquor license.

Motion by Jorgensen and second by Plathe to approve Casey's General Store updated liquor license. Ayes 5

The Yard Bar & Grill submitted a request for renewal of Class C Retail Alcohol License.

Motion by Plathe and second by Frederes to approve The Yard Bar & Grill Class C Retail Alcohol License. Ayes 5

PERSONNEL: Oltmans informed the Council that the two prospects have both turned down the job offer, and the City will continue search for a Lineman/Gas Operator.

2026 MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS: Mayor Vande Griend reviewed his Council appointments, recommending keeping them the same as last year.

Motion by Mulder and second by Plathe to approve the Mayor’s Council Committee appointments. Ayes 5

2024 FLOODING: Oltmans updated on progress with FEMA. The City is still waiting for payments from FEMA on several projects.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Motion by Jorgensen and second by Plathe to adjourn the meeting at 7:06 PM. Ayes 5

Mayor
Dan Vande Griend

City Clerk/Administrator
Dale Oltmans

December Revenue

General Fund	\$24,182.55	Capital LMI Fund	\$24.00
RUT Fund	\$13,848.74	Capital Parks & Trails Fund	\$411.68
Employee Benefits Fund	\$1,110.61	Water Fund	\$30,619.86
Local Option Fund	\$45,280.03	Sewer Fund	\$32,421.14
TIF – FVM2 Phase 1 Fund	\$807.71	Electric Fund	\$96,724.49
TIF – FVM2 Phase 2 Fund	\$180.47	Gas Fund	\$71,763.29
Debt Service Fund	\$6,378.92	Storm Water Fund	\$2,766.51
Capital Equipment Fund	\$602.94	Total Receipts	\$327,122.94