

April 21, 2026

A special meeting of the Alta City Council was held on April 21, 2026, at City Hall. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Mayor Desi Suter with the following members present: Bruce McGowan, Peg Hinkeldey, Pam Henderson, Laurie Millard, and Alie Sievers.

AGENDA: Henderson moved, and Sievers seconded to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING- FY26 BUDGET AMENDMENT: Mayor Suter opened the public hearing for the FY26 Budget Amendment at 6:01 p.m. No verbal or written comments were received at City Hall, and none were taken during the public hearing. Motion by McGowan, second by Millard, to close the public hearing. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 26-02- FY26 BUDGET AMENDMENT: Motion by McGowan, second by Millard, to approve Resolution 26-02: Resolution Approving the City of Alta's Amendment of the FY26 Budget. Motion carried with the following members voting aye: McGowan, Hinkeldey, Millard, Sievers, and Henderson. Nays: none.

PUBLIC HEARING- FY27 PROPOSED BUDGET: Mayor Suter opened the public hearing for the FY27 Proposed Budget at 6:08 p.m. No verbal or written comments were received at City Hall, and none were taken during the public hearing. Motion by Sievers, second by Henderson, to close the public hearing. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 26-03- APPROVE FY27 BUDGET: Motion by Sievers, second by Henderson, to approve Resolution 26-03: Resolution Approving the City of Alta's Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027. Motion carried with the following members voting aye: McGowan, Hinkeldey, Millard, Henderson, Sievers. Nays: none.

STAKEHOLDERS: The Council discussed the list of stakeholders for the strategic planning process with Beck Engineering.

COMMUNITY CENTER CHECKLIST: Discussion was held about the new process for checking the Community Center after rentals. Motion by Henderson, second by Hinkeldey, to approve the Community Center Security Deposit Checklist. Motion carried unanimously.

MAYOR UPDATE: Mayor Suter provided an update on several city matters, including complaint forms and several council procedures, and discussion was held. No action was taken.

COUNCIL TRAVEL AND CONFERENCE PROCEDURES: Discussion was held about outside meetings for council members. No action was taken.

28E AGREEMENT: Discussion was held about the 28E agreement with Alta-Aurelia Schools. The council advised City Attorney Armstrong to seek a second opinion on the agreement before further action is taken.

SP ENERGY BUILDING PERMIT: City Attorney Armstrong stated that he had reviewed the SP Energy building permit and the agreement between SP Energy and AMU and found both acceptable.

FY27 EMPLOYEE WAGES: The Employee Committee presented proposed wage increases for FY27. The city attorney will review proposed changes. No action was taken.

PURCHASE OF PROPERTY: Motion by Sievers, second by Henderson to adjourn to closed session regarding land acquisition as permitted under Section 21.5(1)(j) of the Code of Iowa. City Attorney Armstrong had reviewed the subject matter to be discussed and found it to be an appropriate topic for closed session. Motion carried with the following members voting Aye: Henderson, Hinkeldey, Sievers, Millard, and McGowan. Nays: none. The council moved into closed session at 7:49 pm.

Motion by Hinkeldey, second by Henderson, to reconvene to regular session at 8:20 pm. Motion carried with the following members voting Aye: Hinkeldey, Millard, McGowan, Sievers, and Henderson. Nays: none.

Motion by Sievers, second by Henderson, to proceed with efforts to purchase the property as discussed. Ayes: Henderson, Sievers, Millard, Hinkeldey, McGowan. Nays: none. Motion carried.

NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING: Next regular meeting is **Monday, May 4, 2026 at 4:30 pm. (Please note time change.)**

Being no further business, motion by Henderson to adjourn at 8:26 pm, second by Sievers, and approved with all members voting aye.

Lindsay Brown, City Clerk

Attest:

Desi Suter, Mayor