

April 6, 2026

A regular meeting of the Alta City Council was held on April 6, 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 Hinkeldey seconded to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES: Motion by Henderson, second by Sievers, to approve the minutes of the March 2 special meeting, March 2 regular meeting, and the March 16 special meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

SEWER CHARGE FORGIVENESS REQUEST: Michelle Castro provided documentation and a written request for sewer charges to be forgiven due to a water leak at 106 Leander #59. Motion by McGowan, second by Sievers, to deny the request for sewer charge forgiveness due to neglect. Motion passed unanimously.

TREE TRIMMING REQUEST: Dave Suhr asked the Council for permission to trim trees in the right-of-way at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Motion by Hinkeldey, second by Millard, to allow the church to trim the trees in the right-of-way on Division and W 4th St. Motion passed unanimously.

IOWA LAKES CORRIDOR: Trevor Smith from the Iowa Lakes Corridor presented information and answered questions about rural housing development, strategic planning, and urban improvement areas.

OPEN FORUM: In the Public Forum, Becky Meyer asked if she was supposed to get a check for her service on the park board. The City Clerk explained the payment timeline and assured her that the check was correct.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: Department reports were presented.

There was no Engineer's report

Chief Reetz presented the monthly Fire Department report and answered questions. Motion by Henderson, second by Sievers, to approve Lucy Gunkelman to the fire department. Motion passed unanimously. Motion by Henderson, second by Hinkeldey, to approve Austin Pyle to the department. Motion passed unanimously.

Deputy Nelson presented the Sheriff's Report and answered questions.

Park Board President Raegan Launderville presented the Parks report.

Library Director Gigi Nelson presented the Library report.

Superintendent Pedersen presented the Streets and Sanitation report and answered questions. Motion by McGowan, second by Hinkeldey, to approve the bid from Sonny's Lawn Care for \$3,000.00 for the removal of trees in the right-of-way at 501 E. 6th St. that were found to be a hazard due to condition. Motion passed unanimously.

Code Officer Stange presented the Code Officer report and answered questions.

There was no Westview Trailer Park Report, but Tom Lane was present and updated the council.

Mayor Suter presented her report.

The City Attorney presented his report.

STRATEGIC PLANNING PROPOSAL: Motion by Henderson, second by Hinkeldey, to approve the proposal for Strategic Planning and Visioning Services from Beck Engineering for \$7,500. Motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION 26-01- COMMUNITY GARDEN: Motion by Sievers, second by Millard to approve RESOLUTION 26-01: A Resolution Approving and Authorizing Alta Hometown Pride to Install and Maintain a Community Garden

on City-Owned Property. Motion passed with the following members voting aye: Henderson, Hinkeldey, McGowan, Millard, and Sievers. Nays: None.

BUDGET WORKSHOP: Discussion was held about the FY26 Budget Amendment and the FY27 Budget.

SET PUBLIC HEARINGS: Motion by Henderson, second by Hinkeldey, to set the FY26 Budget Amendment Public Hearing and the FY27 Proposed Budget Public Hearing for Tuesday, April 21, at 6:00 pm. Motion passed unanimously.

SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT PROGRAM: Discussion was held about the FY27 Sidewalk Replacement Program.

CLASS C ALCOHOL LICENSE: Motion by Henderson, second by Sievers, to approve the renewal of a Class C Retail Alcohol License (LC) for Century Bar. Motion passed unanimously.

ADDITIONAL REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING: Motion by Henderson, second by Millard, to approve the addition of a second monthly regular council meeting on a trial basis. Motion passed unanimously. The second meeting will be on the 3rd Monday of the month at 4:30 pm.

MARCH Bills Payable

GENERAL FUND:		AMOUNT
Ace Hardware	supplies	45.98
AgState	fuel	90.64
Alliant Energy	utilities	31.30
AMU	telecom	424.41
AMU	utilities	1,820.76
AMU	postage	74.36
Amazon	supplies	750.36
Beck Engineering	service	1,225.00
BV Co Recycle Center	fee	1,981.80
Dinges Fire Co	supplies	116.06
Ecolab	service	75.00
GFC Leasing	lease	173.54
GFC Leasing	lease	58.09
GOES Insurance	premium	40,568.92
Grainger	supplies	126.45
Harland Clarke	supplies	158.37
Heiman Fire	equipment	259.41
Ingram	books	724.32
Iowa DIAL	fee	70.00
Johnson/Joann	service	420.00
Mack,Hansen, Gadd, Armstrong, and Brown	fee	3,858.28
Nelson/Gigi	reimbursement	37.41
North Lake Truck Repair	service	227.97
Pitney Bowes	fee	135.27
Power Solutions	service	450.00
Reetz/Heidi	fee	100.00
Rodriguez/Carina	refund	100.00
Smith/Steve	fee	50.00
Sonny's Lawn Care	service	3,000.00
Stange/John	reimbursement	12.33
State Chemical Solutions	fee	72.71
State Chemical Solutions	supplies	800.00
Storm Lake Times Pilot	fee	437.93
Textcaster	fee	122.39
Toyne	parts	146.59
Turnquist/Laura	reimbursement	112.89
US BankCard	supplies	43.41

Woodbury Co. Fire Assoc.	fee	200.00
		59,101.95

ROAD USE TAX FUND:

Ace Hardware	supplies	48.97
AgState	fuel	426.61
Alliant Energy	utilities	392.16
AMU	utilities	869.83
Arnold Motor Supply	supplies	162.45
Arnold Motor Supply	supplies	336.79
Aurelia Lumber	supplies	36.00
Bomgaars	supplies	61.73
Builders	supplies	30.22
Dale B. Wetherell Trucking	service/supplies	2,585.28
Frank Dunn Co	supplies	989.00
GOES Insurance	service	10,925.69
Grainger	supplies	15.62
Grainger	supplies	496.75
Hirschman Auto	service	266.80
Kueny Chiropractic	fee	60.00
Larson Oil	supplies	1,056.74
Larson Oil	supplies	112.75
State Chemical Solutions	fee	181.77
State Chemical Solutions	supplies	2,000.00
Storm Lake Garage Door Service	service	125.36
Titan Machinery	supplies	179.95
Vetter Equipment	supplies	76.81
		21,437.28

SEWER RENT FUND:

Alliant Energy	utilities	635.41
AMU	telecom	114.85
AMU	utilities	2,180.88
Bomgaars	supplies	97.33
ERA	service	698.61
Fareway	supplies	173.22
Foundation Analytical	service	1,078.00
GOES Insurance	premiums	35,038.06
Grainger	supplies	358.22
Mike's Electronics	service	100.00
Mike's Electronics	service	255.00
State Chemical Solutions	fee	72.71
State Chemical Solutions	supplies	800.00
SCE	service	9,218.36
USA Bluebook	supplies	2,426.96
USDA	loan	12,686.00
		65,933.61

COMMUNITY BLDG FUND:

Alliant Energy	utilities	1,612.09
AMU	telecom	117.90
AMU	utilities	802.71
Chesterman	supplies	50.00
Ecolab	service	113.40
GOES Insurance	premiums	12,675.94
HyVee	supplies	510.93
Hinners/Ben	bartending	105.00
Iowa DIAL	fee	180.00
Kasperbauer	service	164.94
Kasperbauer	service	82.47

Klein/Ashley	contract	500.00
Petty Cash- City of Alta	atm restock	2,000.00
Schubert/ Carla	contract/fee	279.50
State Chemical Solutions	fee	109.06
State Chemical Solutions	supplies	1,200.00
Theisen/Jodi	bartending	105.00
Theisen/Madison	bartending	105.00
		20,713.94

SOLID WASTE FUND:

AgState	fuel	35.88
AMU	utilities	84.15
Arnold Motor Supply	supplies	85.69
BV Co Recycle Center	fee	3,047.54
GOES Insurance	premiums	5,673.70
Larson Oil	fuel	704.50
		9,631.46

MARCH PAYROLL:

GOES Insurance	premiums	33,765.69
	payroll	48,366.91
		82,132.60

TOTAL = 258,950.84

MARCH REVENUE

General	23,752.62
Trees Forever	0.00
Playground	0.00
Community Building	9,500.88
Road Use	19,809.08
Employee Benefits	3,369.62
Emergency	0.00
Local Option Sales Tax	23,397.22
TIF	0.00
Debt Service	2,831.05
Inf. Savings	0.00
Housing Rehab	0.00
Sewer/Drainage Project	0.00
CIP - W. 1st St. Project	0.00
Sewer Rent	40,158.26
Sewer - Short-lived assets	653.00
Sewer Reserve	0.00
Solid Waste	14,008.78
Storm Water	1766.89
	139,247.40

CLAIMS: Motion by Henderson, second by Sievers, to approve March claims in the amount of \$258,950.84. Motion passed unanimously.

NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING: Motion by McGowan, second by Sievers, to move the May 4, 2026, regular meeting to 4:30pm due to schedule conflicts. Motion passed unanimously.

A special meeting including the FY26 Budget Amendment Public Hearing and the FY27 Proposed Budget Public Hearing will be held on **Tuesday, April 21, 2026, at 6:00 pm**. 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 7:46 pm, second by Sievers, and approved with all members voting aye.

Lindsay Brown, City Clerk

Attest:

Desi Suter, Mayor