

May 18, 2026

A regular meeting of the Alta City Council was held on May 18, 2026, at City Hall. The meeting was called to order at 4:31 pm by Mayor Desi Suter with the following members present: Bruce McGowan, Pam Henderson, Laurie Millard, Alie Sievers, and Peg Hinkeldey.

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

MINUTES: Motion by Henderson, second by Sievers, to approve the minutes of the May 4 regular meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

DGR STUDY: Gary Kurth from DGR discussed the study DGR did on the proposed commercial/industrial development and answered questions. He shared a proposal for additional work that the council had not seen yet.

OPEN FORUM: In the open forum, Becky Meyer shared her concern about scooters being ridden around town.

STREET CLOSURE: Motion by Henderson, second by Millard, to approve the request from Jonathan Borjas of Scooters on Main to close the 200 block of Main Street from 5 pm on Saturday, May 23, to 1 am on Sunday, May 24, for an event. Motion passed unanimously.

STREET REPAIR: Motion by Henderson, second by Sievers, to approve the bid from Bargin for crack repair and infrared patching in the area of Benson, Leander, W 1st St, and W 2nd St. Motion passed with the following members voting aye: Henderson, Sievers, Millard. Nays: McGowan, Hinkeldey.

DOG/CAT POLICY: Discussion was held about a proposed animal at large policy. No action was taken on the policy, but the council agreed to limit the city's response to after-hours animal at-large calls unless the animal is aggressive.

ON-CALL POLICY: Discussion was held about a proposed on-call policy. No action was taken.

OVERTIME POLICY: Discussion was held about a proposal to modify the overtime calculation policy. No action was taken.

STAFFING AND FY27 WAGES: Henderson presented the possibility of contracting with the City of Menville for Code Enforcement services. The council was open to hearing more information at a future meeting. No action was taken on FY27 wages.

RETAIL ALCOHOL LICENSE: Motion by Hinkeldey, second by Henderson, to approve a Special Class "C" Retail Alcohol License (BW) for Buena Vista County Fair. Motion passed unanimously. Motion by Henderson, second by Millard, to approve a Class "C" Retail Alcohol License (LC) for the Alta Community Building. Motion passed unanimously.

FARMERS MARKET: The Park Board reviewed the request form from Alta Hometown Pride to use the city park to host a farmers market. The Park Board requests that no vehicles be driven across the trail or on the grass in the park, and that the shelter house be cleaned after use to avoid additional cleaning expenses. Motion by Henderson, second by Sievers, to approve the request from Alta Hometown Pride to use the city park for a Farmers Market with the addition of the vendor insurance certificate requirement and the requests of the Park Board.

COUNCIL TRAINING AND EXPENDITURES: Henderson requested a policy be drafted and approved to provide guidance about council training and expenditures.

NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING: Next regular meeting is **Monday, June 1, 2026 at 6:00 pm.**

Being no further business, motion by Henderson to adjourn at 7:25 pm, second by Millard, and approved with all members voting aye.

Lindsay Brown, City Clerk

Attest:

Desi Suter, Mayor