May 4, 2026

A regular meeting of the Alta City Council was held on May 4, 2026, at City Hall. The meeting was called to order at 4:30 pm by Mayor Desi Suter with the following members present: Pam Henderson, Laurie Millard, Alie Sievers, and Peg Hinkeldey (via Zoom). Absent: Bruce McGowan.

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

MINUTES: Motion by Henderson, second by Sievers, to approve the minutes of the April 6 special meeting, April 6 regular meeting, and the April 21 special meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

OPEN FORUM: In the Open Forum, a written request from Jonathan Borjas of Scooters on Main to close Main Street for a community event on May 23rd was received. The council was in favor of this request, and it will be placed on the May 18 agenda for formal approval.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: Department reports were presented.

There was no Engineer’s report

Chief Reetz presented the monthly Fire Department report and answered questions.

Deputy Garcia presented the Sheriff’s Report and answered questions.

The Park Board provided a written report.

Library Director Gigi Nelson presented the Library report.

Superintendent Pedersen provided a written Streets and Sanitation report. The street work bid, dog and cat policy, and on-call policy were tabled to the May 18 meeting.

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. He clarified for the council that the City Clerk and Street and Sanitation Superintendent positions do not qualify as exempt employees.

The City Clerk presented her report.

FARMERS’ MARKET: The request from Alta Hometown Pride for use of the City Park and Shelter House for the Alta Farmers’ Market was tabled until May 18 to allow time to check on insurance needs and get input from the Park Board.

SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT PROGRAM: Motion by Sievers, second by Hinkeldey, to put the Sidewalk Replacement Program on hold for FY27 to allow those funds to be used for Main Street sidewalk projects. Motion passed unanimously.

FY27 WAGES: Discussion on FY27 wages was tabled until May 18.

COMMUNITY CENTER RENTAL CONTRACT: Motion by Henderson, second by Hinkeldey, to approve the updated Community Center Rental Contract. Motion passed unanimously.

SPECIAL CLASS “C” ALCOHOL LICENSE: Motion by Millard, second by Sievers, to approve a Special Class "C" Retail Alcohol License (BW) for Top of Iowa Lucky Wife LLC for July 8-12, 2026, for operation during the fair. Motion passed unanimously.

CLASS “C” RETAIL ALCOHOL LICENSE: No action was taken on the liquor license for the Alta Community Center due to the current filing status.

28E AGREEMENT: Motion by Hinkeldey, second by Sievers, to adjourn to closed session to discuss strategy with legal counsel as permitted under Section 21.5(3) of the Code of Iowa. Attorney Armstrong 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, Sievers, Millard, and Hinkeldey. Nays: none. The council moved into closed session at 5:48 pm.

Motion by Sievers, second by Millard, to reconvene to regular session at 6:18 pm. Motion carried with the following members voting aye: Henderson, Sievers, Millard, and Hinkeldey. Nays: none.

Motion by Henderson, second by Sievers, for the attorney to proceed as directed.

APRIL Bills Payable

GENERAL FUND:		AMOUNT
AARP	subscription	79.00
AgState	fuel	353.36
Alliant Energy	utilities	33.53
AllRecipes	subscription	50.00
AMU	telecom	424.27
AMU	utilities	1,335.86
AMU	postage	59.94
Amazon	supplies	759.88
Amazon	supplies	138.89
Aronson Plumbing and Heating	service	344.84
Bomgaars	supplies	16.74
Brown/Lindsay	reimbursement	265.16
BV Co Recycle Center	fee	445.80
Central Iowa Distributing	supplies	176.00
Demco	supplies	110.41
Demco	supplies	56.98
Ecolab	service	150.00
Feld Fire	service	95.43
GFC Leasing	lease	173.54
GFC Leasing	lease	59.59
Ingram	books	188.15
Johnson/Joann	service	296.00
Mack, Hansen, Gadd, Armstrong, & Brown	fee	2,200.00
McChesney	reimbursement	16.05
McKinley/Kathryn	fee	50.00
Millard/Laurie	reimbursement	21.39
National Geographic	subscription	114.00
Neotek	service	850.59
Overhead Door	service	5,816.00
P&H Wholesale	supplies	185.30
Petty Cash- Library	postage	7.55
Reader's Digest	subscription	26.75
Reetz/Heidi	fee	100.00
RPL Products	supplies	3,257.88
Smith/Steve	fee	50.00
Scholastic Books	books	311.36
Spencer Office Supply	supplies	220.46
Storm Lake Times Pilot	fee	609.62
Storm Lake Times Pilot	fee	713.67
Textcaster	fee	105.86
Turnquist/Laura	reimbursement	18.63

US BankCard	supplies	1,236.25
Zone Home Entertainment	supplies	314.96
		21,839.69

ROAD USE TAX FUND:

AgState	fuel	163.11
Alliant Energy	utilities	201.11
AMU	utilities	837.08
Arnold Motor Supply	supplies	125.65
Aurelia Lumber	supplies	19.00
Bomgaars	supplies	190.17
Central Iowa Distributing	supplies	643.00
Dan Connell Law Trust	fee	1,975.00
Haley Equipment	service	12,761.82
Hirschman Auto	service	22.00
Larson Oil	supplies	2,304.69
Lawson Products	supplies	84.23
North Lake Truck Repair	service	91.62
Power Solutions	supplies	27.00
UnityPoint Clinic	service	84.00
		19,529.48

SEWER RENT FUND:

Alliant Energy	utilities	443.21
AMU	telecom	114.85
AMU	utilities	2,415.98
Bomgaars	supplies	200.15
Fareway	supplies	172.35
Foundation Analytical	service	1,598.50
Guarantee Gutter	service	1,560.00
Iowa Finance Authority	loan	84,085.99
Mike's Electronics	service	350.00
RPL Products	supplies	733.66
SCE	service	3,099.35
Sioux Valley Environmental	supplies	2,040.00
USA Bluebook	supplies	337.84
USDA	loan	12,686.00
		109,837.88

COMMUNITY BLDG FUND:

Alliant Energy	utilities	847.28
AMU	telecom	117.90
AMU	utilities	1,008.16
Aronson Plumbing and Heating	service	488.56
Calderon, Betsy	refund	100.00
Chesterman	supplies	50.00
Ecolab	service	113.40
HyVee	supplies	9.98
Klein/Ashley	contract	500.00
M&S HVAC	service	600.00
North Lake Truck Repair	supplies	591.90
P&H Wholesale	supplies	72.60
RPL Products	supplies	27.00
Schubert/ Carla	contract/fee	167.00
Spencer Office Supply	supplies	122.96
		4,816.74

SOLID WASTE FUND:

AgState	fuel	239.43
AMU	utilities	89.70

BV Co Recycle Center	fee	2,539.79
		2,868.92

DEBT SERVICE		
BOK Financial	loan	91,306.25
United Bank of Iowa	loan	58,635.00
		149,941.25

LOST		
Frank Dunn	supplies	998.00
MidStates Equipment	supplies	1,541.20
		2,539.20

APRIL PAYROLL:		
	payroll	34,573.97
		34,573.97
	TOTAL =	345,947.13

APRIL REVENUE	
General	295,187.14
Trees Forever	0.00
Playground	0.00
Community Building	1,075.57
Road Use	23,995.14
Employee Benefits	55,532.21
Emergency	0.00
Local Option Sales Tax	25,163.30
TIF	0.00
Debt Service	46,656.14
Inf. Savings	0.00
Housing Rehab	0.00
Sewer/Drainage Project	0.00
CIP - W. 1st St. Project	0.00
Sewer Rent	41,334.72
Sewer - Short-lived assets	653.00
Sewer Reserve	0.00
Solid Waste	14,102.09
Storm Water	1811.11
	505,510.42

CLAIMS: Motion by Henderson, second by Sievers, to approve April claims in the amount of $345,947.13. Motion passed unanimously.

NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING: Next regular meeting is **Monday, May 18, 2026 at 4:30 pm.**

Being no further business, motion by Henderson to adjourn at 6:32 pm, second by Hinkeldey, and approved with all members voting aye.

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Lindsay Brown, City Clerk

Attest:

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Desi Suter, Mayor