

June 16, 2026

A regular meeting of the Alta City Council was held on June 16, 2026, at City Hall. The meeting was called to order at 4:30 pm by Mayor Desi Suter with the following members present: Bruce McGowan, Peg Hinkeldey, Laurie Millard, Alie Sievers, and Pam Henderson.

Henderson moved, and Sievers seconded to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously. Motion by Henderson, second by Hinkeldey, to approve the minutes of the June 1 regular meeting with a correction. Motion passed unanimously.

Dulce Salinas and Marivan Feliciano were present and requested approval to paint the building at 215 Main Street pink. The building will hold 3 businesses. As there was nothing in the City Code prohibiting it, the council approved the color and welcomed the new businesses to town.

OPEN FORUM: In the open forum, Becky Meyer inquired about the condition of the sidewalk in front of 116 Main and time clocks for City employees. Mayor Suter suggested creating a smoking area at the community center and prohibiting smoking in front of the main doors. The City Clerk clarified that water is available for landscaping plants at the community building and shared concerns about damage if rocks were used. The council agreed to let Alta Hometown Pride install plants to complete their grant.

CONTROLLED BURNS IN TOWN: Discussion was held about the possibility of allowing controlled burns of yard waste on larger lots in town. Iowa Administrative Code (567 IAC 23.2(455B) does not allow this due to distance requirements to inhabited buildings.

EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK CHANGES: The council discussed changes to be made to the Employee Handbook. Changes will be approved at a future meeting.

FY27 EMPLOYEE WAGES: Motion by Millard, seconded by Hinkeldey, to leave wages as they are for FY27 due to insurance increases and no performance evaluations. Motion passed with the following members voting aye: Hinkeldey, Millard, and Henderson. Nay: McGowan, Sievers.

28E AGREEMENT: Motion by Henderson, seconded by McGowan, 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, McGowan, and Hinkeldey. Nays: none. The council moved into closed session at 5:28 pm.

Motion by Henderson, second by Sievers, to reconvene to regular session at 5:44 pm. Motion carried with the following members voting aye: Henderson, Sievers, Millard, McGowan, and Hinkeldey. Nays: none.

Sievers left the meeting at 5:49pm.

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

Being no further business, moved by Henderson to adjourn at 5:52 pm, seconded by Millard, and approved with the following members voting aye: Henderson, Hinkeldey, McGowabn, Millard. Nays: none. Absent: Sievers.

Lindsay Brown, City Clerk

Attest:

Desi Suter, Mayor