



Minutes of the Regular City Council Session – April 06, 2026

The City Council of the City of Aledo met in Regular Session in the Council Chambers at the Aledo City Hall building on April 06, 2026. MAYOR HAGLOCH called the meeting to order at 6:26 P.M. The roll was called, whereupon the following answered present:

Aldermen BARRY COOPER, DENNIS DIXON, MARK FRIESE, MARIO PAULEY, CARMEN RUH, LINDA SARABASA and JASON SNYDER. Mayor CHRISTOPHER HAGLOCH. Alderman ANDREW WEEKS was excused.

Also present was MICHAEL CHAUSSE, City Administrator, ADAM BAKER, Chief of Police, JUSTIN BLASER, Director of Public Works & Utilities, and JAROD DALE, City Clerk.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Public Comment: No Report.

Communication & Correspondence: No Report.

Requests & Petitions: Kim Harrison, Mercer County Family Crisis Center, appeared before the Committee the Whole to promote Champions4Children Walk on May 02, 2026 and to request city sponsorship for F/Y 2026 in the amount of \$5,000.00. A pamphlet for the Crisis Center detailing their services and a flyer for National Children’s Alliance were also presented to the City Council. A letter by Kim Harrison was also presented detailing information regarding the number adults and children supported in 2025, support of donors providing crisis intervention, April is Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month, and the Blue Kid Campaign.

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Public Works Activity Report: DPW Blaser reported the following:

- *Streets:* Take delivery of new holiday tree, take delivery of the new end loader, plowed snow, clean up stumps from tree removals, storm sewer sink hole investigations, clean flower beds at central park, prep mow trailer & equipment, discuss seasonal employee applications, assist cemetery with a tree removal.
- *Gas:* JULIES; Route 1 head and radio replacements, plowed snow, install one new service, move one service, rebuild service in the Opera House alley, sniff checks, CGI calibration.
- *Water:* JULIES; Route 1 water meter replacements, plowed snow, schedule and assist with two manhole replacement on SW 2nd Ave, jet & clean two sewer mains, investigate two service leaks and assist with repair, assist with storm sewer sink hole investigations.
- *Cemetery:* Four (4) Funerals occurred. Plow snow, clean up fallen tree, re-set misplaced stones, jet graves and seed, install mower decks on mowers, remove winter decorations. Mowing begins.
- *DPW:* Review seasonal employee applications, property maintenance code inspections, review Phase V Downtown preliminary design, review site plan for Countryview Villas Tri-plex's, meet road commissioner at the Water treatment Plant to investigate drainage on Bryant Road, performed a mock OSHA inspection at the PW Building, and building inspections.

Aledo Police Department Activity Report: CHIEF Baker reported the week of March 23rd, Officer Jasmine Jaime attended Field Training Officer Certification at Black Hawk College in Moline. She will start field training one of our new officers that are currently at the police academy. They are set to graduate later this month.

The Aledo Police Department has completed its required reporting regarding the Way Forward Act. Each law enforcement agency in Illinois is required to provide an annual report to the Illinois Attorney General's Office with information related to its compliance with two state statutes; the Illinois Trust Act and the Voices Act. Each law enforcement agency must collect all required information on a calendar-year basis.

The Aledo Police Department has completed its annual Body Worn Camera report. This report is submitted to the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board

(ILETSB), The Illinois Governor's Office and the Illinois General Assembly. The report documents when body cameras were used during an offense that was prosecuted and includes the disposition of the case.

The department received (4) new radar units for the squad cars. The units replace previous units that were purchased in 2007. The units have front and rear antennas which



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detect vehicles coming toward, and moving away from the squad. They will be installed in the squads in the near future.

Administrative Report: ADMINISTRATOR Chausse reported on an overview of highlights of what the Administrator (and others) have worked on since the last council meeting:

ADMINISTRATOR facilitated and attended various meetings: met with Visit MerCo staff to discuss the Aquatic Center; Mayor’s Department Head meeting; Bi-State Regional Commission CEDS meeting; met with Viola Home Telephone, Tri-City Electric, and Platinum Info. Services concerned repeated phone issues at City Hall and Aledo PD; Aquatic Center project meeting; Aledo IL America 250 Commission; AARP zoom meeting for the AARP Purpose Prize for a downtown benefactor; staff meeting to review cemetery policies.

ADMINISTRATOR reported the new Spring / Summer news bulletin has been delivered to the US Postal service for mailing and does include updates regarding waste hauling services. Lakeshore Recycling (LRS) to collect their final pick-up and totes the week of April 26th. Quicks Dumpster & Disposal to be delivering new waste and recycling totes these next several weeks for residents. If a resident should want a recycling tote they are to contact Quicks by April 15th to begin those services on May 1. Contact after may delay delivery but will be provides with a recycling tote as soon as able.

CITY COUNCIL requested new dates for a clean-up be provided for discussion. Possible dates could be held in June. Dates to be presented back to the City Council at the April 20th regularly scheduled meeting.

ADMINISTRATOR reported the DMV relocation continues to be negotiated between the State of Illinois and a local property owner for lease. No final information on an opening provided to date.

Mayor’s Report: No Report.

Committee Report: A Cemetery Committee meeting to be held on Monday, April 13th at 6:00 o’clock p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

A joint Gas and Water, Sewer & Storm Drain Committee meeting to be held on Monday, April 13th at 6:15 o’clock p.m. in the City Council Chambers.



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REGULAR COUNCIL SESSION

Following the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag,

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made by ALDERMAN PAULEY and seconded by ALDERMAN SARABASA to approve the following consent agenda items:

- Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 16, 2026.
- Approval Finance: Invoice Listing – AP06.
- Approval of Ordinance No. 14, Series of 2026; Approving and Adopting FY 2026 Commercial Façade Renovation Program. (Second Reading)
- Approval of City Sponsorship: Mercer County Family Crisis Center in the amount of \$5,000.00. (tabled 03/16/26)
- Approval of a Cemetery Transfer: The Heirs of Kenneth M. Brown – Norman W. Brown, Carolyn J. Brown, Roger K. Brown, and Joy A. Rosik, “Petitioners”, conveys and quit-claims available / usable graves in Lot Nineteen (19) & Lot Twenty-two (22), in the Sixth (6th) Addition of the Aledo Cemetery to Norman W. Brown and Cheryl K. Brown, 1831 55th Avenue, Aledo, IL., 61231.
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A Roll Call vote was recorded as follows:

YES: Cooper, Dixon, Friese, Pauley, Ruh, Sarabasa and Snyder. NO: None. Motion carried. 7 yeas, 0 nays.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No Report.

ACTION ITEM:

ORDINANCE NO. 16, SERIES OF 2026; APPROVING THE ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 708 NW 2ND AVENUE: (FIRST READING)

The City of Aledo desires to acquire the real property located at 708 NW 2nd Avenue in Aledo, Illinois bearing Property Identification Number 10-10-17-202-002 (the “Property”). The City previously filed a foreclosure action against the Property for an unpaid lien. In



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lieu of enforcement of the lien through said foreclosure action, the Property owner desires to convey the Property to the City via a quit claim deed. The Illinois Municipal Code, 65 ILCS 5/11-76.1-1 authorizes municipalities to acquire property for public purposes.

A second reading to be held on Monday, April 20th at 6:15 o'clock p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

OLD BUSINESS: ALD. Sarabasa inquired on the capital improvement project (CIP) item regarding the purchase of a new electronic sign near the Aledo Fire Station. ADMINISTRATOR Chausse reported the item has not yet been brought before a committee for discussion. CITY COUNCIL to discuss at a later date.

CITY COUNCIL noted there was a complaint on the upkeep of grounds near the monuments located by the Mercer County V.F.W. ADMINISTRATOR reported the grounds are maintained by the Public Works staff but noted this time of year it can be difficult to keep up with leaves due to weather conditions. DPW Blaser to speak with PW staff to determine a clean-up plan.

NEW BUSINESS: ALD. Cooper inquired on the branding of the Aledo Aquatic Center. CITY COUNCIL voiced their opinions that the Council should have had a discussion on the naming of the facility. MAYOR HAGLOCH and CITY CLERK Dale reported there had been discussion with the Pool Campaign team earlier this year with Visit MerCo offering to assist in the promotion of the facility. CITY CLERK reported the facility name is Aledo Aquatic Center and the play structure for the spray ground is what is being named "Bucket Bay". CITY COUNCIL noted the publication appeared as if the entire facility was named "Bucket Bay". City staff confirmed that was not the case.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, motion was made by ALDERMAN DIXON and seconded by ALDERMAN FRIESE that the meeting be adjourned. A Unanimous voice vote followed in agreement. Meeting was adjourned at 6:43 P.M.

Jarod Dale, City Clerk

Minutes approved by Council action April 20, 2026.

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