

January 5, 2026

A regular meeting of the Alta City Council was held on January 5, 2026, at City Hall. The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Mayor Desi Suter with the following members present: Bruce McGowan, Peg Hinkeldey, Pam Henderson, Laurie Millard, and Alie Sievers.

Henderson moved, and Hinkeldey seconded to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Henderson, second by McGowan, to approve the minutes of the December 3 regular meeting and the December 16 special meeting with the correction of typographical errors. Motion passed unanimously.

OPEN FORUM: In the Open Forum, Becky Meyer addressed the council with concerns about the cameras on city property, previous audits, the library project, and the recodification process. Linda Glienke asked about grants and the new storm water utility fee. Mark Glienke with Signature Real Estate Group reminded the council that the Logic Ag building at 103-105 Main St. is for sale.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: Chief Reetz presented the monthly fire department report as well as an annual report for 2025. Reetz reported that the rural trustee meeting will be held in January. Motion by Sievers, second by Henderson to approve Kirk Reetz as fire chief. Motion passed unanimously.

Deputy Sankey 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.

Code Officer Stange submitted a written report.

Tom Lane presented the Westview Trailer Court Report.

Mayor Suter presented her report. She would like to pursue a Main Street Alta Group. Motion by Sievers, second by McGowan, to approve the appointment of Lindsay Brown as City Clerk. Motion passed unanimously. Motion by Henderson, second by Hinkeldey, to approve the appointment of Bruce McGowan as Mayor Pro Tem. Motion passed unanimously. Motion by Henderson, second by Millard, to approve the appointment of the following council committees: Personnel- Sievers and McGowan, Code Enforcement- Millard and Sievers, Recreation (Parks & Library)- Henderson and Millard, Infrastructure- McGowan and Hinkeldey, Housing & Economic Development- Hinkeldey and Henderson, Hometown Pride- Henderson and Hinkeldey, Friends of Alta Community Foundation- Henderson and Hinkeldey. Motion passed unanimously. Motion by McGowan, second by Hinkeldey, to approve Gary Armstrong as City Attorney. Motion passed unanimously. This item was not on the agenda, so it is not valid. It will be added to a future agenda.

The City Attorney was present via phone.

ORDINANCE 25-03- REZONING WELL SITE: Attorney Armstrong reported that the lease he reviewed was not signed yet and could change. Henderson stated that she would like to see the signed lease when it is completed and wants the council to approve the building permit for the bitcoin development. Motion by Sievers, second by Henderson to approve the third and final reading of Ordinance 25-03- An Ordinance Amending the Alta 2015 Zoning Ordinance and the City's Official Zoning Map by Amending the Boundaries of an Existing (A-1) Agriculture Zoning District to (C-2) General Commercial Zoning District and (IN) Industrial Zoning District. Motion passed with the following members voting aye: McGowan, Henderson, Millard, Hinkeldey, and Sievers. Nays: none.

DESIGNATE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER: Motion by Henderson, second by Milard to approve the Storm Lake Times Pilot at the city's official newspaper. Motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION 25-19- BANK SIGNATURES: Motion by Henderson, second by Sievers to approve Resolution 25-19- Resolution Approving the Signatures for Checks, Drafts, Notes, or Orders on City of Alta Bank Accounts with the removal of Brad Pedersen and the addition of Pam Henderson. Motion passed with the following members voting aye: Hinkeldey, McGowan, Henderson, Sievers, Millard. Nays: none.

ALCOHOL PERMIT: Motion by Henderson, second by Sievers, to approve a Special Class C Retail Alcohol License (BW) (Renewal) for Buffalo Ridge Café. Motion passed unanimously.

DECEMBER Bills Payable

<b>GENERAL FUND:</b>		<b>AMOUNT</b>
AgState	fuel/supplies	252.66
Alex Air Apparatus	equipment	430.00
Alliant Energy	utilities	32.41
AMU	telecom	423.63
AMU	utilities	2,055.59
AMU	postage	55.62
Amazon	supplies	673.37
Amazon	supplies	40.03
Bomgaars	supplies	36.95
BV Co Extension	fee	180.00
Caboth/Amanda	fee	50.00
Demco	supplies	233.51
Ecolab	service	75.00
Feld Fire	supplies	59.58
Fire Service Training Bureau	fee	150.00
Fire Service Training Bureau	fees	600.00
GFC Leasing	lease	173.54
GFC Leasing	lease	58.09
HyVee	supplies	10.66
IWORQ	fee	2,500.00
Iowa Library Association	fee	45.00
Johnson/Joann	service	268.00
Larson Oil	fuel	1,821.64
Larson Oil	fuel	3,198.41
Neotek	service	186.00
Peterbilt of Sioux City	service	1,121.42
Pitney Bowes	lease	135.27
Power Solutions	service	80.50
Reetz/Heidi	fee	100.00
Smith/Steve	fee	100.00
Stange/John	reimbursement	32.20
Storm Lake Times Pilot	fee	786.45
Textcaster	fee	141.01
Textcaster	fee	140.55
Turnquist/Laura	reimbursement	132.16
US BankCard	supplies	503.12
Ziegler	service	1,302.91
		<b>18,185.28</b>

**ROAD USE TAX FUND:**

AgState	fuel	481.88
Alliant Energy	utilities	231.20
AMU	utilities	1,166.75
Aurelia Lumber	supplies	229.26
Bomgaars	supplies	691.32

Miller/Doug	service	623.60
North Lake Truck Repair	service	978.81
Pedersen/Brad	reimbursement	443.98
Theisen/Fred	reimbursement	139.09
		<b>4,985.89</b>

**SEWER RENT FUND:**

Alliant Energy	utilities	259.12
AMU	telecom	114.85
AMU	utilities	1,861.52
AquaAzul	supplies	12,371.95
Foundation Analytical	service	1,114.00
M and S HVAC	service	4,431.55
Mike's Electronics	service	450.00
Mike's Electronics	service	100.00
P&H Wholesale	supplies	196.56
Rent All	fee	778.88
SCE	service	3,645.78
USA Bluebook	supplies	1,970.94
USA Bluebook	supplies	328.74
USBank Card	supplies	2,250.76
USDA	loan	12,686.00
		<b>42,560.65</b>

**COMMUNITY BLDG FUND:**

Alliant Energy	utilities	1,004.36
AMU	telecom	117.90
AMU	utilities	746.83
Chesterman	supplies	50.00
Ecolab	service	113.40
Kasperbauer	service	156.26
Klein/Ashley	contract	500.00
M and S HVAC	service	2,947.30
Marshall/Kevin	fee	63.75
Power Solutions	service	350.00
Schubert/ Carla	contract/fee	257.00
Spencer Office Supply	supplies	662.20
		<b>6,969.00</b>

**SOLID WASTE FUND:**

AgState	fuel	105.30
AMU	utilities	65.06
BV Co Recycle Center	fee	38,616.27
Northside Tire	service	115.42
		<b>38,902.05</b>

**SPECIAL EVENTS**

Bomgaars	supplies	209.97
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**DECEMBER PAYROLL**

payroll	39,498.76
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**TOTAL = 151,311.60**

**DECEMBER REVENUE**

General	45,138.55
Trees Forever	0.00
Playground	0.00
Community Building	2,918.85
Road Use	23,158.91
Employee Benefits	3,786.96

Emergency	0.00
Local Option Sales Tax	47,625.85
TIF	0.00
Debt Service	3,181.70
Inf. Savings	0.00
Housing Rehab	0.00
Sewer/Drainage Project	0.00
CIP - W. 1st St. Project	0.00
Sewer Rent	44,650.12
Sewer - Short-lived assets	653.00
Sewer Reserve	0.00
Solid Waste	13,948.64
	185,062.58

CLAIMS: Motion by Henderson, second by Sievers, to approve December claims in the amount of \$151,311.60. Motion passed unanimously.

The council will tour city facilities on **Friday, January 9, 2026 at 2:00 pm**. A budget workshop will be held on **Monday, January 19, 2026, at 4:30 pm**. Next regular meeting is **Monday, February 2, 2026 at 6:00 pm**.

Being no further business, motion by Henderson to adjourn at 7:21 pm, second by Millard, and approved with all members voting aye.

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Lindsay Brown, City Clerk

Attest:

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Desi Suter, Mayor