

314 N MAIN ST, ALMA, WI

Mayor Richard Champeny called the regular monthly meeting of the Common Council of the City of Alma to order.

Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Clerk Sharaya Reed took roll call with the following members present: Mayor Richard Champeny, Davie Meier, Larry Grisen, Randy Brommer, Perry Iberg, Loren Mueller, Gary Jepsen, and David Earney.

Citizens present: Dan Schultz, Pat Baker, Dolly Wiczorek, and Orlyn Hokscho.

Motion by Mueller seconded by Meier to approve the Council Proceeding minutes of March 19, 2026 as presented. All members voting yes.

Motion by Brommer seconded by Iberg to approve the Special Council Proceeding minutes of March 26, 2026 as presented. All members voting yes.

Motion by Grisen seconded by Jepsen to approve the March 2026 Financial Report as presented. All members voting yes by roll call vote.

Motion by Jepsen seconded by Earney to approve the March 2026 Treasurer's Report as presented. All members voting yes.

Citizen comments:

Pat Baker addressed the Council with concerns:

There are buildings on Main Street that are not in good condition and are an eye sore. There are buildings that are vacant. There are even homes on 2nd St that are vacant that need some addressing. There are some repairs that were made on the road on 2nd St that was rock and now tar that is still causing a mess. Lastly, the wall on 2nd St is an eye sore as it doesn't look like a finished project.

Dan Schultz addressed the Council with concerns:

He is wondering what happened to the buffalo electric sign at the new city hall building. Why were the trees cut down at the new city hall property? The sign on the back wall of the current city hall building is in desperate need of repainting. Lastly, the grills at Buena Vista Park need addressing. There are some that need to be replaced as people use them often.

Orland Hokscho addressed the Council with concerns:

The Council packets are not available and shouldn't cost money to be able to obtain them.

CITY OF ALMA MUNICIPAL BUILDING COMMITTEE

Chairperson Grisen went over the minutes of March 26, 2026.

Phase 2 of the new city hall project was the focus of the meeting. The fire department needs were discussed. A proposal from Lien & Peterson Architecture was presented for phase 2 remodel.

Motion by Brommer seconded by Earney to approve \$35,000.00 to Lien & Peterson for phase 2 remodel proposal. All members voting yes by roll call vote.

There was also a roof design change order for \$5,000.00 presented as per state requirements to include 2” insulation for the pitch of the roof to help with water shedding.

Motion by Earney seconded by Jepsen to approve the roof change order required by the state for \$5,000.00. All members voting yes by roll call vote.

Motion by Earney seconded by Iberg to approve the minutes. All members voting yes.

UTILITIES COMMITTEE

Chairperson Grisen went over the minutes of April 13, 2026.

A bid was received from R.J. Jurowski Construction, Inc. from Whitehall, WI for \$79,446.00 to construct a chemical addition for our Waste Water Treatment Plant.

Motion by Earney seconded by Brommer to approve the R.J. Jurowski Construction bid for \$79,446.00. Earney voting no and Meier, Grisen, Brommer, Iberg, Mueller, and Jepsen voting yes by roll call vote.

Reviewed the costs at the city’s expense for the chemical addition building materials purchases for a total of up to \$7,000.00.

Motion by Earney seconded by Brommer to approve Foreman Wick to spend up to \$7,000.00 on materials. All members voting yes.

Reviewed estimates from Turnbell Masonry for concrete for \$145,000.00, Cyrus Landscaping for chain link fence for \$65,400.00 and landscaping for \$56,202.00.

Motion by Earney seconded by Brommer to approved the estimates from Turnbell Masonry for concrete for \$145,000.00, Cyrus Landscaping estimates for chain link fence for \$65,400.00 and landscaping for \$56,202.00. All members voting yes by roll call vote.

The Mayor presented an emergency declaration for Phase 2 of 2nd St. retaining wall project.

Motion by Mueller seconded by Brommer to approved the emergency declaration. All members voting yes by roll call vote.

Update on fire service charge on utility billing. Looking to continue to move forward with the idea of moving this out of the general fund onto the sewer/water utility bills.

Motion by Mueller seconded by Meier to approve proceeding with investigating the options of the allocation of the fire protection fee. All members voting yes by roll call vote.

Motion by Jepsen seconded by Mueller to approve the April 13, 2026 Utilities Committee report as presented. All members voting yes.

PARKS & REC

Chairperson Meier went over the minutes of April 14, 2026.

The rip rap at Rieck's Park is tabled for now to see if the project qualifies for the water trade program.

The pavilion at the beach project will be looked at next meeting for the preparation of the site.

The bathroom signs for the beach are ordered and in production.

The floor and wall coating at the beach house is tabled for next meeting to view the condition of them.

Picnic tables will be discussed next meeting to decide how many to get.

The trees have been cut down at Buena Vista next to the bathrooms.

Motion by Iberg seconded by Brommer to approve the minutes of April 14, 2026. All members voting yes.

FINANCE/TAX & LICENSE/ZONING COMMITTEE

Chairperson Jepsen went over the minutes of April 14, 2026.

Building permit submitted by John Henn was approved.

Building permit submitted by Lee Collins was approved.

Operator license submitted by Maverick Jesse.

Motion by Mueller seconded by Meier to approve the operator license for Maverick Jesse. All members voting yes.

Mobile Home Park Permit submitted by Keith Mississippi Properties LLC.

Motion by Earney seconded by Iberg to approve the mobile home park permit for Keith Mississippi Properties LLC. All members voting yes.

Market & Johnson Pay Request #7 was submitted.

Motion by Grisen seconded by Brommer to approve the pay request #7 by Market & Johnson. All members voting yes by roll call vote.

Motion by Earney seconded by Meier to approve the Finance Committee minutes of April 14, 2026 as presented. All members voting yes.

SERVICES COMMITTEE

Chairperson Mueller went over the minutes of April 15, 2026.

Sherri Collins presented an overview of what the cemetery group has been working on. The Matt Featherston property is still a concern after years.

Motion by Brommer seconded by Earney to have the Mayor draft a letter and send it to the Buffalo Co. health department. All members voting yes.

Atty Jon Seifert gave input to the letter and what can be done. The city can issue citations. The County will determine if the property is appropriate for human habitation whether or not someone lives there. If the County won't condemn, the City will keep issuing citations.

Motion by Iberg seconded by Meier to approve the April 15, 2026 Services Committee report as presented. All members voting yes.

The Mayor presented Chuck Gearhart as a member of the Board of Appeals.

Motion by Brommer seconded by Grisen to accept Chuck Gearhart as a Board of Appeals member. All members voting yes.

The Mayor presented Richard Witzke as the first alternate to the Board of Appeals.

Motion by Jepsen seconded by Brommer to accept Richard Witzke as the first alternate to the Board of Appeals. All members voting yes.

Next Council meeting will be May 21, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

Upcoming meetings:

Services – May 5, 2026 at 9am

Utilities – May 11, 2026 at 8:30am

Finance – May 11, 2026 at 10:30am

Parks & Rec – May 12, 2026 at 10am

Motion by Mueller seconded by Meier to adjourn. All members voting yes.