

Alden City Council
Regular Meeting
February 18th, 2026

Mayor Mourlam called the meeting to order @ 5:00PM. Jerry Hartema was absent. Aldo present at the meeting was Robin Heinzeroth, William Peters, Wayne Carpenter, Stacy Ankrum, Frank Cearley, Steve Lyon, Andy Jass and Lorrie Watts.

Consent Agenda: Bob Hoversten motioned to approve, Mark Oliver seconded, all voted aye.

Liquor License for Top of Iowa Lucky Wife LLC for Faith and Four-Letter Word Ladies Event on March 24th, 2026: Mark Oliver motioned to approve, Janaan Harding seconded, all voted aye.

Martin Marietta Gate Installation on G Avenue, Alden, Iowa: Tom Bain of Martin Marietta requested adding gates that are like railroad crossing gates to close the road for safety precautions during blasting procedures. The gates would be closed twice per month for a period of 15-30 minutes. The gates would be located on G Avenue just south of the intersection with 135th Street. Once the blasting was complete, the gates would open immediately after the "all clear" is given. The gates would have signage instructing traffic about the blasting. The council requested Martin Marietta to let Rural Iowa Waste Management and the City of Alden Public Works Department/Andy Jass or Steve Lyon be notified prior to the blast. Mark Oliver motioned to approve the gates based on the above requests, Bob Hoversten seconded the motion, and all voted aye.

Campground Fees: Discussion was had on the new camping rate fees for 2026. The rates are as follows: \$20.00/night, \$330.00/month for 30 AMP campers, \$400.00/month for 50 AMP/campers, eleven sites will be set aside for long-term units, the Public Works Department will extend the length of four sites for larger campers on the west end of the Alden Riverview Campground. The camping season was established at a prior meeting for April 15th-October 31st each year. Water lines are scheduled to be added between March 1st and April 15th weather permitting. Mowing will be done on Thursday each week (weather permitting) and all personal items need to be removed, or the site will not be mowed. Reservations are on a first com first serve basis on the open sites and Wayne & Darla Carpenter will decide when to open reservations each year. Wayne & Darla Carpenter will be paid \$750.00/each and the city will pay for 6 months of cell phone fees for Wayne Carpenter. Bob Hoversten motioned to approve the above terms of the Alden Riverview Campground, Janaan Harding seconded the motion, and all voted aye.

Set Public Hearing for Proposed Property Tax Levy FY 2026-27 for March 23rd, 2026 @ 5:00PM.

Bob Hoversten motioned, Mike Oliver seconded and all voted aye.

Public Input: Bob Hoversten reported that he has been speaking with Nate Hoogeveen for the IDNR and the Contractor that scheduled to do the earth work is in Arkansas and is not returning phone calls to him. He has another person he is waiting to hear from, but the work must begin by the end of April. If the deadline is not met, the city will have to return the grant money, but we will be able to reapply and Hoogeveen stated that we would not have a problem with getting it again and the permits would be good until we get the project completed. There is no expiration date on the permitting. Hoversten stated he would know more in March. Janaan Harding stated reported the Alden Days Fundraising meal raised as the today \$12216.00 for the celebration, she reported the turnout was good, Marcela Hoversten's food was good and the volunteers in the kitchen did a great job. Mike Oliver stated the Alden Legion Post would like to replace the sign at the community center. Hoversten stated discussion was held previously about the Legion Post paying for ½ and the city

paying for ½. Janaan reported they had received 3 quotes, but one contractor had stepped back on the project. Harley Mourlam requested that the Public Works Department remove the Vulcan caulking in the park restroom before March 23rd, so the new flooring could be installed. He would look at the area and could possibly help grind it out. He would contact Andy or Steve to unlock the restrooms so he could assess the situation. Mayor Mourlam asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting: Bob Hoversten motioned, Mike Oliver second, all voted aye. Meeting adjourned @ 5:45PM.

Sigend: Harley Mourlam, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lorrie Watts, City Clerk

CLAIMS REPORT		Jan-26
VENDOR	REFERENCE	AMOUNT
ACCESS SYSTEMS	LIBRARY PHONE	209.53
ACCESS SYSTEMS	COPIER/PRINTER MAINT CONTRACT	343.39
GORDON FLESCH COMPANY	COPIER/PRINTER YEARLY OVERAGE	820.41
AG SOURCE COOPERATIVE SVCS	COLIFORM TESTING	14.50
AGVANTAGE FS INC.	FUEL-MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT	388.36
ALLIANT ENERGY	GAS/ELECTRIC ALL DEPARTMENTS	9,013.75
BARNHART ELECTRIC INC.	REPLACE FLUSH VALVE/VACUUM	604.81
BLUE CROSS/BLUESHIELD	HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUMS	5,935.43
BLUE CROSS/BLUESHIELD	MEDICAL INS	1,878.58
CAPITAL SANITARY SUPPLY	VACUUM BAGS FOR TORNADO-LEGION	18.84
CAPITAL SANITARY SUPPLY	VACUUM BAGS FIRE DEPT	18.84
CENTRAL BANK	BOOKS FOR LIBRARY COLLECTIONS	407.23
COMPASS MINERALS AMERICA	COARSE ROCK SALT-STREETS	4,692.22
CULLIGAN	LIBRARY WATER SYSTEM	49.80
DAVID ZIESMAN	BLOW LARGE SNOW PILES BACK	472.50
DELTA DENTAL OF IOWA	DELTA DENTAL FEBRUARY 2026	330.36
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	FED/FICA TAX	2,129.20
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HADWIGER ROOFING	LIBRARY-REMOVE SNOW/ICE DAM	300.00
HANSEN TECHNOLOGY CONSULTING	IT SERVICE AGREEMENT 1YEAR	4,050.00
HARDIN COUNTY SHERIFF	LAW ENFORCEMENT CONTRACT	1,557.60
HAWKEYE WEST PEST CONTROL CO	PEST CONTROL	56.00
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HAWKINS INC	WATER DEPT CHLORINE TANK FEES	60.00
IMPERIAL POINTS	AMBULANCE BAY GUTTERS	1,350.00
INNOVATIVE AG SERVICE	FIRE DEPT FUEL	116.61
IOWA CENTRAL ELECTRIC	CHRISTMAS LIGHTS	445.52
IOWA DEPT OF REVENUE	SALES/USE TAX 2025 RETURN	907.49
IOWA DEPT OF REVENUE	WATER EXCISE TAX DECEMBER 2025	432.81
IA DEPT OF INSPECTIONS/APPEALS	ALDEN DAYS FUNDRAISER/STAG FOOD	101.50
IOWA RIVER ROUGH CUT	ASH TREE REMOVAL/STUMP GRIND	25,000.00
IPERS	REGULAR IPERS	3,216.02
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL/THEISENS	GLOVES/DISPOSABLE BAGS PAPER TLS	43.94
MOLER SANITATION	NOVEMBER GARBAGE SERVICE	4,451.50
PETTY CASH	CEMETERY FINANCIALS-POSTAGE	10.59
PRO REPAIR & PERFORMANCE	PLOW CUTTING BLADES-2	280.00
RYAN'S JANITORIAL SERVICES INC	CLEANING CITY BUILDINGS	700.00
RYAN'S JANITORIAL SERVICES INC	LIBRARY CLEANING CONTRACT	400.00
TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE SVC CORP	ADMINISTRATIVE FEE FSA PLAN	79.45
TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE SVC CORP	YEARLY SET UP FEE	323.66
TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE SVC CORP	TASC FSA	366.66
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TIMES CITIZEN	MINUTES/CLAIMS/REV DEC MTG	138.52
TRIONFO SOLUTIONS	LIFE INSURANCE PREMIUMS	66.60
TSR COATINGS	DOWN PAYMENT PARK RESTROOM	850.65
U S CELLULAR	TELEPHONE	177.85
UNITED BANK & TRUST	CITY'S SAFETY DEP BOX RENT 2026	52.50
US POSTMASTER	W2 STAMPS/1099 STAMPS 70	54.60
US POSTMASTER	POSTAGE UTILITY BILLS FEB 1ST 26	162.88
WINDSTREAM	PHONES/EMERGENCY DIALERS/POOL	305.66
TOTAL ACCOUNTS PAYABLE		75,803.71
UTILITY DEPOSIT REFUND CHECKS		
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	REFUND CHECKS TOTAL	
	PAYROLL CHECKS	13,424.22

PAID TOTAL

89,227.93

001 GENERAL	\$19,501.89
002 LIBRARY	\$9,286.58
110 ROAD USE TAX	\$38,543.59
112 EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$4,225.14
200 DEBT SERVICE	
305 STREET & BRIDGE PROJECT	
600 WATER	\$10,429.95
601 WATER DEPOSIT	
610 SEWER	\$7,240.78
612 SEWER SINKING FUND	
TOTAL	\$89,227.93

REVENUE FUND RECAP TOTALS

001 GENERAL	\$25,753.13
001 GENERAL TRANSFERS IN	
002 LIBRARY	\$1,674.62
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110 ROAD USE TAX	\$8,785.63
110 ROAD USE TRANSFERS IN	
112 EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$2,371.44
121 LOST/CAP IMPROVEMENTS	\$10,004.75
122 LOST/COMMUNITY PROJECTS	\$2,501.19
125 TIF	
200 DEBT SERVICE	\$1,825.06
305 STREET & BRIDGE PROJECT	
305 STREET & BRIDGE PROJ TRANS IN	
307 ARP COVID19 GRANT	
308 DAM IMPROVEMENT PROJECT	
600 WATER	\$11,677.90
600 WATER TRANSFER IN	
601 WATER DEPOSIT	\$250.00
602 WATER SINKING FUND	
610 SEWER	\$11,078.46
612 SEWER SINKING FUND TRANS IN	\$1,519.83
REVENUES	\$77,442.01
INTERFUND TRANSFERS	
TOTAL	