

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY OF ALBERT LEA
April 13, 2026 – 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Mayor Rich Murray, Councilors Rachel Christensen, Larry Baker, Ted Herman, Reid Olson, Keith Van Beek, Brian Anderson, City Manager Ian Rigg, Public Works Director Steven Jahnke, City Attorney Joel Holstad of Lakes National Law LLP, and Deputy City Clerk Karla Tukua.

ABSENT: City Clerk Daphney Maras

ADDITIONAL STAFF PRESENT: Community Engagement and Enrichment Director Cathy Malakowsky, Police Lieutenant Jeff Strom, Fire Chief Jeff Laskowske

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL - Mayor Murray called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Deputy Clerk Tukua administered roll call.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Mayor Murray asked all in attendance to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

CEREMONIAL ITEMS - None

PUBLIC FORUM

Robyn Moore said she owns a vacant lot at 309 Court Street and it's across the street from the Salvation Army. She'd like to donate this property to the City for a community garden. She also added there needs to be a homeless shelter in Albert Lea for anyone struggling with homelessness.

Dotti Honsey spoke of her concerns regarding the current Senior Center location and gave her support for the Senior Center being moved to the Jim & Dudes location.

CONSENT AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- A. Approve Minutes of the March 23, 2026 Regular Council Meeting
- B. Approve Minutes of the March 23, 2026 Work Session
- C. Appointment of Bob Furland to the Heritage Preservation Commission
- D. Resolution Approving Handicap Sign Installation NE Corner Washington and Clark
- E. Resolution Granting Renewal of a Conditional Use Permit for Communication Tower at 1029 Bridge Ave.
- F. Resolution Accepting Donations as Presented to the City of Albert Lea – Cargill

Motion made by Councilor Baker to approve the consent agenda as read, seconded by Councilor Herman. On voice call vote, the following councilors voted in favor of said motion: Christensen, Baker, Herman, Olson, Van Beek, Anderson, and Mayor Murray. Mayor Murray declared the

motion passed.

(See Secretary's Original Resolution 26-065 through 26-067
(Included with these minutes)

PETITIONS, REQUESTS, AND COMMUNICATIONS

A. Curly-Leaf Pondweed Treatment within Fountain Lake – Shell Rock River Watershed District

Rigg read a letter from the Shell Rock River Watershed District in regards to conducting a second round of aquatic vegetation management that will target curly-leaf pondweed within Fountain Lake. Treatment timing will be dependent on plant growth and weather conditions but is expected to occur during the upcoming treatment window this season.

B. 2026 Hometown Pride Spring Cleanup Day – April 25th

Resolution 16-59 declared Spring Hometown Pride Clean-up Day be held the last Saturday in April each year. The 2026 Spring Hometown Pride Clean-Up Day will be held on Saturday, April 25, 2026 at the City of Albert Lea Transfer Station and Demolition Landfill from 9am-12pm. The Clean-Up Day provides the opportunity to dispose of most items free of charge, or at reduced rates. No commercial garbage will be accepted. Proof of city residence will be required. The reduced rates on Cleanup Day from 9am-12pm will be:

- Free brush/yard waste
- Free Household Garbage
- Free Demolition Debris
- \$10.00 per Appliance/Sofa/Mattress
- \$5.00 per Furniture Piece
- \$3.00 per Passenger Car Tire; i.e., Regular rate for all others
- Regular Rates on rims, & e-waste

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution 26-068 Approving Proposal to Design New Senior Center

Rigg informed council of a \$1,000 in kind contribution as well as \$10,000 in donations already pledged to help pay for the \$14,000 cost of the design work. Rigg also added any money not raised through fund raising would come out of the building maintenance fund. Malakowsky then proceeded with her presentation by giving the history of the Senior Center and an overview of membership information. Noting currently there are 270 members with a 7-member Senior Center Advisory Board with City Councilor Rachel Christensen serving as the ex-officio. She said the Recreation Department oversees the Senior Center and the City contracts with the YMCA to operate the Senior Center.

Malakowsky explained that a community-based team conducted a holistic assessment of the Senior Center in 2025, using standards set by the National Council On Aging and National

Institute of Senior Centers. The findings were that the Senior Center meets all standards except for the facility. The main issue is lack of accessibility. Malakowsky explained the current facility also has recurring roof leaks and sewer issues plus the parking lot is in poor condition, displaying pictures of some of the building conditions. This along with their lease expiring at the end of this year, prompted the RFP.

There were 3 proposals received through the RFP process. They were from their current location, Skyline Plaza, Healthcare Coalition for the former Herberger's building and from Jim and Dudes for the former HealthReach location. Malakowsky reviewed the proposals with Council and gave the highlights and estimated cost of each. After reviewing the proposals and visiting the 2 new locations, the Senior Center Board voted in December 2025 to recommend the Council move the center to the former HealthReach building now owned by Jim and Dude's. Malakowsky stated that the Jim and Dude's location provided all of the minimum requirements listed in the RFP and a lot of the preferred elements.

Malakowsky explained that while the initial request is to proceed with paying for \$14,000 design work in order to secure construction estimates, a request for funding the remodeling will follow later this spring. Because the process was still underway without a known outcome in 2025, neither the design nor the construction is in the 2026 budget or CIP. Malakowsky stated that after the packet went out, the electrical contractor reduced their cost, due to not needing an architect to do the design. This will reduce the \$14,000 cost by \$1,000 and she added the City Manager has received confirmation of 2 pledged donations towards this project, totaling \$10,000. Malakowsky said if Council approves this tonight, they would also need to make a motion of which fund it would be paid from.

Motion made by Councilor Herman to approve with funds from Fund 406, seconded by Councilor Anderson. On voice call vote, the following councilors voted in favor of said motion: Christensen, Baker, Herman, Olson, Van Beek, Anderson, and Mayor Murray. Mayor Murray declared the motion passed.

(See Secretary's Original Resolution 26-068
(Included with these minutes))

B. Resolution 26-069 Authorizing Paint Repairs at Aquatic Center

Rigg made the public aware that payment for this will come from the bond premium that the City had already received for the Aquatic Center improvements, the Arena and Marion Ross Theatre. He explained that the bond premium could only go to expenses related to these facilities. Noting that this will not have any impact on the levy.

Malakowsky introduced Josh Heilman, the Arena and Aquatic Center Foreman. She stated he did the research behind the presentation she's giving tonight in regards to the repairs needed at the Aquatic Center. Malakowsky explained that acid etching and painting done in 2024 with touchups in 2025 at the Aquatic Center did not endure this past winter. While preparing for construction and opening, Recreation Staff recently discovered that the paint on both pools and

surrounding deck has severely deteriorated to the point that immediate repairs are needed in order to open this season. Malakowsky showed pictures of the damaged surfaces for council. She said the scraping and acid-etching in 2024 and subsequent touch up in 2025 was expected to last one more year and this is why the repairs were not in the 2026 budget of CIP. Malakowsky added that because this expense wasn't in the CIP, Council would need to approve the emergency repairs.

Malakowsky explained that Heilman researched different solutions and obtained estimates on the different ways to repair the damage. Malakowsky added the durability of paint does depend on weather and water conditions and added the water is professionally maintained by Heilman and his staff. The repairs would consist of sandblasting, concrete patches and painting before the June 5 opening date. Malakowsky went through the proposals received from Doug's Sandblasting, Quality Pools, Fischer Brothers and a mix of Doug's Sandblasting, Quality Pools and Dreyer Painting, covering the costs of each option. When looking at future costs over 20 years, which is the lifespan of the pools, the potential cost was less when using the mix of contractors. The staff recommendation is to contract with the mix of three service providers for sandblasting, concrete repairs and painting, respectively, at \$133,000 with contingency of \$7,000 for a total cost of \$140,000. Malakowsky added that the painting will be added to the CIP going forward.

Baker asked about the guarantee on the paint and Heilman said it's a 2-year warranty. On Baker's follow up question, Heilman said the contractor would fix any paint issues that may arise within the 2-years. Heilman added he received multiple positive recommendations for this contractor. In response to Herman's question on if any contractors were local, Heilman stated that Doug's Sandblasting was local.

Council Anderson asked to review the slide of the red surfaces again, adding the slides look similar to what the surface has looked like when he's been there. Heilman stated that it's deteriorated even more over the past year.

Motion made by Councilor Baker to approve as read, seconded by Councilor Christensen. On voice call vote, the following councilors voted in favor of said motion: Christensen, Baker, Herman, Olson, Van Beek, Anderson, and Mayor Murray. Mayor Murray declared the motion passed.

(See Secretary's Original Resolution 26-069
(Included with these minutes)

Rigg asked to clarify that the motion was to use the funds from the bond premium, to which Baker and Christensen answered yes.

Before going to the next agenda item, Mayor Murray thanked Heilman for his leadership at the Arena for the past year plus. He thanked Heilman and his staff for the work they've done through the Arena construction and expansion project.

C. Resolution 26-070 Accepting Bids and Awarding Contract for the 2026 Neighborhood Improvement Project (Job 2601)

Engineering has reviewed the bids opened Tuesday, April 7, 2026 for the 2026 Neighborhood Improvement Project. The project consists of bituminous mill & overlay and miscellaneous curb & gutter and sidewalk replacement on the following streets:

- *James Avenue – 7th Street to 2nd Street*
- *Frank Avenue – 7th Street to Front Street*
- *St. Joseph Avenue – 7th Street to 4th Street*
- *Water Street – 1st Avenue to West Avenue*
- *Ermina Avenue – W. Main Street frontage road to Fountain Street*
- *Oak Lane – Ermina Avenue to Adams Avenue*
- *Adams Avenue – W. Main Street frontage road to Clark Street*
- *Euclid Avenue – W. Main Street frontage road to Clark Street*
- *William Street – Euclid Avenue to St. Mary Avenue*
- *Bancroft Drive – Greenwood Drive to Lakewood Avenue*
- *Michael Place – Bancroft Drive to the cul-de-sac*
- *Lakewood Avenue – 141' south of Bancroft Drive to the cul-de-sac*
- *Green Lea Lane – Greenwood Drive to Lakewood Avenue*

Work in the mill & overlay area will involve milling the existing bituminous street surfacing for a 6-foot width along each concrete gutter line so the new bituminous layer will match with the level of the concrete gutter. A 2-inch thick layer of bituminous will be laid over the entire width of the street. The project would also involve replacing sections of curb & gutter that have settled and are causing drainage issues. Sidewalk will be replaced where it is damaged or settled causing a tripping hazard, and to bring the pedestrian ramps into compliance with Americans with Disabilities Act standards.

Engineering received one bid. Engineering is recommending accepting the low bid and awarding the contract for \$1,554,275.03 to Ulland Brothers of Albert Lea, Minnesota. The Engineer's estimate was \$1,578,843. The bid abstract is attached. Staff recommends approval.

Motion made by Councilor Baker to approve as read, seconded by Councilor Herman. On voice call vote, the following councilors voted in favor of said motion: Christensen, Baker, Herman, Olson, Van Beek, Anderson, and Mayor Murray. Mayor Murray declared the motion passed.

(See Secretary's Original Resolution 26-070
(Included with these minutes)

Baker asked with the bid coming in under cost, would the assessment be reduced. Rigg answered it would depend on the cost breakdown, adding it cannot be higher than what was sent out. Anderson asked Jahnke to repeat what he said during the neighborhood meeting. Jahnke explained that the bituminous and concrete prices are dependent on the oil prices and with oil prices increasing recently, he was still happy with the bids that came in.

D. Resolution 26-071 Accepting Bids and Awarding Contract for the 2026 State Aid Street Overlay Project (Job 2602)

Engineering has reviewed the bids opened Tuesday, April 7, 2026 for the 2026 State Aid Overlay Project. The project involves the bituminous mill & overlay and miscellaneous curb & gutter and sidewalk replacement on Clark Street from Ermina Avenue to West Avenue.

Work in the mill & overlay area will involve milling the existing bituminous street surfacing for a 6-foot width along each concrete gutter line so the new bituminous layer will match with the level of the concrete gutter. A 2-inch thick layer of bituminous will be laid over the entire width of the street. The project also involves replacing sections of curb & gutter that have settled and are causing drainage issues, and settled or damaged sidewalk to address tripping hazards and to bring the pedestrian ramps into compliance with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards.

Engineering received one bid. Engineering is recommending accepting the low bid and awarding the contract of \$164,945.29 to Ulland Brothers of Albert Lea, Minnesota. The Engineer's estimate was \$163,312. The bid abstract is attached. Staff recommends approval.

Motion made by Councilor Christensen to approve as read, seconded by Councilor Baker. On voice call vote, the following councilors voted in favor of said motion: Christensen, Baker, Herman, Olson, Van Beek, Anderson, and Mayor Murray. Mayor Murray declared the motion passed.

(See Secretary's Original Resolution 26-71
(Included with these minutes)

E. Resolution 26-072 Accepting Bids and Awarding Contract for the St. Mary Avenue & 14th Street Reconstruction Project (Job 2603)

Engineering has reviewed the bids opened Tuesday, April 7, 2026 for the St. Mary Avenue & 14th Street Reconstruction Project. The project involves the complete reconstruction of portions of St Mary Avenue and 14th Street (approximately 1,232 total feet). Work will include complete removal and replacement of the pavement, curb & gutter, sidewalk, sanitary sewer, storm sewer, and watermain. The existing concrete and bituminous pavements will be removed and replaced with a bituminous surface. The streets are:

- St. Mary Avenue – William Street to Clark Street
- 14th Street – Myers Road to the east end

St. Mary Avenue is 37 feet wide with sidewalk on the west side. This street is wider to allow for parking on both sides of the street to serve First Lutheran Church, the Freeborn County Department of Human Services building, and other surrounding businesses. The project also includes replacing both the steps and a portion of the concrete revetment that protects the steep slope from the street to the municipal parking lot adjacent to the project. The watermain, sanitary sewer, and storm sewer will be replaced, and the street reconstructed with the same width and sidewalk configuration as the existing street.

14th Street is 42 feet wide from back-to-back of curb and will be reconstructed to the same configuration. No sidewalk will be installed along 14th Street. This section of 14th Street has experienced a large number of watermain breaks in recent years, the watermain will be replaced as part of this project. The sanitary sewer and mainline storm sewer are in good condition and are not proposed for replacement. The curb & gutter along the north side of the road will be replaced as it is almost directly over the watermain. The existing curb on the south side is also in good condition and will be left in place.

Engineering received six bids. The bid abstract is attached. ICON, LLC did not acknowledge the addendum on their proposal. Engineering is recommending the accepting the low bid and awarding the contract of \$928,195.79 to Jensen Excavating & Trucking LLC of Albert Lea, Minnesota. The Engineer's estimate was \$1,072,147.50. Staff recommends approval.

Motion made by Councilor Baker to approve as read, seconded by Councilor Anderson. On voice call vote, the following councilors voted in favor of said motion: Christensen, Baker, Herman, Olson, Van Beek, Anderson, and Mayor Murray. Mayor Murray declared the motion passed.

(See Secretary's Original Resolution 26-072
(Included with these minutes)

F. Resolution 26-073 Accepting Bids and Awarding Contract for the Sorensen Road Watermain Replacement Project (Job 2604)

Engineering has reviewed the bids opened Tuesday, April 7, 2026 for the Sorensen Road Watermain Replacement Project. This project will involve replacement of the watermain along the east side of Sorensen Road beginning near the TH-65 intersection and ending approximately 1,362 ft north of Hammer Road. Watermain replacement underneath Sorensen Road near TH-65, at Hammer Road, and under Hammer Road will be by removing the existing ductile iron restrained joint pipe from the casing pipe and installing new C900 Restrained Joint watermain through the existing 24" steel casing pipe. All other replacement will be via open trenching methods.

Engineering received nine bids. Engineering is recommending accepting the low bid and awarding contract of \$836,815.90 to GM Contracting, Inc. of Crystal, Minnesota. The Engineer's estimate was \$868,430.50. The bid abstract is attached. Staff recommends approval.

Motion made by Councilor Baker to approve as read, seconded by Councilor Anderson. On voice call vote, the following councilors voted in favor of said motion: Christensen, Baker, Herman, Olson, Van Beek, Anderson, and Mayor Murray. Mayor Murray declared the motion passed.

(See Secretary's Original Resolution 26-073
(Included with these minutes)

G. Resolution 26-074 Authorizing the City of Albert Lea to Enter Into MN/DOT Agreement No. 1062381 for TH-13 and Mn Highway 65 ADA Improvements Including Sidewalk and

Crossings in Albert Lea Project (Job 2612)

This resolution would authorize the Mayor and City Manager to enter into MnDOT Agreement No 1062381. The agreement details the City's share of the costs for the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), sidewalk, and street crossing improvements, and other associated construction to be performed upon, along, and adjacent to Trunk Highway 65 at 7th Street and along Trunk Highway 13 from approximately 1,300 feet west of 2nd Avenue to Euclid Avenue under State Project No. 8826-278. This is part of a larger project which includes several MNDOT projects.

The estimated City portion is \$83,985.12 which will be paid for with municipal state aid funds. The City will be responsible for long-term maintenance of the sidewalk. This is consistent with past agreements. Staff recommends approval.

Motion made by Councilor Baker to approve as read, seconded by Councilor Christensen. On voice call vote, the following councilors voted in favor of said motion: Christensen, Baker, Herman, Olson, Van Beek, Anderson, and Mayor Murray. Mayor Murray declared the motion passed.

(See Secretary's Original Resolution 26-074
(Included with these minutes)

H. Resolution 26-075 Authorizing MnDOT Agreement No. 1062561 for Federal Participation in Advance Construction for Valley Ave. & Marshall St. Reconstruction Project (Job 2517)

This item is to enter into an agreement with the Minnesota Department of Transportation, which allows for MnDOT to act as the City of Albert Lea's agent in accepting federal aid in connection with the Valley Avenue and Marshall Street Reconstruction Project, Job No. 2517. This agreement is for Advance Construction, because the City will begin construction before receiving funds in Federal fiscal years 2026, 2027, and 2028.

This agreement allows receiving the future funds when they become available. The City competed for and was awarded \$511,250 in the 2026 STIP, \$600,000 from the 2027 STIP, and another \$600,000 from the 2028 STIP. Staff intends to use MSAS funds to initially pay for all federal eligible work. The MSAS funds will be reimbursed with federal funds when they become available from the 2027 STIP and 2028 STIP. Staff recommends approval of the agreement.

Motion made by Councilor Christensen to approve as read, seconded by Councilor Anderson. On voice call vote, the following councilors voted in favor of said motion: Christensen, Baker, Herman, Olson, Van Beek, Anderson, and Mayor Murray. Mayor Murray declared the motion passed.

(See Secretary's Original Resolution 26-075
(Included with these minutes)

I. Resolution 26-076 Approving Purchase of Mini Rescue – (Replacement, CIP Fir-V-27-02)

City of Albert Lea/Albert Lea Fire Rescue Unit 921 was involved in an accident in January of 2026. The chassis for that unit was determined to be totaled by the League of Minnesota Cities adjuster. The adjuster is still working out the final amounts to be received by the city from the other vehicle's/driver's insurance company. It is estimated to be between \$65,000 and \$85,000. The amount received from the insurance will reduce the overall cost to the City of Albert Lea.

This vehicle's chassis was part of the 2027 CIP budget and we are requesting that the budget item be moved to 2026. The new Chassis will be a 2026 Ram 3500 Big Horn 4x4 crew cab. The unit is the correct size for the capsule topper from the former 921 unit. This saves significant funds with the ability to reuse this capsule and will allow ALFR to carry all necessary equipment.

We worked on receiving 2 price quotes to meet the city's purchasing policy. The cost of the Chassis will be \$53,532. By choosing Dave Syverson over the state bid price, we save on the delivery fee. When the chassis arrives, it will have the capsule topper, emergency lighting, interior cabinets, and graphics installed. The upfitter is ESI out of Pennsylvania. No local upfitter at this time one has not been found. The total for the Chassis and the upfitting will not exceed the \$150,000 in the 2027 CIP moved to 2026.

Motion made by Councilor Anderson to approve as read, seconded by Councilor Van Beek. On voice call vote, the following councilors voted in favor of said motion: Christensen, Baker, Herman, Olson, Van Beek, Anderson, and Mayor Murray. Mayor Murray declared the motion passed.

(See Secretary's Original Resolution 26-076
(Included with these minutes)

J. Ordinance 26-154 Amending Chapter 42 Traffic and Vehicles - Article III. – Parking, Stopping, and Standing – Sec. 42.084 (1st Reading)

This amendment clarifies that vehicle repairs, assembly, or dismantling may not be performed on public streets, alleys, or other public property, except for fueling, adding oil, or emergency repairs needed to move a disabled vehicle. The update helps maintain public safety, prevent obstruction of the right-of-way, and protect city property. The ordinance also confirms that the restriction does not apply to repair or maintenance work performed by the City or other governmental entities while carrying out official duties. Staff recommends approval.

Motion made by Councilor Baker to approve as read, seconded by Councilor Herman. On voice call vote, the following councilors voted in favor of said motion: Christensen, Baker, Herman, Olson, Van Beek, Anderson, and Mayor Murray. Mayor Murray declared the motion passed.

(See Secretary's Original Ordinance 26-154
(Included with these minutes)

Baker questioned why parking lots weren't listed in the Ordinance. Rigg responded that the ordinance mentions all city property, giving clarification on this. City Attorney Holstad added it was his recommendation to say all city property because it's all encompassing and would be hard to argue with. To Baker's question regarding enforcement, Holstad said a criminal citation could be issued.

K. Ordinance 26-155 Amending Chapter 44 Utilities – Article II. – Water Service – Adding New Sections 44.067-44.088 (1st Reading)

Backflow prevention programs are essential for maintaining the safety of drinking water and protecting the community from potential hazards. The requirements are limited almost exclusively to larger commercial and industrial situations when there is a "testable" backflow device required by plumbing code and outdoor irrigation systems. Staff recommends approval.

Motion made by Councilor Olson to approve as read, seconded by Councilor Anderson. On roll call vote, the following councilors voted in favor of said motion: Christensen, Baker, Herman, Olson, Van Beek, Anderson, and Mayor Murray. Mayor Murray declared the motion passed.

(See Secretary's Original Ordinance 26-155
(Included with these minutes)

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

First Ward, Councilor Christensen reported:

- Ward Items – No ward items.
- Committee Update – Attended Wellness expo put on by the YMCA and Senior Center She added it was well done and attended. Attended the Senior Center Board meeting last week. Has some good leadership stepping forward.
- This Saturday the Walking Moai kicks off at the Marion Ross Theatre.
- Congratulations to all at the high school involved with the production of Chicago. It was very professional and well done.

Second Ward, Councilor Baker reported:

- Ward Items – One ward item and it's being taken care of.
- Committee Update – Port Authority meeting last Wednesday and mentioned they are one step closer to a possible new business coming to Albert Lea. Also added the person chosen for position at ALEDA has backed out.

Third Ward, Councilor Herman reported:

- Ward Items – None
- Committee Update – Attended CVB meeting.
- Was at the State Capitol for Legislative Action Day and had a chance to speak with Representative Bennett and Dornink.
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Fourth Ward, Councilor Olson reported:

- Ward Items – None
- Committee Update – None
- Personal – He reminded everyone, as the weather warms up to keep an eye on kids riding bikes especially around parks and schools.

Fifth Ward, Councilor Van Beek reported:

- Ward Items – One item that has already been taken care of.
- Committee Update – Budget and Finance meeting this Wednesday.

Sixth Ward, Councilor Anderson reported:

- Ward Items – Had a couple ward items, both has been taken care of.
- Committee Update – Budget and Finance meeting this Wednesday.

MAYOR REPORT:

Reported the following and provided details of each:

- Attended Freeborn County Ag Luncheon, announced the farm family of the year was Zach and Steph Adams.
- ALEDA project updates, met with Philip Johnson via ZOOM. Added that the person that was offered the Assistant Executive Director position did turn it down. Next week they will meet with DDA to start search for a new candidate.
- Attended District 241 facilities meeting.
- Attended Freeborn County Planning and Zoning meeting.
- Was at a fundraiser for the Rugby Foundation, he noted that Albert Lea has 1 team in the top 20 in the nation and another team not far behind that.
- Attended a get together for the First District Convention.
- Toured the home that Robert Modderman built and is ready to put on the market for sale.

Mentioned the upcoming events and said they are also listed on the City's website.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

- Budget meeting on Wednesday
- Working on items with ALEDA relating to TIF District 5-28, with potential new business.
- Will be up at Capitol Hill to testify on behalf of the sales tax referendum.
- Will present the animal ordinance at the next council meeting during the work session.
- Waiting on RFP's for the infill housing.
- Had a developer reach out to him with a possibility of doing a larger housing project.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

A. Resolution 26-056 Approving Claims

- (1) Presentation of Claims Over \$25,000

The attached resolution directs the Mayor and City Treasurer to issue the payment of claims as presented in the Detail of Claims report. In addition, Tukuā displayed a list of claims over \$25,000 for the public’s viewing, transparency, and education.

Motion made by Councilor Baker to approve as read, seconded by Councilor Anderson. On voice call vote, the following councilors voted in favor of said motion: Christensen, Baker, Herman, Olson, Van Beek, Anderson, and Mayor Murray. Mayor Murray declared the motion passed.

(See Secretary's Original Ordinance 26-077
(Included with these minutes)

Councilor Christensen motioned for adjournment; Councilor Van Beek seconded. That there being no further business, the Council meeting adjourns until the next regular meeting of the Albert Lea City Council at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 27, 2026. On a voice call vote, all councilors voted in favor of said motion.

Mayor Murray declared the motion passed, and the meeting adjourned.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:08 PM

Mayor Rich Murray

Karla Tukuā
Secretary Pro Tem