



ALBERTVILLE CITY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

March 2, 2026 – 7pm
Council Chambers
Albertville City Hall

1. Call to Order

Mayor Hendrickson called the meeting to order at 7 pm.

2. Pledge of Allegiance – Roll Call

Present: Mayor Hendrickson, Councilmembers Cocking, Hayden, Olson, and Zagorski

Staff Present: City Administrator Nafstad, Fire Chief Bullen, City Attorney Couri, Finance Director Lannes and City Clerk Luedke.

3. Recognitions – Presentations – Introductions

Wright County Commissioner Holland reported that the Wright County purchased property in the City of Albertville to expand the government center by adding a satellite facility due to the area's growing population. She stated that the County acquired the old Highland Bank building but does not yet have a timeline for construction. Commissioner Holland noted that the location was prime due to its proximity to I-94, and she responded to Council questions.

City Administrator Nafstad provided additional information on the property and potential services the satellite facility may offer, and he answered Council questions.

4. Public Forum

There was no one present for the public forum

5. Amendments to the Agenda

City Administrator Nafstad requested to add an item under 9I3. Administration entitled "KinderCare – Letter of Credit Reduction No. 1".

MOTION made by Councilmember Olson, seconded by Councilmember Hayden to approve the March 2, 2026 Agenda as amended. Ayes: Cocking, Hayden, Hendrickson, Olson, and Zagorski. Nays: None. The motion carried.

6. Consent Agenda

All items under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine by the City staff and will be enacted by one motion. In the event an item is pulled, it will be discussed in the order it is listed on the Consent Agenda following the approval of the remaining Consent items. Items pulled will be approved by a separate motion.

- A. Authorize the Tuesday, February 17, 2026, payment of claims as presented, except bills specifically pulled which are passed by separate motion. The claims listing has been provided to City Council as a separate document and is available for public view at City Hall upon request.
- B. Authorize the purchase of 3 sets of turnout gear for the Albertville Fire Department.

MOTION made by Councilmember Cocking, seconded by Councilmember Zagorski to approve the March 2, 2026, Consent Agenda as submitted. Ayes: Cocking, Hayden, Hendrickson, Olson, and Zagorski. Nays: None. The motion carried.

7. Public Hearing – None

8. Wright County Sheriff's Office – Updates, reports, etc.

The Wright County Sheriff Deputy who was present provided an update on events happening within the City.

9. Department Business

A. City Council

1. Committee Updates (*STMA Ice Arena, Planning, JPWB, Parks, Fire Board, FYCC, etc.*)

Councilmember Olson reported on the recent Parks Commission meeting, noting there was a discussion regarding the upcoming Parks Night Out and the Central Park playground opening, which would include a ribbon-cutting ceremony.

B. Building – None

C. City Clerk – None

D. Finance – None

E. Fire – None

F. Planning and Zoning – None

G. Public Works/Engineering – None

H. Legal – None

I. Administration

1. Sidewalk Café Permit Discussion

City Administrator Nafstad presented the staff report for discussion and noted he was not requesting Council action at this time but rather feedback on whether the Council would be open to allowing sidewalk café permits on Main Avenue following the completion of the first phase of the project. He reported that the restaurants on Main Avenue had requested permission to offer outdoor seating on the sidewalks in front of their businesses. Administrator Nafstad reviewed possible conditions the City could include in an ordinance, such as limiting seating, allowing alcohol service, and other requirements. He responded to questions from Council.

City Clerk Luedke responded to questions from Council regarding the possible permitting process and shared examples of requirements used by other cities.

The Council discussed the parking on Main Avenue, possible aesthetics requirements, and possible types of fencing or barrier for the area. There was general consensus that the Council was open to

reviewing a draft ordinance, which City Administrator Nafstad indicated he would bring back to a future meeting.

2. City Administrator's Update

City Administrator Nafstad presented the City Administrator's Update which included upcoming events. He reported that, with the Fire Chief's upcoming retirement, staff have been discussing the hiring process and has prepared a job description currently under review by the Board of Officers. He noted he will meet with the Board and bring the item to the next City Council meeting for Council review.

3. KinderCare – Letter of Credit Reduction No. 1

City Administrator Nafstad presented the staff report and provided background information regarding the clause to accept the municipal improvements constructed as part of the project. He also responded to questions concerning the KinderCare sign size, noting that it was consistent with City Code.

MOTION made by Councilmember Hayden, seconded by Councilmember Zagorski to reduce Letter of Credit No. 20008385264, held as security for the Albertville Plaza Third Addition, to no less than \$44,653.55, and accept the municipal improvements constructed as part of the project. Ayes: Cocking, Hayden, Hendrickson, Olson, and Zagorski. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Announcements and/or Upcoming Meetings

March 9	STMA Arena Board, 6 pm
March 10	Planning Commission, 7 pm
March 16	City Council, 7 pm
March 23	Joint Power Water Board, 6 pm Parks Committee, 7 pm
April 6	City Council, 7 pm

10. Adjournment

MOTION made by Councilmember Cocking, second by Councilmember Hayden to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 pm. Ayes: Cocking, Hayden, Hendrickson, Olson, and Zagorski. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Kristine A. Luedke, City Clerk