



ALBERTVILLE CITY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

May 18, 2026 – 7 pm
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 Olson, Councilmembers Cocking, Hayden, and Zagorski.

Staff Present: City Administrator Nafstad, Fire Chief Bullen and Finance Director Lannes.

3. Recognitions – Presentations – Introductions

4. Public Forum

There was no one present for the public forum.

5. Amendments to the Agenda

There were no amendments to the agenda.

MOTION made by Councilmember Olson, seconded by Councilmember Cocking to approve the May 18, 2026, agenda as submitted. 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. Approve May 4, 2026, regular City Council Meeting minutes as presented.
- B. Authorize the Monday, May 18, 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.

MOTION made by Councilmember Cocking, seconded by Councilmember Hayden to approve the May 18, 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 with the City.

9. Department Business

A. City Council

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

Councilmember Zagorski provided an update from the Planning Commission meeting, noting that a public hearing for the Interim Use Permit related to a proposed Community Center within the retail center at Albertville Plaza. He stated that no action was taken due to a tied vote. He also reported that a public hearing was held regarding a Planned Unit Development and rezoning request for the Psyk property for a future commercial development. Councilmember Zagorski noted that area residents attended the meeting and requested that the back half or proposed outlot be zoned for residential. He added that the matter was tabled to a future meeting.

Councilmember Cocking provided an update from the STMA Arena Board meeting with included the annual Audit presentation.

B. Building – None

C. City Clerk – None

D. Finance

1. Monitoring Systems to Wireless and Additional Security Camera

Finance Director Lannes presented the staff report and explained that the current monitoring system uses outdated technology that was no longer supported by the telecommunication providers. She stated that, once the systems are converted to the updated communication methods, the City would discontinue the old service. Finance Director Lannes responded to question from Council.

MOTION made by Councilmember Hayden, seconded by Councilmember Zagorski to approve the cost of upgrading the systems monitored from Plain Old Telephone Service lines to wireless and add additional security cameras at an estimated cost of \$12,847.95. Ayes: Cocking, Hayden, Hendrickson, Olson, and Zagorski. Nays: None. The motion carried.

E. Fire – None

F. Planning and Zoning – None

G. Public Works/Engineering – None

H. Legal – None

I. Administration

1. Albertville Full-time Fire Chief/Fire Marshal/Emergency Manager Position

City Administrator Nafstad presented the staff report, including background information on the hiring process used for the position. He noted that the City received 10 applications and interviewed four highly qualified candidates. Administrator Nafstad reported upon completion of the interviews, the Fire Chief Selection Committee recommended Tate Mills for the position. He provided

additional background information on Mr. Mill's experience and stated that, if approved, he could begin employment on August 5. Nafstad responded to questions from Council.

MOTION made by Councilmember Cocking, seconded by Councilmember Hayden to hire Mr. Tate Mills for the full-time position of Fire Chief, Fire Marshal, and Director of Emergency Management at a starting salary of \$175,668.10 (step 4 of the position scale), conditioned on required background and medical testing Ayes: Cocking, Hayden, Hendrickson, Olson, and Zagorski. Nays: None. The motion carried.

2. Wright County Funding Participation Agreement for County State Aid Highway 18

City Administrator Nafstad presented the staff report, noting that the County State Aid Highway project (CSAH) project would begin in the summer and be completed in two phases. He explained that the project was intended to address safety and access needs resulting from increased population growth in the area. Administrator Nafstad reported that the City Attorney had reviewed the agreement and recommended no changes. He stated the total estimated project cost was \$2,432,000, with the City's share estimated at approximately \$181,000. Administrator Nafstad responded to questions from Council.

The Council discussed the CSAH 18 project, including the pedestrian crossing at the proposed roundabout and the associated crosswalks.

MOTION made by Councilmember Olson, seconded by Councilmember Zagorski to Funding Participation and Construction Agreement. Ayes: Cocking, Hayden, Hendrickson, Olson, and Zagorski. Nays: None. The motion carried.

3. City Administrator's Update

City Administrator Nafstad presented the City Administrator's Update which included upcoming events.

The Council discussed the Albertville Friendly City Days Social and scheduled it for Thursday, June 11, during the Firemen's Relief Craft Beer night at 6:30 pm in the beer gardens by the Main Stage

Wright County Commissioner Holland provided an update on Wright County activities and discussed increasing property taxes within the area. She also answered questions from Council.

Announcements and/or Upcoming Meetings

May 25	City Hall closed in observance of Memorial Day
May 27	Parks Committee, 7 pm
May 27	Joint Power Water Board, 6 pm
June 1	City Council, 7 pm
June 8	STMA Arena Board, 6 pm
June 9	Planning Commission, 7 pm
June 15	City Council, 7 pm

10. Adjournment

MOTION made by Councilmember Cocking, second by Councilmember Olson to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 pm. Ayes: Cocking, Hayden, Hendrickson, Olson, and Zagorski. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Kristine A. Luedke, City Clerk