

# ALEXANDER GAZETTE

Aimee J Frohling – Clerk

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## LIBRARY HOURS CHANGING

Due to IA Shares Services being discontinued and the AEA van taking over book collection, the Library hours are changing to accommodate that schedule.

Mon: 8:30 AM – 12 PM, 1PM – 5PM  
Tue: 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM  
Wed: 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM  
Thu: 8:30 AM – 12:00 PM  
Fri: 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM  
Sat: 8:30 AM – 12:00 PM

## TORNADO SIRENS!

The Franklin County Emergency Management is going to start testing the tornado sirens on a more regular basis. This will be on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of every month at NOON.

## CITY/SCHOOL ELECTION

Interested in running for City Council?

To get your name on the ballot you need to fill out an Affidavit of Candidacy and collect at least 10 signatures on a Nomination Petition, both forms can be found online at: [sos.iowa.gov/city-elections](https://sos.iowa.gov/city-elections).

To qualify you must be 1. A citizen of the United States 2. A resident of Iowa (and in Alexander City limits) 3. At least 18 years old.  
May not 1. Be a convicted felon (unless voting rights have been restored by the president or governor) 2. Be currently judged incompetent to vote by a court. 3. Claim the right to vote in any other place.

Turn in your notarized Nomination Papers to the City Clerk starting Monday, August 25, 2025. Deadline is 5:00 PM on September 18, 2025.

Those up for election this year are:  
Mayor – Thomas Schear  
Council – Roy Arends  
Council – Brad Peterson

**“A new School Year means New Beginnings, New Adventures, and New Challenges”**

-DENISE WITMER



## SEPTIC

If you have not updated your septic system, you are now in violation of the City of Alexander Code of Ordinances and DNR regulations!

### August 5, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Mayor Schear opened the meeting at 6:00 PM.

Council Persons Present: Roy Arends, Brad Peterson, and Kim Larsen.

Approval of Agenda – Motion by Arends to approve, 2nd by K Larsen. Approved unanimously.  
Minutes of July meeting – Motion by Peterson to approve, 2nd by K Larsen. Approved unanimously.  
Motion by K Larsen to approve vouchers and pay bills, 2nd by Arends. Approved unanimously.  
August Expenditures – Clear Lake Sanitary (water testing) \$44.00; Franklin Co Dispatch (FY26) \$4,570.68; Hawkins (additives) \$450.62; Iowa DNR (supply fee) \$25.00; Iowa One Call (locate serv) \$20.70; IPERS (pensions) \$324.37; Router12 (phone/internet) \$80.00; S&H Environmental (Water Super) \$970.00; Treas St IA (WET) \$172.82; True Value (supplies)

\$181.70; Aimee Frohling (clerk salary/mileage) \$919.77; Christian Larsen (Maint/Wat Ass./Roads) \$865.76; Thomas Schear (Mayor) \$46.12.

July Receipts – Property Tax \$782.59; LOST \$2,087.66; Road Use Taxes \$1,449.71; Utility Accounts \$3,489.67.  
Public Input – Resident expresses being offended by the state of the property next door to them, junk, garbage, lawn not mowed, there are several able-bodied adults living there that could make an effort.

Library Report – Library hours are changing to accommodate schedule changes due to IA Shares being discontinued and the AEA van taking over the service. Halloween party will be October 31 from 6:30-7:30 PM.

New Park Landscaping – Monica would like to plant some trees, Mayor and council would like to see the plan before she proceeds, she wasn't able to attend tonight, tabled to next meeting. Also discussed whether to get a porta-potty during warm seasons, a garbage receptacle, and benches.

Next Link Tower Contract – No representative in

## Have a junk car?

Call Virgil Larsen  
for pricing  
(641) 751-2512  
He will pay you for it and haul it away too!



### August Minutes (cont'd)

attendance, have not received an updated contract.

Waterworks Repair Quotes – Work not started yet, Mitch Vanness is looking to do some tiling and has discovered a City Tile that is mostly plugged, offered to assist in replacing at the same time, would be after harvest. Will discuss with water department and have on next months agenda, would tie in with the backwash project that we are already investigating.  
Nuisances – Several properties need mowed.  
Septic – Apartments have been completed; another residence is in progress.  
Building permits – None.  
Adjourned.



### First Reformed Church

Services 9:30 AM

Fellowship 10:45 AM

All are Welcome!

Sunday School – 9:30 AM

## DONATE! BRANDI PALS MEMORIAL FUND

Monetary Donations can be Made at Clear Lake Bank & Trust (Brandi Pals Memorial Fund)

For more information or to make donations you may contact:

**Thomas Pals: (641)640-8754**

**Monica Pals: (641) 373-0468**

### Owners of Baseball Field:

Carmelo and Christine Garcia  
(641) 373-8058

Feel free to call with any questions or concerns regarding the Baseball Field!

## Building Permits

Don't forget that you need a permit if you are planning a home addition, construction of a building, placing a fence or concrete, building a deck, or making any other alteration to your property.

Permit applications are free and can be picked up from City Hall during regular business hours along with a copy of the City Building Code.

### Website

[www.cityofalexander-iowa.com](http://www.cityofalexander-iowa.com)

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

**City Council Meeting  
September 2, 2025 6:00 PM**

**Election Papers Due  
September 18, 2025 5:00 PM**

**Water bills due  
20<sup>th</sup> each month**

**Recycling 1st and 3rd Friday**

### City Hall Office Hours:

Wednesday's  
9:00 AM – Noon

2nd/4th Saturday's  
9:00 AM – Noon

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## LIBRARY NEWS

The door at the library is always open for reading, learning, and relaxation! Stop in and browse our large collection of books, periodicals, and movies!

Interested in volunteering and/or being a part of the library? Stop in, or contact a Library Board Member!

Coffee and Conversation  
Saturday Mornings!



### ATTENTION! DO NOT PUT LITHIUM BATTERIES IN THE GARBAGE!

Garbage bags can be purchased at the Library and various locations in the surrounding area. If you are interested in a rolling cart, you may call: T&S Sanitation at (515) 293-1643

## LABOR DAY – SEPTEMBER 1<sup>st</sup>

**“Far and away the best prize that life offers is  
the chance to work hard at work worth  
doing.”**

-THEODORE ROOSEVELT

