

Alexander City Council Minutes February 3, 2026

Mayor Pro-Tem Arends opened the meeting at 6:00 PM.

Council Persons Present: Roy Arends, Monica Pals, and Brad Peterson.

Approval of Agenda – Motion by Peterson to approve, 2nd by Pals. Approved unanimously.

Minutes of January meeting – Motion by Pals to approve, 2nd by Peterson. Approved unanimously.

Motion by Pals to approve vouchers and pay bills, 2nd by Peterson. Approved unanimously.

February Expenditures – Bruns Machine & Welding (snow plow parts) \$411.78; Clear Lake Sanitary (water testing) \$44.00; Greenbelt Bank (safe dep box) \$30.00; Hawkins, Inc. (additives) \$498.18; Iowa One Call (locate serv) \$12.60; IPERS (pensions) \$341.73; Mort's Water (replace check valve) \$2,447.95; Router12 (phone/internet) \$80.00; Roy Arends (plow fuel) \$111.00; S&H Environmental (Water Super) \$850.00; Treas St IA (WET) \$164.86; True Value (supplies) \$186.50; Aimee Frohling (clerk salary/mileage) \$925.23; Christian Larsen (Maint/Wat Ass./Roads/Reimb/Mileage) \$995.23; Jason Christensen (Mayor salary) \$92.26. January Receipts – Property Tax \$55.32; LOST \$1,872.29; Road Use Taxes \$1,176.85; Utility Accounts \$3,200.51.

Public Input – Jeanie Arends reports on landfill meeting, she plans to serve for 2 more years and then the council will need to appoint someone else. A long time employee of the landfill is retiring and won't be replaced, waste is down right now – probably due to weather. They are donating 200 tires to the Isaac Walton League South of Renwick to build a wall for the gun range.

Library Report – Starting January 19th going to winter hours, Tues and Thur 8-5, Sat 8-12. March 14 the Franklin Co 4H children are having a PI Day with coffee and trivia at the library from 9:30 – 11:00, all are welcome. Bridges e-book agreement has been signed for 2027.

Water Dept Report – Received an estimate from Central Tank Coatings to clean and inspect the water storage tank for \$2,200.00. Motion by Pals to approve, 2nd by Peterson. Approved unanimously.

Mayor Pro-Tem closes the regular meeting and opens the public hearing for Ordinance Amendment 2026-01 Defining Animal at Large. No public input. Mayor Pro-Tem closes the public hearing and reopens the regular meeting of the council.

Ordinance Amendment 2026-01 Defining Animal at Large – Motion by Pals to approve, 2nd by Arends. Approved unanimously upon roll call vote with Larsen and Noelting absent. Motion by Peterson to waive the 3rd reading of the amendment, 2nd by Pals. Approved.

Ordinance Amendment 2026-02 Landlord Water Account Responsibility – upon further investigation, the current ordinances already allow for holding landlords responsible for utility accounts and allows liens to be placed on the property. It has not been past practice to enforce this ordinance due to objections from past councils. Motion by Pals to enforce it, including accounts currently outstanding on our books, 2nd by Peterson. Approved.

FY27 Preliminary Budget and Levy Approval – Motion by Pals to approve, 2nd by Peterson. Approved unanimously.

Set Property Tax Levy Public Hearing – Motion by Peterson to hold a public hearing for FY27 Property Tax Levy on March 24, 2026 at 6:00 PM, 2nd by Pals. Approved unanimously.

Set Special Meeting – Motion by Pals to hold a special meeting on March 24, 2026 at 6:30 PM, 2nd by Peterson. Approved unanimously.

CD's Maturing February/March – Clerk presented rates from Greenbelt. Pals discussed strategy to leverage higher rates, showing that Clear Lake B&T is offering a better rate on a 9-month CD. Motion by Peterson to have the CD's moved to a savings account upon maturity, unless Greenbelt is willing to match the other rate, giving us time to add another bank to our approved depository resolution in order to move the funds, 2nd by Pals. Approved unanimously.

Snow Plow Repairs – hoses have been replaced, there are still cylinder leaks, but we should get by for the season. Three cylinders will be rebuilt or replaced this summer.

Clean Up Day – Discussed tires, dumpster, and possible timing. Council should think on it for next meeting.

Periodic Examination – State Auditors will be here February 18-19 to audit 2025 records.

New Park Landscaping – Discussed when we might have a dedication celebration, would like clean up day to happen before that. Possibly combining it with the Brandi Pals Memorial Fundraiser in June? Will discuss further at next meeting.

Nuisances – One additional letter will be sent regarding junk vehicles to be addressed by March 1st.

Septic – none.

Building permits – none.

Mayor Pro-Tem Arends informed the council that 4 street lights are out on Harriman and he has called them in, it is quite dark. If they are not fixed by Thursday he will follow up with Alliant. Also discussed having a team building exercise during the time between meetings on March 24th.

Adjourned at 8:00 PM

Next regular council meeting – March 3, 2026, 6:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Aimee J Frohling – City Clerk

(Mayor Signature)