

ALEXANDER GAZETTE

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ALEXANDER FIRE DEPT FUNDRAISER RAFFLE AND LUNCH!

APRIL 11, 2026, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM
419 HARRIMAN STREET, ALEXANDER

SMALL PRIZE RAFFLE:

- 1 TICKET = \$2
- 3 TICKETS = \$5
- 7 TICKETS = \$10



INCLUDES TOYS, FISHING POLES, GIFT CARDS.

LARGE PRIZE RAFFLE:

- 1 TICKET = \$5
- 3 TICKETS = \$10
- 7 TICKETS = \$20



INCLUDES 50" TV, TOOL KITS, BLACKSTONE GRILL, ROCKING LAWN CHAIRS, 3 PRINTS, AND STIHL AIR COMPRESSOR.

DON'T NEED TO BE PRESENT TO WIN

LUNCH MENU

- PORK LOIN SANDWICH
- CHIPS
- BEANS
- BAKED GOODS
- DRINKS



FREE WILL DONATION!

PROCEEDS WILL BE USED FOR A NEW BRUSH TRUCK!

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY AND THE FRANKLIN COUNTY 4-H

Celebrate PI Day

March 14, 2026 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM



Pie, Coffee, and Trivia!



Bring a friend

UPCOMING EVENTS

- City Council Meetings
- Tax Levy Public Hearing
March 24, 2026 6:00 PM
- Special Meeting
March 24, 2026 6:30 PM
- Regular Meeting
April 7, 2026 6:00 PM
- Water bills due
20th each month
- Tornado Siren Test
2nd Monday at Noon
- 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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EASTER EGG HUNT!

March 28, 2026

Serving Breakfast from 8:30-10:00 AM



Get pictures with the Easter Bunny starting at 9:30 AM!

ALEXANDER PUBLIC LIBRARY!

"Easter is a time for dressing up, looking your best, and hunting for candy. It's Halloween in reverse!"

-MELANIE WHITE

HAPPY EASTER!!



SEPTIC

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

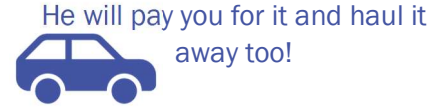
March 3, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Mayor Christensen opened the meeting at 6:00 PM.
 Council Persons Present: Roy Arends, Monica Pals, Courtney Noelting, Kim Larsen, and Brad Peterson.
 Approval of Agenda – Motion by Arends to approve, 2nd by Larsen. Approved unanimously.
 Minutes of February meeting – Motion by Noelting to approve, 2nd by Arends. Approved unanimously.
 Motion by Larsen to approve vouchers and pay bills, 2nd by Pals. Approved unanimously.
 See *financials on Page 3*
 Public Input – Resident complaint about condition of American flags at City Hall and Post Office, they will be replaced as soon as possible, the telescoping flag poles won't come down due to ice buildup in the bottom of the flag pole shaft. Library Director offered to bring several new flags over for the City. Complaint about a resident in town soliciting from neighbors and making them feel uncomfortable, there's not much the council can do, the Sheriff should be called.

Library Report – Will be working with City Clerk on a few things that came up during the audit. Had first snack and puzzle day on the 28th and it was a great success! Will be hosting another one on April 18th.
 March 14th is Pi and trivia day with Franklin Co 4-H. March 28th is Easter egg hunt with breakfast and visit from the Easter bunny. Library received money from an estate that contributed to every library in the estate, the funds will be used for programming.
 Water Dept Report – Hydrants will be flushed sometime between April 1st and 15th.
 Resolution 2026-04 Investment Policy – Motion by Noelting to approve, 2nd by Larsen. Approved unanimously upon roll call vote.
 Resolution 2026-05 Allowing certain payments in advance of council approval. Motion by Pals to approve, 2nd by Larsen. Approved unanimously upon roll call vote.
 Add Signatory at Bank – Adding Mayor Pro-Tem Arends as a signer at the bank for back-up. Motion by Pals to approve, 2nd by Noelting. Approved with Arends abstaining.
 Grants – Pals is taking a grant writing class and has been researching grants for derelict properties and other things that would benefit the City. Anyone on the council can do grant writing for the City as long as they wouldn't personally benefit from it. Motion by Arends to authorize Pals to apply for

Have a junk car?

Call Virgil Larsen for pricing
 (641) 751-2512



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grants on the City's behalf, 2nd by Larsen. Approved.
 New Park Landscaping/Dedication – Pals is planning to combine their annual fundraiser with the park dedication and town celebration. Will be on June 13th. She will make a request to the Fire Department to use their building to serve the meal. Discussed having the fireworks in Arends field straight West of the park. Arends will accommodate.
 Clean Up Day – Will get a 40-yard dumpster delivered on May 29th, with Citywide cleanup on May 30th. Volunteers will help move items for elderly/disabled. When the dumpster is full, will not get another.
 Derelict Properties – discussed what some surrounding communities are doing, Pals will continue to look into options and grants. Discussed offering a property owner \$50 for their vacant lot near City property that has past due taxes, the City would cover the taxes and legal fees for transfer of property.
 Nuisances – Cars have been mostly taken care of, the Mayor will follow up with one resident.
 Septic – 204 Villa will be updated this summer. 204 & 208 Park Ave have just been sold and should be updated soon. Discussed putting gravel on Carter Street north of Park Ave.
 Building permits – none.
 Discussed fining residents who



First Reformed Church

Services 9:30 AM

Fellowship 10:45 AM

All are Welcome!

Sunday School – 9:30 AM

Easter Breakfast

8:00 AM Sunday, April 5, 2026

FREE! Join Us!

LIBRARY NEWS

Winter Hours:

Tue: 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Thu: 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Sat: 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

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!

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. **ATTENTION! DO NOT PUT LITHIUM BATTERIES IN THE GARBAGE!**

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

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have constructed fences/buildings without getting a permit first. Possibly sending letters to get them to fill one out after the fact by a certain date or be subject to a fine.

Motion by Arends to adjourn, 2nd by Pals. Approved.

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.

March Expenditures –

From General Fund:

IPERS	Maint/Clerk/Mayor	\$121.23
Koenen Lawn Care	Herbicide spraying	\$122.85
Router12 Networks	Phone/Internet	\$80.00
Storey Kenworthy	Office Supply	\$650.03
Aimee Frohling	Clerk Salary	\$881.74
Aimee Frohling	Mileage	\$29.00
Christian Larsen	Maintenance Salary	\$680.81
Christian Larsen	Reimb Maint Supply	\$47.62
Jason Christensen	Mayor Salary	\$92.26

From ER FICA/IPERS:

IPERS	Maint/Clerk/Mayor	\$181.94
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February Receipts –

To General Fund:

Interest	\$435.19
To RUT Fund:	
Road Use Tax	\$750.15
Farm to Market	\$234.35
To Landfill Fund:	
Landfill Fees	\$359.96

To Cap Improv Fund:

Local Option Sales Tax	\$605.95
To Mosquito Cont Fund:	
Mosquito Control Fees	\$69.22

To Mun Supp Fund:

Local Option Sales Tax	\$605.94
To Water Fund:	
Sales	\$2,869.84
Late Fees	\$44.48

From Water Fund:

Clear Lake Sanitary	Water testing	\$44.00
IPERS	Water assist	\$19.28
S&H Environ. Serv	Water Super/Maint	\$1,156.85
Iowa Dept of Revenue	WET Tax	\$167.15
Christian Larsen	Water assist salary	\$105.46

From RUT Fund:

IPERS	Roads employee	\$19.28
True Value	Filter-snow plow	\$29.16
Christian Larsen	Roads salary	\$105.46

HYDRANT FLUSHING!

The Alexander Water Department will be flushing hydrants between April 1st and April 15th. This may temporarily affect water pressure and increase the amount of rust in the water. It is recommended that customers check for discoloration of water and run cold water until it runs clear.

The Fire Department is looking for 2 Trustees to serve on their board! If interested contact Kim Larsen!

