

ALEXANDER GAZETTE

Aimee J Frohling – Clerk

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LIBRARY NEWS

NEW HOURS!

MONDAY – 1:00 – 5:00 PM
 TUESDAY – 1:00 – 5:00 PM
 WEDNESDAY – 1:00 – 5:00 PM
 THURSDAY – 1:00 – 5:00 PM
 SATURDAY – 8:00 AM – NOON

NEW LIBRARIAN!

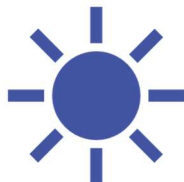
- DANA GRAPES

Come give her a warm welcome!



“One benefit of summer was that each day we had more light to read by.”

-JEANETTE WALLS



FRANKLIN COUNTY VETERANS AFFAIRS

THE FRANKLIN COUNTY “250 FREEDOM RIDE”

SATURDAY, JULY 18TH

Begins and ends at the Fairgrounds, circling the County, will come through Alexander around 9:50 AM.

Vacation Bible School First Reformed Church July 29, 30, & 31 4:00 – 6:00 PM

UPCOMING EVENTS

City Council Meeting
August 4, 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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July Expenditures – including approved obligations paid in June

From General Fund:

IPERS	Maint/Clerk/May/Coun	\$140.11
Brad Peterson	Council Pay	\$69.19
Courtney Noelting	Council Pay	\$69.19
Kimberly Larsen	Council Pay	\$69.19
Monica Pals	Council Pay	\$69.19
Roy Arends	Council Pay	\$69.26
USPS	Certified letter	\$10.48
Alliant Energy	Sirens (June)	\$59.90
Router12 Networks	Clerk Salary/mileage	\$910.74
Christian Larsen	Maintenance Salary	\$680.82
Jason Christensen	Mayor Salary	\$92.26
Iowa League of Cities	Dues	\$410.00
US Treasury	Phone/Internet	\$80.00
Alliant Energy	Payroll taxes	\$433.79
IA Dept of Revenue	Sirens	\$61.22
From ER FICA/IPERS:	Payroll withholding	\$30.00

From ER FICA/IPERS:
 IPERS
 US Treasury
 From Cap Improv Fund:
 Stateline Custom Const
 Kay Park
 Tom Pals
 True Value

June Receipts –

To General Fund:
 Property taxes
 To RUT Fund:
 Road Use Tax
 To Landfill Fund:
 Landfill Fees
 To Library Fund:
 Inc reported – May

To Cap Improv Fund:
 Local Option Sales Tax
 To Mosquito Cont Fund:
 Mosquito Control Fees
 To Insurance Fund:
 Property taxes
 To ER FICA/IPERS Fund:
 Property taxes

From Water Fund:

IPERS	Water assist	\$19.28
Christian Larsen	Water assist salary	\$105.46
Alliant Energy	Elect/Nat gas (June)	\$351.04
Clear Lake Sanitary	Water testing	\$44.00
Hawkins, Inc.	Additives	\$1,547.01
S&H Environmental	Water Super (M/J)	\$2,142.22
Alliant Energy	Elect/nat gas	\$452.50
Iowa DNR	Supply Fee	\$25.00
Iowa Dept of Revenue	WET Tax	\$156.65

From RUT Fund:

IPERS	Roads employee	\$19.28
Alliant Energy	Street lights (June)	\$785.48
Christian Larsen	Roads salary	\$105.46
Alliant Energy	Street lights	\$797.58

From Library Fund:

Alexander Library	Exp reported – June	-
Kay Park	Park accessories	\$8,398.80
From Landfill Fund:		
The Trash Man	Clean-up day	\$550.74
Wright Co Landfill	Q1FY27	\$1,225.00

To Mun Supp Fund:

Local Option Sales Tax	\$681.07
To Water Fund:	
Sales	\$2,615.26
Late Fees	\$252.73
Deposits	\$175.00
To Emerg Mgmt Fund:	
Property taxes	\$168.51

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

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.

July 7, 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 Noelting to approve, 2nd by Pals. Approved unanimously.

Minutes of June meeting – Motion by Larsen to approve, 2nd by Noelting. Approved unanimously.

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

See *financials* on Page 1.

Public Input – Freedom Ride coming through town on July 18th, expected in Alexander around 9:50 AM.

Library Report – Jeanie Arends reports they have hired a new librarian and have new hours, emphasizes that residents need to come through the door, check out books, sit and have a cup of coffee. Use the library or we might not have one for much longer.

Water Dept Report – discussed 2 estimates received for backwash water, other options considered.

Both Chris Vanness and Mayor Christianson will touch base with the County Sanitarian and the DNR

about different options and what would be allowed. Arends moves to approve the easier, more affordable plan of re-routing the backwash out the back wall to splash onto a concrete pad and disperse over the grass, if it is okayed by the DNR, if it is not okay, we will have a special meeting before August 1st to discuss, 2nd by Noelting. Approved.

Gravel street (Carter Street North of Park Ave) – clerk has only received one estimate back from Mountain Movers. 250'x20' 3" thick for \$1,700.00 or 1.5" thick for \$900.00. Motion by Peterson to approve the estimate for \$1,700.00, 2nd by Arends. Approved.

Ordinance 2026-03 Water Shut-Off Requests (snow-bird policy) – Temporary vacancies will be charged \$100 for disconnect and \$100 for reconnect. Motion by Noelting to approve and set public hearing date for August 4th at 6:00 PM, 2nd by Pals. Approved.

New Park – Pals has some bushes and plants to put in this Fall, will discuss with the park committee on locations for them. Discussed applying for a grant for another playground equipment set for older kids or even a gaga ball pit.

Nuisances – shed behind library was ordered to be removed after a natural gas leak, it has been removed. Discussed 2 properties in town

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Thomas Pals: (641)640-8754

Monica Pals: (641) 373-0468

July Minutes (cont'd)

that are unsafe, motion by Pals to have the clerk discuss with the City attorney about what can be done, 2nd by Noelting.

Septic – there are 3 of them being planned currently.

Building permits –

- Uhlenhopp – demo garage at 204 Center. Motion by Pals to approve, 2nd by Peterson. Approved.

- Uhlenhopp – 2 shipping containers on existing foundation at 204 Center. Motion by Noelting to approve, 2nd by Pals. Approved.

- Gramlich – build 30x65 building on lot purchased at North end of Carter Street (part of old City park). Motion by Pals to approve as long as they sign something that City is not liable if an ember from the City burn pile were to catch the canvass roof before the tin is installed, 2nd by Peterson. Approved.

- Ellis – temporary storage shed at 208 Harriman Street. Motion by Pals to approve, 2nd by Arends. Approved.

Motion by Arends to adjourn.



First Reformed Church

Services 9:30 AM

Fellowship 10:45 AM

All are Welcome!

Sunday School – 9:30 AM