

Mayor Mapes called a regular meeting of the Alma City Commission to order at 6:00 p.m. at the Alma Municipal Building.

**Present:** Allman, Ayers, Harrington, Mapes, Mott, Nyman & Piccolo.

**Absent:** None.

Mayor Mapes asked the City Commission and members of the audience to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Motion by Commissioner Ayers as supported by Commissioner Piccolo to approve the minutes of the January 18, 2017 Goal Setting Session, the January 24, 2017 executive session and January 24, 2017 regular meeting.

**Yes:** Allman, Ayers, Harrington, Mapes, Mott, Nyman & Piccolo.

**No:** None.

Motion by Vice-Mayor Nyman as supported by Commissioner Allman to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda for payment: \$4,104.00 to Hasselbring Clark for DocuWare City Scanners Software Maintenance and Support renewal; \$4,235.00 to Mid-Michigan Railroad, Inc. for the annual maintenance of traffic control devices on Republic and Adams Streets; and \$50,012.90 to Freed Construction Co, Inc. for a payment request for Phase II of the 101 W Downie Project; aka. Maples Building.

**Yes:** Allman, Ayers, Harrington, Mapes, Mott, Nyman & Piccolo.

**No:** None.

Motion by Commissioner Piccolo as supported by Commissioner Harrington to approve the request for purchase in the amount of \$7,365.50 to Jett Pump for Lift Station #4 supporting equipment for raw sewage pumps.

**Yes:** Allman, Ayers, Harrington, Mapes, Mott, Nyman & Piccolo.

**No:** None.

Motion by Commissioner Allman as supported by Commissioner Piccolo to approve the request for purchase in the amount of \$2,548.50 to Detroit Salt Company for Road Salt.

**Yes:** Allman, Ayers, Harrington, Mapes, Mott, Nyman & Piccolo.

**No:** None.

Motion by Commissioner Ayers as supported by Vice-Mayor Nyman to approve a request for purchase in the amount of \$5,750.00 to Rowe, Inc. for a Topographical survey for the 2017 Capital Improvement projects.

**Yes:** Allman, Ayers, Harrington, Mapes, Mott, Nyman & Piccolo.

**No:** None.

Motion by Commissioner Harrington as supported by Commissioner Allman to approve the request for purchase in the amount of \$2,494.84 to Fennell Subscription Service for the annual serial renewals at the Public Library.

**Yes:** Allman, Ayers, Harrington, Mapes, Mott, Nyman & Piccolo.

**No:** None.

Motion by Commissioner Piccolo as supported by Vice-Mayor Nyman to receive and award the bids for the removal and disposal of Liquid Sludge at the Wastewater Treatment Plant and the Biosolids from Polishing Ponds at the Wastewater Treatment Plant:

<b>BIDDER</b>	<b>Bid Security</b>	<b>Unit Price</b>	<b>Total Bid Amount</b>
Mead Brothers Springport, MI 49284	Check	Sludge: \$0.0625per gallon Pond: \$0.1075 per gallon	\$100,000.00 \$107,500.00
Midwest Injection Inc. Cascade, IA 52033	Bid Bond	Sludge: \$0.099 per gallon Pond: \$0.099 per gallon	\$158,400.00 \$99,000.00
Gawne Trucking Charlotte, MI 48813	Bid Bond	Sludge: \$0.049 per gallon Pond: \$0.059 per gallon	\$78,400.00** \$59,000.00**
BioTech Agronomics Inc. Beulah, MI 49617	Bid Bond	Sludge: \$0.055 per gallon Pond: \$0.065 per gallon	\$88,000.00 \$65,000.00

**\*\*Recommended bidder**

**Yes:** Allman, Ayers, Harrington, Mapes, Mott, Nyman & Piccolo.

**No:** None.

Motion by Commissioner Allman as supported by Commissioner Piccolo to adopt a resolution approving the use of the Euclid Street Ball Fields for the 2017 Little League Baseball Program.

**Yes:** Allman, Ayers, Harrington, Mapes, Mott, Nyman & Piccolo.

**No:** None.

Motion by Commissioner Ayers as supported by Vice-Mayor Nyman to approve the Discharge of Mortgage for Alma Renaissance, LLC and to authorize Mayor Mapes and City Clerk Letourneau to execute the agreement on behalf of the City of Alma.

**Yes:** Allman, Ayers, Harrington, Mapes, Mott, Nyman & Piccolo.

**No:** None.

Motion by Commissioner Harrington as supported by Commissioner Piccolo to adopt a resolution formally approving the City of Alma to participate in the training and evaluation process of the Redevelopment Ready Communities program and to pursue the MEDC designation as a Redevelopment Ready Community.

**Yes:** Allman, Ayers, Harrington, Mapes, Mott, Nyman & Piccolo.

**No:** None.

Motion by Commissioner Harrington as supported by Commissioner Piccolo to approve payment in the amount of \$2,164.50 to Alma Renaissance for a Façade, Roof system & Fire Safety Enhancement grant.

**Yes:** Allman, Ayers, Harrington, Mapes, Mott, Nyman & Piccolo.

**No:** None.

Motion by Commissioner Piccolo as supported by Commissioner Ayers to approve the Agreement Regarding Athletic Facility Use of the Euclid Street ballfields between the City of Alma and Alma Little League, a chartered member of Little League Baseball, Inc. commencing on March 1, 2017 and ending on August 1, 2017.

**Yes:** Allman, Ayers, Harrington, Mapes, Mott, Nyman & Piccolo.

**No:** None.

Motion by Commissioner Allman as supported by Commissioner Piccolo to approve a resolution authorizing the execution of a Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities program with the Michigan Department of Transportation (#2017-0004/P3) to provide Federal and State funding to the Alma Transportation system for two replacement minivans with ramps in the amount of \$57,280.00 and to authorize Mayor Mapes and City Clerk Letourneau to execute the agreement on behalf of the City of Alma.

**Yes:** Allman, Ayers, Harrington, Mapes, Mott, Nyman & Piccolo.

**No:** None.

Motion by Vice-Mayor Nyman as supported by Commissioner Piccolo to receive the following reports and place them on file: Alma Transportation January 2017 report; Alma Police Report for January 2017; Code Enforcement Report for January 2017; Building Permit January report and the Alma Police Department 2016 Annual report.

**Yes:** Allman, Ayers, Harrington, Mapes, Mott, Nyman & Piccolo..

**No:** None.

A Presentation on MAC TV Network was given to the Commission by Carey Hammel, Director of the MAC TV Network. The Mid Michigan Cable Consortium provides a video and multimedia platform for local communities through the MAC TV Network. Gratiot, Isabella and Clare Counties are serviced by MAC TV Network. Volunteers take training, check out equipment and use the studio to produce programming. Programming is seen on channels 187 and 191 on Charter Cable but is also available on MAC TV Network's web site. Communities use MAC TV Network to increase their Governmental transparency by airing and making available online their Governmental meetings. Pleasant Chat, Art Review and Sports Attack are reoccurring programs produced by the MAC TV Network. Many stand only productions are produced by staff for airing on the network. Recently, a High School Co-Op program was started called "The Bell" which deals with developing programming around education. In the near future MAC TV Network will be updating their web site to make it easier to find and share the videos. The network will be able to stream live programing on its web site. The Mt Pleasant studio will be taking over total operational control of the Governmental Channels by being the one center that all the communities can send send their power point slides for airing.

Motion by Commissioner Piccolo as supported by Vice-Mayor Nyman to approve Warrant No. 17-15 and to authorize the City Treasurer to issue checks for payment of all claims.

**Yes:** Allman, Ayers, Harrington, Mapes, Mott, Nyman & Piccolo.

**No:** None.

Commissioner Harrington as well as the Other Commissioners all wanted to thank Carey Hammel of MAC TV Network for the presentation.

Commissioner Allman wanted to remind the community that the Gratiot County Players are performing the play "Over the River and through the Woods" this weekend and next weekend. It is very entertaining, all will enjoy the play.

City Attorney Costanzo wished everyone a Happy Valentines Day.

Mayor Mapes opened the floor for public comment.

Tom Mueller, 202 Westview spoke of his support of the MAC TV Network and to thank the City for their support. MAC TV Network provides a variety of entertainment and is a service to the homebound. MAC TV Network fills a need.

Charles Sandro, 5375 Blue Heron Dr. wanted to show his support for the MAC TV Network. He feels that MAC TV Network provides organizations to move into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. PSA's are available on the cable channels. He is very appreciative of the trading and use of equipment that MAC TV Network provides.

Alex Adam, 4470 Sanctuary Dr. stated that he has always wanted to work in film. MAC TV Network provides him with a great opportunity to persue his dreams.

Razvan Adam, 4470 Sanctuary Dr. spoke that his son Alex has gained structure and a future in his life because of what MAC TV provides.

Both are very supportive of MAC TV Network.

Mayor Mapes wanted to thank the volunteers for all the hours put in to produce MAC TV Network.

Motion by Commissioner Piccolo as supported by Commissioner Allman to adjourn the regular meeting at 6:39 p. m.

**Yes:** Allman, Ayers, Harrington, Mapes, Mott, Nyman & Piccolo.

**No:** None.

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Gregory S. Mapes, Mayor

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Sheila Letourneau, City Clerk