

Alma, Michigan
July 10, 2018

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

Absent: None.

Work Session began at 5:30 p.m.

City Manager Schooley informed the Commissioners:

LEAD AND COPPER RULE WEBINAR

On July 10th I will be watching a webinar from the Michigan Municipal League that will explain the new rules being enacted for lead and copper. The purpose of the Lead and Copper Rule (LCR) is to protect public health by minimizing lead and copper levels in drinking water, primarily by reducing corrosivity. Lead and copper enter drinking water mainly from corrosion of lead and copper containing plumbing materials. Municipalities and water suppliers across Michigan participated in the stakeholder process during the rule revisions. There have been many versions of the rule to this point. My hope is that this webinar does a good job of consolidating all of the information. I will present it on Tuesday. This was born out of the issues in Flint. State wants to lower lead level to 12 parts per billion. They also are requiring that by 2021 that there be a desktop of assets to know where lead may be in. State will require that at least 5% needs to be changed out for the next 20 years. This may require changing water leads to homes to 18 inches from the home at the City expense. We will not be able to force Citizens to change their water lines.

7-ELEVEN PROPERTY

On June 29th the City was informed by Clark Hill PLC that 7-11 had ceased operations at 426 Wright Avenue. The property had been vacated over the weekend of July 1-2. The windows were boarded, signs removed and the driveways were blocked. Upon driving by the property on the evening of July 3rd, it was noted that the faceplate of the sign on the building had been removed, but the lights themselves were still operating. These lights were very bright, as there was no faceplate to stop direct illumination. I had also had a conversation with Mayor Mapes about the wooden poles and chains that had been used to block the driveways. It appeared the poles had been placed in the right of way. On July 5th Aeric Ripley and Aaron Hale inspected the site. The poles are in the right of way, in fact they were cemented into the ground. As of this writing Aaron has sent a letter to the property owner, Edwin Meyer Trust informing them of the sign violation. I made contact with the Clark Hill representative and informed them of the sign issue and the driveway barriers. I did receive an email back informing me the information had been passed on to the appropriate personnel from 7-Eleven Corporate. If there has been no response by early next week, I will direct staff to remove the posts.

FY2018 ENDING INFORMATION

Cynthia Michels is in the process of finalizing the FY2018 numbers. Preliminary, unaudited data shows that the City total revenues for the FY2018 to be \$11,298,365 and expenses of \$10,545,378 for a net gain of \$752,987. Attached is a preliminary Budget Comparison Schedule for the General Fund for FY2018. You can see that we will be adding \$131,613 to the general fund. Cynthia has 5 budget amendments on the agenda for the meeting, 2 of which will come from general fund, and 3 from re-allocation of resources. Staff is to be commended for the attention to the budget during a difficult past year.

PERFORM ALMA – EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE PROGRAM

One of the stated goals for the City in 2019 was the development of an Employee Engagement/Development Program. Perform Alma is a way of planning and doing work with an emphasis on outcomes. It allows employees to know what's expected of them, link their work to City of Alma and Department objectives and to be recognized

for their accomplishments. For us to be successful in the future, the City of Alma must make the best of our resources, and focus on work that makes a difference. By showing the links between individual contributions and City goals, Perform Alma can help leadership better allocate people and resources across the City and reduce duplication of effort. That allows the City to move more quickly and efficiently on ideas and strategies. The active involvement of both employee and supervisor in the process encourages employee engagement.

The performance management process is a dynamic and interactive 3-step cycle consisting of planning, monitoring, and recognizing performance. A major piece in the monitoring phase focuses on development. I am in the process of working with LinkedIn Learning to develop some cost-efficient training curriculums for employees at all levels of the city. Each phase of the cycle is critical to the success of an effective performance management process. Together, employees and their supervisors play a key role in making Perform Alma successful. As of today, the plan is to conduct a training with the Administrative staff by the end of July, present the concept to the Employee Development Team in July, and conduct a citywide training in August or September. I am very excited to present this program, and will surely invite the commission to take part in the future.

Firefighters Justin Bailey, Kyle Mapes and David Hamp have complete Firefighting I & II training. We wanted to congratulate them on this great effort.

Work Session concluded at 5:58 p.m.

**Alma, Michigan
July 10, 2018
6:00 p.m.**

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.

Motion by Commissioner Ayers as supported by Commissioner Piccolo to approve the Agenda.

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

No: None.

Motion by Commissioner Piccolo as supported by Commissioner Allman to approve the minutes of the June 26, 2018 regular meeting.

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

No: None.

Motion by Commissioner Allman as supported Commissioner Ayers to open the Public Hearing at 6:00 p.m. to review Special Assessment District #2 for 2018 for the construction of Sidewalks on Pleasant Avenue between Eastward Street and Rosedale Avenue.

Public Services Director, Alan Leute presented to the Commission that Pleasant and Hannah Avenues will be reconstructed this summer and as part of the Street Reconstruction Capital Improvement Project. These new streets will have a life span of at least 25 years. The improvements to the streets and their infrastructure are considered a Special Benefit to the property owner because of this a Special Assessment District is called to be

set.

Public Services Director, Alan Leute then presented the report with regards to the establishment of Special Assessment District #2 of 2018 for the construction of sidewalks on Pleasant Avenue. The sidewalk project on Pleasant from Eastward St. to Rosedale Ave. has an estimated cost of \$13,703.00 with \$6,852.00 assessed to the property owners and \$6,852.00 assessed to the City of Alma. The estimated costs for the sidewalk are \$20.00 per square foot, with the property owner share at \$10.00 per square foot and the City share at \$10.00 per square foot. The sidewalk will be placed on the east side of the street connecting to the existing sidewalks on Eastward and Rosedale.

Terry LaForge Jr., 202 Pleasant felt that sidewalks were not needed and the cost was not affordable for him. The Special Assessment process was explained that the costs for the project are spread out over a term of years, determined by the Commission, and the principle and interest are added to the property taxes.

Commissioner Ayers stated that with the sidewalk connecting to existing sidewalks is a benefit in this street reconstruction.

Mike Pitts, 1005 Fairview asked why a total street reconstruction needs to be done?

Assistant Public Services Director, David Ringle explained how roads and infrastructures are rated. Pleasant and Hannah Avenues were determined to need reconstruction and were placed on the list of streets to be part of the Local Street Voted Millage.

Being no more Public comments, Mayor Mapes asked for a motion to close the public hearing.

Motion by Commissioner Ayers as supported by Commissioner Allman to close the public hearing at 6:15 p.m.

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

No: None.

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Commissioner Ayers as supported by Commissioner Piccolo:

Whereas, the City Manager has caused to be prepared a report pursuant to Section 3 of Ordinance No. 235 of the City of Alma, for the acquisition and construction of the public improvement more particularly hereinafter described; and

Whereas, the City commission deems it necessary to proceed with the construction of said public improvement;

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved That:

1. The City Commission hereby determines it to be necessary to construct the following described public improvement and determines that the same shall be constructed:

Pleasant Avenue Sidewalk Construction

2. The plans, specifications, and estimates of costs and the report of the City Manager are hereby approved.
3. The following described lots and parcels of land shall constitute the special assessment district for said public improvement, which special assessment district shall be known as Special Assessment District

No.2018-2:

4. It is hereby determined that of the total estimated cost of said public improvement, in the amount of \$13,703.00, the sum of \$6,852.00 shall be specially assessed against the special assessment district as herein be set forth and the sum of \$6,852.00 shall be paid by the City at large for benefits to the City at large from the acquisition and construction of said public improvement.

Parcel # 29-51	Name of Owner and Property Description.	Frontage and/or Benefit	Total Assessment
51-021-083-00	RANDALL B SUMNER 1040 EASTWARD	114.6	\$573
51-021-087-00	RANDY W BIXLER 203 PLEASANT AVE	119.1	\$596
51-021-094-00	MARK A BARD 121 PLEASANT AVE	81.7	\$409
51-021-096-00	ARTHUR D MOORE 117 PLEASANT AVE	40.2	\$201
51-021-098-00	TERRY JR LAFORGE 115 PLEASANT AVE	66.6	\$333
51-021-100-00	RANDY T TERWILLIGER 111 PLEASANT AVE	131	\$655
51-021-101-00	LISA CHIPMAN 1102 EASTWARD	117.4	\$587
51-021-104-00	TERRY JR LAFORGE 202 PLEASANT AVE	116.3	\$582
51-021-110-00	N & H LAWN CARE AND RENTALS 120 PLEASANT AVE	182.8	\$914
51-021-114-00	CHRISTOPHER & TABITHA HOLT 114 PLEASANT AVE	91.2	\$456
51-021-115-00	MICHAEL & SHERRY BROWN 110 PLEASANT AVE	45.5	\$228
51-021-758-00	CHRISTOPHER D KOUTZ 1043 ROSEDALE ST	131.9	\$659
51-021-760-00	JEANNA STEBELTON 1105 ROSEDALE ST	132	\$659

5. The City Commission hereby determines that said special assessment shall be divided into equal annual installments and that the deferred installments of said special assessment shall bear interest at 1% over the U.S. Treasury Bond rate at the time of the final confirmation of the Special Assessment Roll.

6. The City Assessor is hereby ordered and directed to make a special assessment roll of that part of the cost of said public improvement to be borne by the lands specially benefited according to the benefits received and shall report the same to the City Commission when it has been prepared.

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

No: None.

Resolution Declared Adopted.

Motion by Commissioner Ayers as supported Commissioner Allman to open the Public Hearing at 6:15 p.m. to review Special Assessment District #3 for 2018 for the construction of sanitary sewer leads on Pleasant Avenue.

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

No: None.

Public Services Director, Alan Leute then presented the report with regards to the establishment of Special Assessment Districts #3 for 2018 for the construction of sanitary sewer leads on Pleasant Avenue. The sanitary sewer leads will be replaced to just inside the curb line in order to keep the new road from having to be opened for property owner's sanitary repairs. Total estimated cost for the Pleasant Avenue project is \$23,400.00 with \$11,700.00 assessed to the property owners and \$11,700.00 assessed to the City of Alma. If it is found that there is a new sewer line already installed, the property owner would be exempt from the special assessment.

Being no additional Public comments, Mayor Mapes asked for a motion to close the public hearing.

Motion by Commissioner Piccolo as supported by Commissioner Nyman to close the public hearing at 6:20 p.m.

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

No: None.

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Commissioner Piccolo as supported by Commissioner Allman:

Whereas, the City Manager has caused to be prepared a report pursuant to Section 3 of Ordinance No. 235 of the City of Alma, for the acquisition and construction of the public improvement more particularly hereinafter described; and

Whereas, the City commission deems it necessary to proceed with the construction of said public improvement;

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved That:

1. The City Commission hereby determines it to be necessary to construct the following described public improvement and determines that the same shall be constructed:

Pleasant Avenue Sanitary Sewer Service Leads

2. The plans, specifications, and estimates of costs and the report of the City Manager are hereby approved.
3. The following described lots and parcels of land shall constitute the special assessment district for said public improvement, which special assessment district shall be known as Special Assessment District No. 2018-3:
4. It is hereby determined that of the total estimated cost of said public improvement, in the amount of \$23,400.00, the sum of \$11,700.00 shall be specially assessed against the special assessment district

as herein be set forth and the sum of \$11,700.00 shall be paid by the City at large for benefits to the City at large from the acquisition and construction of said public improvement.

Parcel # 29-51	Name of Owner and Property Description.	Frontage and/or Benefit	Total Assessment
51-021-083-00	RANDALL B SUMNER 1040 EASTWARD	25	\$900
51-021-087-00	RANDY W BIXLER 203 PLEASANT AVE	25	\$900
51-021-094-00	MARK A BARD 121 PLEASANT AVE	25	\$900
51-021-096-00	ARTHUR D MOORE 117 PLEASANT AVE	25	\$900
51-021-098-00	TERRY J LAFORGE 115 PLEASANT AVE	25	\$900
51-021-100-00	RANDY T TERWILLIGER 111 PLEASANT AVE	25	\$900
51-021-101-00	LISA CHIPMAN 1102 EASTWARD	25	\$900
51-021-104-00	TERRY JR LAFORGE 202 PLEASANT AVE	25	\$900
51-021-110-00	N & H LAWN CARE AND RENTALS 120 PLEASANT AVE	25	\$900
51-021-114-00	CHRISTOPHER & TABITHA HOLT 114 PLEASANT AVE	25	\$900
51-021-115-00	MICHAEL & SHERRY BROWN 110 PLEASANT AVE	25	\$900
51-021-758-00	CHRISTOPHER D KOUTZ 1043 ROSEDALE ST	25	\$900
51-021-760-00	JEANNA STEBELTON 1105 ROSEDALE ST	25	\$900

5. The City Commission hereby determines that said special assessment shall be divided into equal annual installments and that the deferred installments of said special assessment shall bear interest at 1% over the U.S. Treasury Bond rate at the time of the final confirmation of the Special Assessment Roll.
6. The City Assessor is hereby ordered and directed to make a special assessment roll of that part of the cost of said public improvement to be borne by the lands specially benefited according to the benefits received and shall report the same to the City Commission when it has been prepared.

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

No: None.

Resolution Declared Adopted.

Motion by Vice-Mayor Harrington as supported Commissioner Allman to open the Public Hearing at 6:20 p.m. to review Special Assessment District #4 for 2018 for the construction of sanitary sewer leads on Hannah Avenue.

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

No: None.

Public Services Director, Alan Leute then presented the report with regards to the establishment of Special Assessment Districts #4 for 2018 for the construction of sanitary sewer leads on Hannah Avenue. The sanitary sewer leads will be replaced to just inside the curb line in order to keep the new road from having to be opened for property owner's sanitary repairs. Total estimated cost for the Hannah Avenue project is \$37,800.00 with \$18,900.00 assessed to the property owners and \$18,900.00 assessed to the City of Alma. If it is found that there is a new sewer line already installed, the property owner would be exempt from the special assessment.

Jack Collins of 1105 Michigan asked when the project would begin and if a driveway would be done at his house?

David Ringle stated that the project would begin late summer to early fall and that the drawings are available for him to see on where the driveway will be placed. He noted again that if the sewer lead was new or not connected to the Hannah sewer, the property owner would be removed from the Special Assessment District.

Mayor Mapes added that this would also be the time to replace the property owner's sewer line with the reconstruction of the street.

Being no additional Public comments, Mayor Mapes asked for a motion to close the public hearing.

Motion by Commissioner Allman as supported by Commissioner Piccolo to close the public hearing at 6:29 p.m.

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

No: None.

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Commissioner Piccolo as supported by Commissioner Ayers:

Whereas, the City Manager has caused to be prepared a report pursuant to Section 3 of Ordinance No. 235 of the City of Alma, for the acquisition and construction of the public improvement more particularly hereinafter described; and

Whereas, the City commission deems it necessary to proceed with the construction of said public improvement;

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved That:

1. The City Commission hereby determines it to be necessary to construct the following described public improvement and determines that the same shall be constructed:
Construction of Sanitary Sewer Leads on Hannah Avenue
2. The plans, specifications, and estimates of costs and the report of the City Manager are hereby approved.
3. The following described lots and parcels of land shall constitute the special assessment district for said public improvement, which special assessment district shall be known as Special Assessment District No. 2018-4:

Parcel # 29-51	Name of Owner and Property Description.	Frontage and/or Benefit	Total Assessment
51-354-029-00	ELEANORE A COLE 1022 FERRIS	25	\$900
51-354-030-00	JARED HAVERSTICK 719 HANNAH AVE	25	\$900
51-354-031-00	LANG APARTMENTS LLC 715 HANNAH AVE	25	\$900
51-354-032-00	PATRIC A BOTT 711 HANNAH AVE	25	\$900
51-354-033-00	WILLIAM R & MYRTLE J GALLAHAN 633 HANNAH AVE	25	\$900
51-354-033-10	DORRIS OPAL HOYT 631 HANNAH AVE	25	\$900
51-354-034-00	KIM & CHERYL CRAMER 621 HANNAH AVE	25	\$900
51-354-035-00	WILLIAM & VICKI KIRBY 619 HANNAH AVE	25	\$900
51-354-036-00	DENISE ANN WRIGHT 617 HANNAH AVE	25	\$900
51-354-037-00	FREDERICK L JR & NANCY E KINSEY 609 HANNAH AVE	25	\$900
51-354-049-00	ANDREA L CARL HANNAH AVE	25	\$900
51-354-061-00	MARK E DANIEL 610 HANNAH AVE	25	\$900
51-354-062-00	DEBRA RUTH MALONEY 620 HANNAH AVE	25	\$900
51-354-063-00	MELODY THOMPSON 626 HANNAH AVE	25	\$900
51-354-064-00	GALLOWAY FAMILY TRUST 628 HANNAH AVE	25	\$900
51-354-065-00	K&B JONES MANAGEMENT COMPANY LLC 630 HANNAH AVE	25	\$900
51-354-066-00	SANDRA FISHER 714 HANNAH AVE	25	\$900
51-354-066-10	W & BARBARA M GALLAHAN 712 HANNAH AVE	25	\$900

51-354-752-00	HOWARD MOORE 607 HANNAH AVE	25	\$900
51-354-753-00	RICHARD K DARMODY 1017 MICHIGAN AVE	25	\$900
51-354-760-00	JACK M & MARIE A COLLINS 1105 MICHIGAN AVE	25	\$900

4. It is hereby determined that of the total estimated cost of said public improvement, in the amount of \$37,800.00, the sum of \$18,900.00 shall be specially assessed against the special assessment district as herein be set forth and the sum of \$18,900.00 shall be paid by the City at large for benefits to the City at large from the acquisition and construction of said public improvement.
5. The City Commission hereby determines that said special assessment shall be divided into equal annual installments and that the deferred installments of said special assessment shall bear interest at 1% over the U.S. Treasury Bond rate at the time of the final confirmation of the Special Assessment Roll.
6. The City Assessor is hereby ordered and directed to make a special assessment roll of that part of the cost of said public improvement to be borne by the lands specially benefited according to the benefits received and shall report the same to the City Commission when it has been prepared.

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

No: None.

Resolution Declared Adopted.

Motion by Vice-Mayor Harrington as supported by Commissioner Piccolo to approve the following item on the Consent Agenda for payment: \$2,121.00 to Midwest Collaborative for Library Services courier service for receipt and delivery of inter loan requests; 3 courier stops per week.

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

No: None.

Motion by Commissioner Ayers as supported by Commissioner Nyman to approve the request for purchase in the amount of \$7,650.00 to The Showalter Group, LLC for the Restricted Appraisal report for the Michigan Tax Tribunal for the following properties: Pinewinds Apartments I- 1050 Bridge, Countryside Apartments II- 1402 Charles and Countryside Apartments III- 1430 Charles.

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

No: None.

Motion by Commissioner Allman as supported by Commissioner Piccolo to approve the resolution establishing the administration fee for noxious weed cutting at \$100.00 per mow, with a \$100.00 late fee if not paid within 30 days.

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

No: None.

Motion by Commissioner Piccolo as supported by Commissioner Nyman to approve the FY 2018-year end budget amendments.

1. To increase the Capital Outlay line item in the Riverside Cemetery by \$52,000.00 and to decrease the General Fund Balance by \$52,000.00 to fund the unbudgeted Mausoleum Roof Replacement.
2. To increase the Internal Service Fund Public Works Services for Downtown Maintenance by \$9,000.00 and to decrease the Internal Services Fund Engineering Services for Economic Development by \$9,000.00 to fund Public Works expenditures incurred over original budget amount for Downtown Maintenance.
3. To increase the Contractual Services line item in the Assessor Budget by \$15,000.00 and to decrease the Internal Services Fund Engineering Services for Economic Development by \$15,000.00 for the down payment on the three-year project to reappraise the entire City of Alma for property tax purposes. Down payment will secure Alma's position in work schedule of Legacy Assessing Services.
4. To increase the Wages and Fringe Benefits line item in the Treasurer Budget by \$45,000.00 and decrease the Internal Services Fund Information Technology for City Commission in the amount of \$20,000.00 and to decrease the Internal Services Fund Engineering Services for Economic Development by \$25,000.00 due to the appointment of a new Treasurer, wages and fringes were no longer spread over three different cost centers. General fund Treasurer now funds all Treasurer function. Reallocation of originally budgeted expenditures will accommodate the expenditures for Treasurer activity.
5. To increase the Wages line item in the City Manager Budget by \$104,500.00 and decrease the General Fund Balance by \$104,500.00 due to the fund contract payout to Phillip Moore upon exit from City Manager position.

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

No: None.

Motion by Commissioner Mott as supported by Vice-Mayor Harrington to adopt Ordinance #800 to amend Chapter 56 of the Ordinances of the City of Alma. Specifically, subsection (b) of Section 56-35 relative to billing for Water Charges. Billing for water charges shall be under the supervision of the Finance Department, and all water meters shall be read once in each one-month period. Bills shall be rendered for all premises once a month following the month said meter was read, and shall become due and payable on or before the 20th of such month. If bills are not paid by the due date, a penalty of 10% shall be added thereto.

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

No: None.

Motion by Commissioner Ayers as supported by Commissioner Piccolo to receive the following reports and place them on file: Alma Police Department report for June 2018, and Alma Transportation Center report for June 2018.

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

No: None.

Motion by Commissioner Allman as supported by Vice-Mayor Harrington to approve the reappointment of Mayor Gregory Mapes to the Greater Gratiot Development Board of Directors for the term October 1, 2018 to September 30, 2019.

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

No: None.

Motion by Commissioner Allman as supported by Commissioner Piccolo to approve Warrant No. 19-01 and to authorize the City Treasurer to issue checks in payment of all claims.

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

No: None.

City Manager Schooley wanted to thank Cynthia Michels and City staff for all their hard work this past year. He reminded the Commission and the public that City offices will be closed on July 19, 2018 during the morning hours so that City employees can volunteer for the new play equipment. All essential services will be working. The Alma Transportation Center will be providing lunch for the City crew.

Mayor Mapes wanted to address and congratulate 3 Firefighters; Justin Bailey, Kyle Mapes and David Hampton for completing Firefighters I and II Training.

Aeric Ripley, Assistant City Manager/DDA Director informed the Commission that the Rebuild days for Wright Park are June 19, 20 and 21, 2018, people can sign up as a volunteer on the Dream Park Facebook page. Donation slates from the old structure will be at the Rebuild site for pickup. Rural Urban Day is June 19, 2018, please consider attending.

Mayor Mapes opened the floor to public comments.

Rochel Genge, RN and Waiver Director of Region VII Area Agency on Aging spoke to the Commission on this agency's availability to help the elderly in Gratiot County. There are 10 Counties in Region VII. She is the representative for Gratiot County. They have 20 Social Workers that come into our County. They have programs for people 65 and older that are income based and those that are not income based. They have caregivers, pharmacy programs and adult daycare to name just a few of the programs they offer. In 2016 they helped over 2068 citizens in the County.

They also do provide a transportation service.

Laurie Wilson, 517 Michigan Ave., St. Louis wanted to ask for our prayers as she enters her Chemotherapeutic program.

Ty Warczinsky, 727 Pine River, Ithaca wanted to speak on the Medical Marijuana Ordinance that will be presented at the next City Commission meeting. He felt that we were leading on a path to wait for the results of the November election before making a decision but now there has been a change in direction. He feels that there needs to be more discussion amongst the Commission and the Medical Community. He would like us to wait for the vote in November. He appreciates the tough spot they are in and all the work they have done.

Vice-Mayor Harrington feels that it is the Commission's obligation to have rules and regulations in place so that we are not playing catch-up when it arrives. We need guidelines in place.

Mayor Mapes feels regulation needs to be in place. This gives us the opportunity to allow people to get a tested regulated product.

City Manager Schooley addressed the issue of sliding the intro of the Ordinance at the last meeting. There was a miscommunication between Commissioner Ayers and staff. It was thought that the Commission wanted to wait but in reality, they wanted to move forward with the introduction of the Ordinances.

Commissioner Allman stated that we can still table the Ordinance. He has talked to Police officers and the Medical Community. We are under the gun to do something. A petition could be presented to the Commission to place on the November ballot that Medical Marijuana be allowed in the City of Alma. There would be no way to regulate it

if it is approved by the voters. We have been listening.

City Attorney Costanzo relayed that there is a viable petition to be presented to the Commission for placing Medical Marihuana on the November ballot. It is a real threat with no regulations or guidelines in place.

Audra Stahl 439 Fairlane, spoke that having an Ordinance in place is a large invitation to the Medical Marihuana popular to have potentially 11 licenses in the City. You have the power to change the ordinance as written to as little as zero licenses. How is the letting or declining of applications to occur. We need to tighten up the number of licenses for our small community. She appreciates the work done and please think of our Community.

Rory Douglas 401 W Center wanted to follow up on the discussion of having an Ordinance in place that provides console we are still opening the gates. The number of licenses needs to be reduced. The petition to put Medical Marihuana on the ballot can occur even if the Ordinance is passed. We need to educate the public to vote intelligently. This is the first time we are hearing the Commissioner's views. Which may be late in the day.

Commissioner Piccolo stated that it is our job to listen and do our due diligence.

Commissioner Ayers most of the discussion on this issue was done at the Planning Commission.

Mary Douglas, 401 W Center wanted to thank the Commission for your consideration of listening. She loves this City. She was looking for a mission statement and found it in a banner Keep Alma Beautiful. We are a Gem in the middle of the mitten. How does a list of names and addresses of people, the power of a list of signatures have over the people of Alma? How can this petition hold more weight than what good will come out of it. How is opening up doors to this issue making Alma a better Community. She is full of questions. The Gem will lose its sparkle.

There being no further public comments, Mayor Mapes called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Piccolo as supported by Commissioner Nyman to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Yes: Allman, Ayers, Harrington, Mapes, Mott, Nyman and Piccolo.

No: None.

Gregory S. Mapes, Mayor

Sheila Letourneau, City Clerk