

Alma, Michigan
April 30, 2019
Budget Review Meeting

A FY 2020 Budget Review meeting was held at 5:30 p.m. at the Alma Municipal Building.

Present: Allman, Harrington, Mapes, Mott, Piccolo and Pitts.

Absent: Stahl.

All members of the City Commission having been duly notified of the meeting and the business to be transacted thereat, at least 12 hours before the time of the meeting, in accordance with Section 2.13(b) of the Charter of the City of Alma. Public Notice was also given in compliance with Act 267, of the Public Acts of Michigan, 1976.

City Manager Schooley provided City Commissioners with the proposed FY2020 City of Alma Annual Budget activities for review. Areas to be covered include: Inspection Services, Planning and Zoning, Economic Development and Recreation & Culture (Library and Parks). Capital Improvement Projects for Community Development will also be discussed.

General Fund Balance supports these functions. These budgets are running similar to last year's FY 2019 budget.

Inspection fees are in the middle of the road with being higher than St. Louis but lower than Mt. Pleasant.

Discussions continued in Economic Development to promote the Industrial land the City owns on Hoffman Road.

Discussions are ongoing with the County on Park funding. City residents are paying taxes to both the City and the County for Park operations. The City would like to see the County help fund City Parks in the County not just the two County Parks.

Parks Capital Improvement projects include Conservation Park restroom improvements in the amount of \$30,500. and Riverside Park Riverwalk structural analysis, repair and maintenance in the amount of \$100,000.

Library Capital Improvement projects include a digital informational sign in the amount of \$24,500., Parking Lot stripping and crack sealing in the amount of \$8,000. and wall painting in the amount of \$27,800. Options on the digital sign were discussed.

Community Development Capital Improvement projects were discussed on the City Parking Lots, Downtown Alleys and Downtown Streetlights for the next six years. The City is working with Alma College on an agreement for the use and reconstruction of the Parking Lot and lighting in the lot to be used by the Opera Block project. Staff would like to use this as a jump start to get the other City Parking lots repaired with funds from the General Fund Balance. Staff was available to answer questions regarding specific areas.

Discussions on the budget will continue on May 7, 2019 at the posted Special Meeting to discuss Elections, Municipal Building /Grounds Maintenance, State Street Plaza, Police and Fire.

Meeting concluded at 7:15 p.m.

Sheila Letourneau, City Clerk