

Alma, Michigan
October 22, 2019

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, Mapes, Mott, Pitts & Stahl.

Absent: Harrington & Piccolo.

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 Pitts as supported by Commissioner Allman to approve the minutes of the October 8, 2019 regular meeting.

Yes: Allman, Mapes, Mott, Pitts & Stahl.

No: None.

Motion by Commissioner Pitts as supported by Commissioner Allman to approve the request for purchase in the amount of \$30,075.15 to Todd Wenzel Buick GMC of Westland for a 2020 ½ ton 4x4 Pickup with a Plow Prep Package for the Wastewater Department.

Yes: Allman, Mapes, Mott, Pitts & Stahl.

No: None.

Motion by Commissioner Pitts as supported by Commissioner Allman to receive the following reports and place them on file: Building Permit Report for September 2019; October 18, 2019 City Manager Report and the September 2019 Finance Report.

Yes: Allman, Mapes, Mott, Pitt & Stahl.

No: None.

Motion by Commissioner Allman as supported by Commissioner Pitts to appoint Ann Swan-Vanegas to fulfill the vacant seat on the Alma Public Library Board for the term ending 6/1/2023.

Yes: Allman, Mapes, Mott, Pitts & Stahl.

No: None.

Commissioner Piccolo arrived at 6:08 p.m.

Motion by Commissioner Allman as supported by Commissioner Stahl to approve Warrant No. 20-08 and to authorize the City Treasurer to issue checks in payment of all claims.

Yes: Allman, Mapes, Mott, Piccolo, Pitt & Stahl.

No: None.

Mayor Mapes asked for Commissioner comments.

Commissioner Mott congratulated Mayor Mapes on receiving the 2019 Alma College Community Service Award and to remind all of the Fall Festival on Thursday.

Commissioner Allman told the public that on Halloween the First Presbyterian Church will be holding a Halloween

Party after Trick or Treating. Please check out the production of the “The Good Doctor” at the Gratiot Playhouse.

Commissioner Stahl stated that this is Prescription Take Back Week. Please return unwanted prescriptions to the Alma Police Department.

Commissioner Pitts hopes to see people at the Downtown Fall Festival.

Commissioner Piccolo spoke on remembering Safety of the little ones on Halloween.

City Manager Schooley reminded Commissioners of the Work Session scheduled for November 5th at the Library to hear a presentation from the Michigan Municipal Retirement System on the City’s retirement plans. He hopes that we have noticed the ground breaking at Gemstone, a new spec home is to be built. He hopes that this will generate more activity there. He wishes good weather for the Fall Fest.

Mayor Mapes reminded all that this is the last week for Yardwaste pickup. The Leaf vacuuming starts next week.

Mayor Mapes opened the floor for Public Comments.

Steven Klein, 127 Wheeler wanted an update on the stakes set near his property.

Public Services Director, David Ringle stated that those stakes are part of the survey being done for the construction of the alley between Sharrar and Wheeler. The City is in the preliminary stages, the stakes are to mark out the correct alley placement.

Mr. Klein was under the assumption that when he bought the property that part of this alley location was his property. He has talked to the neighboring business, Shiloh on giving the City an easement to place part of the alley on their property and they are interested. He would like to be updated on the progress of the project.

Mr. Ringle felt that the easement would be a great option. He will talk with Shiloh. The project is scheduled for next spring or early summer 2020.

Michael Scates, 124 Sharrar a neighbor of the alley wanted to know why this alley is needed.

Mr. Ringle stated that at the present time motorists are using a dirt path on private property as a connector to both streets. Safety vehicles, Public Work vehicles and Utility vehicles need better and safer access to these streets. They need a Public right of way. They cannot not use private property. Doing the alley will be mutually beneficial. Mr. Ringle can meet with these concerned citizens to show them the plans and timeline for the project.

Being no more Public comment, Mayor Mapes asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion by Commissioner Allman as supported by Commissioner Pitts to adjourn the meeting at 6:19 p.m.

Yes: Allman, Mapes, Mott, Piccolo, Pitts & Stahl.

No: None.

Gregory S. Mapes, Mayor

Sheila Letourneau, City Clerk