

Mayor Greg Mapes called a regular meeting of the Alma City Commission to order at 6:03 p.m. at the Alma Municipal Building. A quorum of the Commission was present.

Roll Call

Present: Roger Allman, Roxann Harrington, Greg Mapes, Larry Mott, Nick Piccolo, and Michelle Pitts.
Absent: Audra Stahl.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Commissioner Pitts, seconded by Commissioner Piccolo, to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2020 regular meeting, as presented. Motion carried.

Yes: Allman, Harrington, Mapes, Mott, Piccolo, and Pitts.
No: none.
Absent: Stahl.

Hearings

Mayor Mapes opened a public hearing at 6:04 p.m. The purpose of the hearing was determining whether premises described as 110 E. Superior (also known as 29-51-031-254-00) should be designated and established as an Obsolete Property Rehabilitation District under P.A. 146 of 2000.

A brief presentation was offered by Assistant City Manager, Aeric Ripley, on the current status of the building at 110 E. Superior, and the benefits of an Obsolete Property Rehabilitation District. Ripley also noted that a much larger area could be designated as such, but approving the Districts one building or parcel at a time seems to offer greater transparency and helps prevent missed steps in the application process. Ripley answered questions from the Commission and explained that the charge for applying is \$200.

Mayor Mapes called for questions from the public and received no questions.

Motion by Commissioner Piccolo, seconded by Commissioner Pitts, to close the public hearing at 6:10 p.m. Motion carried.

Yes: Allman, Harrington, Mapes, Mott, Piccolo, and Pitts.
No: none.
Absent: Stahl.

2020-00015 Resolution Approving the Establishment of an Obsolete Property Rehabilitation District Pursuant to and in Accordance with the Provisions of Act 146 of the Public Acts of the State of Michigan of 2000, as Amended

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Commissioner Pitts, and seconded by Commissioner Allman:

Whereas, the City of Alma has been deemed a Qualified Local Governmental Unit, according to Section 2(k) of PA 146 of 2000, and
Whereas, a request to establish an obsolete property rehabilitation district was made by the Tkbennett LLC, with the City Clerk, and
Whereas, the property located at 110 E Superior Street., Alma, Michigan is found to be obsolete property for the following reasons:

a) It is functionally obsolete for the reasons that the electrical, mechanical and plumbing systems are inadequate for the highest and best use of the property.

Whereas, the City of Alma is authorized under the provisions of PA 146 of 2000 to establish obsolete property rehabilitation districts by resolution, and

Whereas, The City Commission of the City of Alma scheduled a Public Hearing on January 28, 2020 at 6:05 p.m. in the Commission Chambers in regard to this matter and the owner of all real property within the Obsolete Property Rehabilitation District and any other resident or taxpayer of the City of Alma shall have the right to appear and be heard, and

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that the City Commission of the City of Alma does hereby establish an Obsolete Property Rehabilitation District for the property located at 110 E Superior Street, Alma Michigan, further described as:

OT COM 87' E OF NW COR OF BLK 22, TH S 70' E 27' N 4' W 1' N 66' W 26' TO POB.

Parcel ID Numbers: 29-51-031-254-00 (110 E Superior Street)

Resolution declared adopted.

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

No: none.

Absent: Stahl.

Recommendation on Bids

2020-00016 Approval and Award of Bids for Annual Wastewater Treatment Plant Chemical Procurement

Motion by Vice-Mayor Harrington, seconded by Commissioner Mott, to approve a resolution to receive and award bids to the recommended bidders, for the annual Wastewater Treatment Plant chemical procurement. The following bids were received on January 22, 2020:

BIDDER	Chlorine 16 tons	Ferric Chloride 26 dry tons
Kemira Water Solutions Lawrence, KS	No Bid	\$16,874.00 \$649.00/Dry Ton
JCI Jones Chemicals ** Riverview, MI	\$10,400.00 \$650.00/Ton	No Bid
Alexander Chemical Corporation LaPorte, IN	\$23,648.00 \$1478.00/Ton \$750.00 +\$1.00/Day Rental Fee after 30 Days	No Bid
PVS Technologies, Inc. ** Detroit, MI	No Bid	\$15,496.00 \$596.00/Dry Ton

****Recommended bidder**

Resolution declared adopted.

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

No: none.

Absent: Stahl.

Agreements

2020-00017 Motion by Commissioner Pitts, seconded by Vice-Mayor Harrington, to adopt a resolution approving a grant agreement with the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) in the amount of \$50,000 to support the remaining environmental study and demolition of abandoned buildings and other structures located at 465 and 675 Hoffman Road, and to authorize City Manager, Matt Schooley, to sign the agreement as necessary.

Resolution declared adopted.

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

No: none.

Absent: Stahl.

Reports

City Manager, Matt Schooley, briefly explained one of the items in his report regarding discussion about a county wide millage for transportation. He went on to explain other items in his report including the award of the 2020 CEC Conference to the City of Alma, neighborhood meetings about planned unit developments in the city, and his gratitude for the response to Alma Aspires.

2020-00018 Motion by Commissioner Mott, seconded by Vice-Mayor Harrington, to approve a resolution to receive the following reports and place them on file: Planning Commission Minutes of January 6, 2020, Finance Director's Monthly Report for December 2019, Finance Committee Minutes of January 14, 2020, and the City Manager's Report.

Resolution declared adopted.

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

No: none.

Absent: Stahl.

Appropriations

2020-00019 Motion by Commissioner Piccolo, seconded by Commissioner Pitts, for a resolution approving Warrant No. 20-14 and authorizing the City Treasurer to issue checks in payment of all claims.

Resolution declared adopted.

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

No: none.

Absent: Stahl.

Commissioners' Comments

Several of the Commissioners offered congratulations to Michelle Pitts who recently received the Tartan Award. Mayor Mapes encouraged everyone to get involved with Alma Aspires.

Invitation to the Public

Laurie Wilson, 517 Michigan, St. Louis, encouraged everyone to attend an upcoming fundraiser for a local firefighter on February 8th. She also spoke briefly about enforcement of winter street parking bans.

**Motion by Commissioner Piccolo, seconded by Commissioner Allman, to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 p.m.
Motion carried.**

**Yes: Allman, Harrington, Mapes, Mott, Piccolo, and Pitts.
No: none.
Absent: Stahl.**

Gregory S. Mapes, Mayor, City of Alma

Sara Anderson, City Clerk, City of Alma