

Mayor Greg Mapes called a regular meeting of the Alma City Commission to order at 6:00 p.m. The virtual meeting was held via Zoom.com and livestreamed through the City of Alma's YouTube channel. A quorum of the Commission was present via Zoom for the meeting.

Mayor Mapes led those present in a recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America.

Roll Call

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

Motion by Commissioner Allman, seconded by Commissioner Pitts, to approve the amended agenda as presented. Motion carried with a roll call vote.

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

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Vice-Mayor Harrington, seconded by Commissioner Allman, to approve minutes of the meeting of March 24, 2020 as presented. Motion carried with a roll call vote.

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

Communications

Motion by Commissioner Allman, seconded by Commissioner Pitts, to receive a communication from the Arbor Foundation announcing that the City of Alma has earned recognition as a 2019 Tree City USA.

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

Motion by Commissioner Piccolo, seconded by Commissioner Allman, to receive a communication from DNVK Lapeer Inc. requesting an extension of the one-year deadline, granted May 28, 2019, for construction and occupancy of its medical marihuana provisioning center located at 528 Warwick Drive.

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

Motion by Vice-Mayor Harrington, seconded by Commissioner Pitts, to receive a communication from OakFlint LLC requesting an extension of the one-year deadline, granted May 28, 2019, for construction and occupancy of its medical marihuana provisioning center located at parcel number 29-51-283-505-01.

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

Motion by Commissioner Pitts, seconded by Commissioner Piccolo, to receive a communication from Pure Lapeer LLC requesting an extension of the one-year deadline, granted May 28, 2019, for construction and occupancy of its medical marihuana provisioning center located at 224 E. Center Street.

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

Motion by Commissioner Allman, seconded by Commissioner Piccolo, to receive a copy of a communication from Assistant City Manager, Aeric Ripley, sent to DNVK Lapeer Inc., OakFlint LLC, and The Pure Lapeer LLC, granting a 66-day extension from the termination date of the Governor’s Executive Order 2020-21.

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

Hearings

2020-00057 Motion by Commissioner Allman, seconded by Commissioner Piccolo, to approve a resolution to set a public hearing for Tuesday, May 12, 2020 at 6:00 p.m., or as soon after as the agenda allows, for review of the proposed FY 2021 City of Alma Budget and millage rates.

Resolution declared adopted.

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

Recommendation on Bids

David Ringle, Alma Public Services Director, spoke briefly to explain that bids initially presented for approval included alternate items, but the alternate items had been declined by Alma College, so total bids were reduced.

In response to a question from Mayor Mapes, Ringle said the alternate was an upcharge to replace light poles in the parking lot. Alma College declined the upcharge after it was determined that the current light poles could be retrofitted with new lights.

Ringle noted that even after the alternate items were removed from all three bids, Ward’s Excavating remained the low bidder on the project.

2020-00058 Motion by Commissioner Piccolo, seconded by Commissioner Allman, to approve a resolution to receive and award the bid for the Opera House Parking Lot Project to Ward’s Excavating of St. Louis, for the amount of \$341,243.00, which excludes the cost of alternate items declined by Alma College, also to approve the corresponding request for purchase.

Resolution declared adopted.

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

Resolutions
2020-00059

Arbor Day Proclamation

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Vice-Mayor Harrington, as supported by Commissioner Piccolo:

- Whereas**, in 1872 J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees, and
- Whereas**, this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska, and
- Whereas**, Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world, and
- Whereas**, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce oxygen and provide habitat for wildlife, and
- Whereas**, trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products, and
- Whereas**, trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community, and
- Whereas**, trees are a source of joy and spiritual renewal, and
- Whereas**, the City of Alma has been recognized as Tree City USA by The National Arbor Day Foundation and desires to continue its tree-planting ways, and
- Whereas**, the City of Alma will be planting trees within the City of Alma.

Now, Therefore, the City Commission of the City of Alma does hereby proclaim April 24, 2020, as ARBOR DAY in the City of Alma, and urges all citizens to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands and to support our city's urban forestry program, and

Further, we urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the hearts and promote the well-being of present and future.

Resolution declared adopted.

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

No: none.

Absent: Mott.

2020-00060

Resolution for Reallocation of Assets

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Vice-Mayor Harrington as supported by Commissioner Piccolo:

- Whereas**, the City of Alma has been a participating municipality in the Municipal Employees' Retirement System of Michigan (MERS); and
- Whereas**, pursuant to Municipal Employees' Retirement Board requirements, since December 31, 1994, asset accounting had been separated for each division, instead of aggregate for the entire municipality; and
- Whereas**, over time, significant disparities have arisen in the City's MERS plan as result of allocating the fair market value of plan assets on a divisional basis instead of on an aggregate basis, which disparities the City of Alma wishes to eliminate; and
- Whereas**, in order to address the anticipated increase in unfunded liability for pensions to be provided participants in the defined benefit plan that is likely to occur as a result of diminished contributions to that plan, the City wishes to reallocate certain divisional market assets between these divisions;