

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.

Roll Call

Present: Roger Allman, Roxann Harrington, Greg Mapes, Larry Mott, Nick Piccolo, Michelle Pitts, and Audra Stahl.
Absent: none.

Motion by Commissioner Allman, seconded by Commissioner Piccolo, to approve the agenda as amended with the following amendment:

I. Agreements:

5. Consideration of a resolution authorizing the execution of a Memorandum of Understanding Amending 2017 through 2020 Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Alma and the Police Officers Association of Michigan representing the patrol officers in the City's Police Department.

Approve

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

No: none.

Motion carried with a roll call vote.

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

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Commissioner Stahl, seconded by Vice-Mayor Harrington, to approve minutes of the regular meeting of July 14, 2020 as presented. Motion carried with a roll call vote.

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

No: none.

Communications

Hearings

Consent Agenda

Requests for Purchase

Recommendation on Bids

Resolutions

2020-0099 Motion by Commissioner Pitts, seconded by Commissioner Allman, to adopt a resolution to approve the following budget amendment for the Wastewater Treatment Plant for biosolids removed earlier in the calendar year than expected:

Move \$16,036.00 in budgeted expenses from wastewater contractual services in the 2020/2021 budget to wastewater contractual services in the 2019/2020 budget.

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

No: none.

Resolution declared adopted.

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Agreements*

2020-0100 Motion by Vice-Mayor Harrington, seconded by Commissioner Allman, to adopt a resolution to approve a change order for the 2020 chip seal project with Highway Maintenance & Construction Co. increasing the total project cost by \$621.25, and to approve a final payment in the amount of \$6,771.50.

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

No: none.

Resolution declared adopted.

2020-0101 Motion by Commissioner Piccolo, seconded by Commissioner Allman, to adopt a resolution to approve a change order for the FY 2021 insurance premium with Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority increasing the original purchase order from \$242,384.00 to \$251,302.00, and to approve payment of the related invoice for \$8,918.00.

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

No: none.

Resolution declared adopted.

2020-0102 Motion by Commissioner Allman, seconded by Commissioner Piccolo, to adopt a resolution to approve an agreement between the City of Alma and Barnreclaimers, LLC of Kent City, for the removal and demolition of two barns located on premises owned by the City and commonly described as 465 W. Hoffman Road, and 675 W. Hoffman Road, and to authorize signatures as necessary.

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

No: none.

Resolution declared adopted.

2020-0103 Motion by Vice-Mayor Harrington, seconded by Commissioner Piccolo, to adopt a resolution to approve a Revocable Limited Use License Agreement between the City of Alma and the Alma Disc Golf Club for the creation of a disc golf course on property owned by the City of Alma, and to authorize signatures as necessary.

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

No: none.

Resolution declared adopted.

2020-0104 Motion by Vice-Mayor Harrington, seconded by Commissioner Stahl, to adopt a resolution authorizing the execution of a Memorandum of Understanding Amending 2017 through 2020 Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Alma and the Police Officers Association of Michigan representing the patrol officers in the City's Police Department.

Mayor Mapes disclosed his intent to abstain from the vote as his son is a police officer.

Yes: Allman, Harrington, Mott, Piccolo, Pitts, and Stahl.
No: none.
Abstained: Mapes.
Resolution declared adopted.

Reports

City Manager Matt Schooley reviewed items in his report including the following items:

- expiration of industrial facilities tax exemptions for IAC of Alma LLC
- tax status of 803 W. Center
- changes to Parks reservations processes and forms including port-a-johns and pavilion reservations for meetings
- CARES Act funding to be received in lieu of revenue sharing and tax deferrals
- Alma Aspires virtual meeting/tour with Holland and Zeeland
- the new pavilion at the Charles Avenue Trail Restroom/parking area to honor Scot Sheldon which will be donated by Sandra Sheldon and Commercial Bank

Discussion followed about the pavilion.

Motion by Commissioner Mott, seconded by Commissioner Piccolo, to receive the City Manager's Report. Motion carried with a roll call vote.

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

Motion by Commissioner Allman, seconded by Commissioner Pitts, to receive the following reports: Alma Board of Review Minutes of July 21, 2020, Parks Committee Minutes of July 22, 2020, and Public Services Report of July 23, 2020. Motion carried with a roll call vote.

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

New Business

Matt Biolette from Republic Services appeared to provide a municipal update for the Commission. City Manager Schooley spoke briefly about issues the City is experiencing with service.

Biolette spoke about unprecedented global disruptions and the impacts they are having on their industry. He provided statistics about the unforeseen increase in collections. He also talked about the industry's efforts to move towards "carting" rather than manual collection. He said he is unable to keep employees for this route because the amount of trash requiring manual collection in the City of Alma is very hard on the employees. He asked the City Commission to consider three options:

- continue the current contract with a changeover to 96-gallon carts and a commitment for an additional five years on the contract
- consider a changeover to 96-gallon carts and put the contract out for bids based on "carting"
- consider a pilot program in the city with 300-500 homes being carted.

A lengthy discussion followed. Commission members expressed concerns about limiting collection to 96 gallons, if there would be an exception for those not requiring a 96-gallon cart, how to address residents needing more than 96 gallons, and if large item service would continue. Biolette answered questions.