

Mayor Greg Mapes called a regular meeting of the Alma City Commission to order at 6:02 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: Roxann Harrington, Greg Mapes, Larry Mott, and Nick Piccolo.
Absent: Roger Allman, Michelle Pitts, and Audra Stahl.

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 Piccolo, seconded by Commissioner Mott, to approve minutes of the regular meeting of July 28, 2020 as presented. Motion carried with a roll call vote.

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

Communications

Motion by Commissioner Mott, seconded by Vice-Mayor Harrington, to receive a communication from the MI Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs regarding a Transfer Stock Interest for Applicant/Licensee Quick-Sav Food Stores, Ltd. Motion carried with a roll call vote.

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

Hearings

Consent Agenda

Requests for Purchase

2020-0106 Motion by Vice-Mayor Harrington, seconded by Commissioner Piccolo, to adopt a resolution to approve a request for purchase in the amount of \$33,994.85 to Jett Pump & Valve LLC for 4 (of 8) Wilo replacement mixers for the south aeration basin at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

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

Recommendation on Bids

Resolutions

2020-0107 Motion by Commissioner Mott, seconded by Commissioner Piccolo, to adopt a resolution to approve use of the north-south public alley between the Strand Theatre (217 E Superior Street) and the Alma Community Art Center (213 E Superior) for an outdoor Gratiot County Players performance August 28th-30th and September 4th-6th at 7:30 p.m. with the possibility of adding a 2:30 p.m. matinee. The closure of the alley includes the north edge of the

sidewalk on Superior Street to the south edge of the east-west alley between Gratiot Avenue and Woodworth Avenue.

Yes: Harrington, Mapes, Mott, and Piccolo.

No: none.

Absent: Allman, Pitts, and Stahl.

Resolution declared adopted.

2020-0108 Motion by Vice-Mayor Harrington, seconded by Commissioner Piccolo, to adopt a resolution authorizing Alma College to install 61 banners highlighting Alma College on city light poles along West Superior Street, from Wright Avenue to Harvard Avenue, with Alma College being responsible for purchase, installation, removal and maintenance of the banners.

Yes: Harrington, Mapes, Mott, and Piccolo.

No: none.

Absent: Allman, Pitts, and Stahl.

Resolution declared adopted.

Ordinances

Agreements

Reports

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

- the proposed Transit Authority
- a pedal trolley business that has asked to operate in Alma
- the upcoming MML Convention

Discussion followed with much of the discussion about the Transit Authority. Schooley answered questions from the Commission about Alma Transit's current fund balance, what would happen if the proposed Authority ever dissolved, and items that will need to be included in an agreement. Commissioners didn't have any issues with the proposed pedal trolley and Assistant City Manager Aeric Ripley will look into language for an ordinance.

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

Yes: Harrington, Mapes, Mott, and Piccolo.

No: none.

Absent: Allman, Pitts, and Stahl.

2020-0109 Motion by Vice-Mayor Harrington, seconded by Commissioner Mott, to adopt a resolution to set a public hearing for Tuesday, August 25, 2020 at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the agenda allows, to hear a closeout report for Shiloh Die Cast Midwest, LLC Job Training Project; MEDC Grant #MSC 214074-EDJT & Grant #MSC 214075-EDJT.

Yes: Harrington, Mapes, Mott, and Piccolo.

No: none.

Absent: Allman, Pitts, and Stahl.

Resolution declared adopted.

Kathy Phillips, Finance Director, spoke about the information included in the Finance Report, and offered additional information about Alma Transit and the Finance Department. Brief discussion followed.

Motion by Commissioner Piccolo, seconded by Vice-Mayor Harrington, to receive the Finance Report. Motion carried with a roll call vote.

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

Motion by Vice-Mayor Harrington, seconded by Commissioner Piccolo, to accept the Alma Transit Report for July 2020. Motion carried with a roll call vote.

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

Appointments

2020-0110 Motion by Vice-Mayor Harrington, seconded by Commissioner Piccolo, to adopt a resolution to re-appoint Jean Kimball to the Alma Public Library Board for a five-year term ending June 1, 2025.

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

2020-0111 Motion by Commissioner Piccolo, seconded by Vice-Mayor Harrington, to re-appoint Ellen Richter and Brian Kulling to the Alma City Planning Commission, each for a three-year term ending May 1, 2023.

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

2020-0112 Motion by Commissioner Mott, seconded by Vice-Mayor Harrington, to adopt a resolution to appoint Mayor Greg Mapes as City Commission designee, and Commissioner Nick Piccolo as City Commission alternate, to attend the Michigan Municipal League Annual Convention and vote on behalf of the City of Alma at the Annual Meeting.

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