

Mayor Greg Mapes called a regular meeting of the Alma City Commission to order at 6:01 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: Greg Mapes, Larry Mott, Roger Allman, Michelle Pitts, Audra Stahl, and Nick Piccolo.
Absent: Roxann Harrington.

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 Allman, seconded by Commissioner Piccolo, to approve minutes of the regular meeting of August 25, 2020 as presented. Motion carried with a roll call vote.

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

Petitions

Communications

Hearings

Consent Agenda

Requests for Purchase

2020-0119 Motion by Commissioner Mott, seconded by Commissioner Pitts, to adopt a resolution to approve Rowe Professional Services Company to provide design engineering services and geotechnical boring for the Alma Park Restroom Rebuild & Rehab-Accessibility Project, in Wright Park, Pine River/Conservation Park, and Riverside Park. Motion carried with a roll call vote.

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

Recommendation on Bids

Resolutions

A motion was made by Commissioner Piccolo, seconded by Commissioner Allman, to adopt a resolution to approve a resolution to adopt the General Billing Policy and Procedures.

Chair called for discussion.

Finance Director Kathy Phillips went through the outline for the new General Billing Policy and Procedures.

The Commissioners expressed concern about the short time given in the new policy regarding turn offs.

City Manager Matt Schooley explained that per the Governors executive orders turn offs would not happen until after the first of the new year.

Mayor Mapes felt there was a lack of detail for a policy change at this time.

Everyone agreed to continue talks at the next agenda meeting. Commissioner Allman offered to amend his motion to table the issue and Commissioner Piccolo agreed.

Motion by Commissioner Allman, seconded by Commissioner Piccolo, to table adoption of the General Billing Policy and Procedure until the next meeting. Motion carried with a roll call vote.

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

*Ordinances
Agreements*

2020-0120 Motion by Commissioner Allman, seconded by Commissioner Stahl, to approve a resolution authorizing the execution of a Memorandum of Understanding Amending 2017-2020 Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Alma and the Police Officers Association of Michigan representing the Patrol Sergeants in the City 's Police Department. Motion carried with a roll call vote.

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

Reports

Motion by Commissioner Allman, seconded by Commissioner Piccolo, to receive the Alma Transportation Report and Alma Police Department Report. Motion carried with a roll call vote.

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

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

- CARES Act funding reimbursements.
- Hazard pay for first responders.
- Quilt square at City hall is located on the East side of the building. The other quilt square will be placed at Highland park.
- Discussion about time and dates for Halloween.

Motion by Commissioner Allman, seconded by Commissioner Pitts, to receive the City Manager Report. Motion carried with a roll call vote.

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

*Appointments
Unfinished Business
New Business
Appropriations*

2020-0121 Motion by Commissioner Piccolo, seconded by Commissioner Allman, to adopt a resolution approving Warrant No. 20-29 and authorizing the City Treasurer to issue checks in payment of all claims.

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

Commissioner's Comments

Commissioners offered words to be safe and positive, have a fun fall, and condolences to Roxann and her family. Audra encouraged people to go check out the progress on the Child Advocacy building. She said it should be wrapping up in about 7 weeks. Roger applauded Alma College students for wearing masks on campus.

City Manager Schooley thanked everyone for having patience during our technical difficulties tonight. He asked everyone to keep their head up and continue positivity.

Mayor Mapes offered condolences to Roxann and her family. He reminded everybody about Alma Aspires meeting Wednesday morning.

Invitation to Public

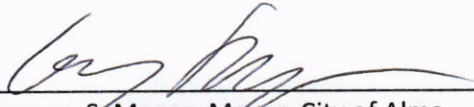
Ken Feldt 207 Maple Rd Roscommon, MI 48653: Ken owns a rental house at 124 Rockingham and stated that utility billing process has been a problem for years. He applauded the City Manager and Finance Director for trying to get utility billing process more up to date.

Mayor Mapes said he empathizes with landlords. More discussion is needed to tighten the process without being penalty prone.

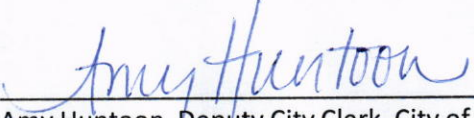
Adjournment

Motion by Commissioner Pitts, seconded by Commissioner Piccolo, to adjourn the meeting at 6:53 p.m.
Motion carried with a roll call vote.

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



Gregory S. Mapes, Mayor, City of Alma



Amy Huntoon, Deputy City Clerk, City of Alma
September 22, 2020

Date of Approval