

Mayor 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 (Alma, MI), Greg Mapes (Mt. Pleasant, MI), Nick Piccolo (Storm Lake, IA), Michelle Pitts (Alma, MI), Audra Stahl (Alma, MI), and Danny Wernick (Alma, MI). All appeared via Zoom.

Absent: Roxann Harrington.

**Motion by Commissioner Allman, seconded by Commissioner Piccolo, to approve an amendment of the agenda with the following addition:**

**K. Appointments:**

1. Appointment of a representative of the City Commission to the Rural Urban Fire Board, to fill the seat previously held by Larry Mott.

**Motion to amend the agenda carried with a voice vote.**

**Yes: Allman, Mapes, Piccolo, Pitts, Stahl, and Wernick.**

**No: none.**

**Absent: 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 ~~Vice Mayor Harrington, seconded by Commissioner Piccolo~~, Commissioner Allman, seconded by Commissioner Pitts, to approve minutes of the organizational meeting and regular meeting of January 12, 2021, as presented. Motion carried with a voice vote.**

**Yes: Allman, Mapes, Piccolo, Pitts, Stahl, and Wernick.**

**No: none.**

**Absent: Harrington.**

*Petitions*

*Communications*

*Hearings*

**2021-0011 Motion by Commissioner Pitts, seconded by Commissioner Piccolo, to set a public hearing for Tuesday, February 9, 2021 at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the agenda will allow, to consider a request from Gemini Capital Management, LLC to establish an Obsolete Property Rehabilitation District for the parcel at 220 E Superior Street.**

**Yes: Allman, Mapes, Piccolo, Pitts, Stahl, and Wernick.**

**No: none.**

**Absent: Harrington.**

**Resolution declared adopted.**

*Consent Agenda*

*Requests for Purchase*

*Recommendation on Bids*

**2021-0012** Motion by Commissioner Piccolo, seconded by Commissioner Pitts, to receive and award bids to the following recommended bidders (\*\*) for the Wastewater Treatment Plant's annual chemical procurement:

BIDDER	Chlorine 16 tons	Ferric Chloride 26 dry tons
Kemira Water Solutions** Lawrence, KS		\$17,082.00
Jones Chemical Inc.** Riverview, MI	\$12,000.00	

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

Vice-Mayor Harrington (Alma, MI) joined the meeting via Zoom at 6:09 p.m.

*Resolutions*  
*Ordinances*  
*Agreements*

**2021-0013** Motion by Commissioner Piccolo, seconded by Vice-Mayor Harrington, to adopt a resolution authorizing the execution of a Section 5311 Operating Contract Project Authorization with the Michigan Department of Transportation (#2017-0004/P16) to provide Federal Operational funding to the Transit system in the amount of \$167,455.00 and also to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the agreement on behalf of the City of Alma.

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

*Reports*

Motion by Commissioner Allman, seconded by Commissioner Stahl, to receive the City Manager's Report of January 22, 2021. Motion carried with a roll call vote.

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

*Appointments*

**2021-0014** Motion by Commissioner Piccolo, seconded by Commissioner Allman, to appoint Danny Wernick as the Commission's representative to the Rural Urban Fire Board, to fill the seat previously held by Larry Mott.

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

*Unfinished Business*  
*New Business*

*Appropriations*

**2021-0015 Motion by Commissioner Allman, seconded by Commissioner Piccolo, to adopt a resolution approving Warrant No. 21-2 and authorizing the City Treasurer to issue checks in payment of all claims.**

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

**No: none.**

**Resolution declared adopted.**

*Commissioner's Comments*

Commissioner Allman spoke about the Community Café volunteer meal project. They have been providing meals for 30 years and have been operating on a drive-through basis since the beginning of the pandemic. The chief cook, Dave Pitts, has ~~stepped down~~ taken a brief hiatus. Commissioner Allman reached out to food services and restaurants in the Alma area for assistance. Several have agreed to provide 170 meals each Thursday, for approximately \$3.00 each, and will continue to provide meals through February. He wished to offer his gratitude to Helman's Market, Main Café, Pizza One, Pizza Sam's, China Buffet, and Sodexo for their generosity.

Commissioner Stahl shared an upcoming event from Child Advocacy. They will be sponsoring a "Random Acts of Kindness" month to recognize acts of kindness. Community members can share them with Emily at the agency, and they will be shared online to raise positivity and recognize acts of kindness.

Commissioners Piccolo, Pitts, and Wernick, offered thanks to local restaurants and food services for their assistance with the Community Café, congratulations to Aaron Jewell and Sgt. Gulick on their accomplishments, best wishes to JoAnn Dickman on her retirement, and welcome to Rylee Donley. Commissioner Wernick encouraged continued support of downtown restaurants as they begin opening in February.

Mayor Mapes echoed the sentiments.

City Manager Matt Schooley spoke briefly about the upcoming Leadership Planning Session, MML Capital Conference, and the designation of water and wastewater employees as essential.

*Invitation to Public*

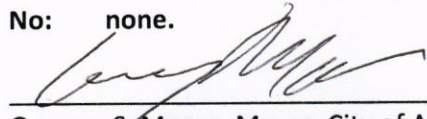
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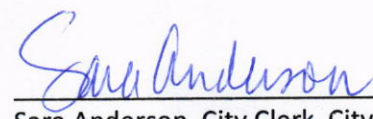
*Adjournment*

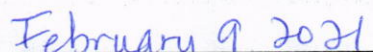
**Motion by Commissioner Piccolo, seconded by Commissioner Allman, to adjourn the meeting at 6:37 p.m.  
Motion carried with a roll call vote.**

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

**No: none.**

  
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Gregory S. Mapes, Mayor, City of Alma

  
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Sara Anderson, City Clerk, City of Alma

  
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Date of Approval