

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

Absent: none.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Commissioner Piccolo, seconded by Vice-Mayor Harrington to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried with a voice vote.

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

No: none.

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 Pitts, seconded by Commissioner Allman, to approve minutes of the work session and the regular meeting of March 9, 2021. Motion carried with a voice vote.

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

No: none.

Petitions

Communications

Hearings

2021-0036 Motion by Commissioner Allman, seconded by Commissioner Pitts, to set a public hearing for Tuesday, April 27, 2021 at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the agenda will allow, to consider the final 2018 Special Assessment District Roll #4 for the construction of sanitary sewer leads on Hannah Avenue.

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

No: none.

Resolution declared adopted.

2021-0037 Motion by Commissioner Piccolo, seconded by Commissioner Pitts, to set a public hearing for Tuesday, April 27, 2021 at 6:05 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the agenda will allow, to consider the final 2019 Special Assessment District Roll #1 for the construction of sanitary sewer leads on Hayes Avenue.

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

No: none.

Resolution declared adopted.

Discussion followed about the possible need to hold a hybrid meeting, in person and Zoom, to accommodate members of the public, unless there is some action to extend the current legislation allowing Zoom meetings.

Consent Agenda

Requests for Purchase

2021-0038 Motion by Vice-Mayor Harrington, seconded by Commissioner Allman, to adopt a resolution to approve a request for purchase to Chrouch Communications in the amount of \$13,586.50 for the police equipment upfit of a new Police Interceptor Utility Vehicle purchased in 2020.

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

No: none.

Resolution declared adopted.

Recommendation on Bids

2021-0039 Motion by Commissioner Pitts, seconded by Vice-Mayor Harrington, to receive bids and award the Francisco Avenue Sanitary Sewer Upgrade Project to Ward's Excavating LLC for their total bid amount of \$526,376.45.

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

No: none.

Resolution declared adopted.

Discussion followed about additional upcoming projects related to this project, including a new lift station at King Park, and repair of Pine Avenue. Public Services Director David Ringle was present to answer questions.

Resolutions

Ordinances

Agreements

2021-0040 Motion by Commissioner Piccolo, seconded by Commissioner Allman, to adopt a resolution authorizing the execution of a Section 5311 Operating Contract Project Authorization with the Michigan Department of Transportation (#2017-0004/P17) to provide additional operational funds to the Transit system from CARES Act Funding in the amount of \$80,658.00 and to authorize the Mayor execute the agreement on behalf of the City of Alma.

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

No: none.

Resolution declared adopted.

2021-0041 Motion by Commissioner Pitts, seconded by Vice-Mayor Harrington, to adopt a resolution to approve Change Order #1 for the Opera House Parking Lot Project (PK40), acknowledging Alma College's direct to vendor payment, Change Order #2 for the additional amount of \$36,465.33 due from the City of Alma, and Final Pay App #2 in the amount of \$40,808.12 to Ward's Excavating LLC to close out the project.

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

No: none.

Resolution declared adopted.

2021-0042 Motion by Commissioner Pitts, seconded by Vice-Mayor Harrington, to adopt a resolution approving a lease agreement with Centria Health Care for the rental property at 221 N. State.

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

No: none.

Resolution declared adopted.

Reports

Motion by Commissioner Allman, seconded by Vice-Mayor Harrington, to receive the City Manager's March 19, 2021 Report.

City Manager Matt Schooley reviewed the following items in his newsletter:

- American Rescue Plan
- Open Meetings Act
- FY 2022 Budget Schedule
- Extension of Voluntary Allowance of Paid Sick Time Under CARES Act Set to Expire

Schooley answered questions from Commissioners following each item. Discussion followed.

Motion to receive the City Manager's March 19, 2021 Report carried with a voice vote.

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

No: none.

Appointments

Unfinished Business

Lengthy discussion was held regarding the voluntary extension of sick leave provided for under the FFCRA Act.

2021-0043 Motion by Commissioner Stahl, seconded by Commissioner Allman, to voluntarily extend the use of paid sick leave sick time, previously provided under the Families First Coronavirus Relief Act, which expired December 30, 2020, and Alma City Commission Resolution 2021-0009 which will expire March 31, 2021, until April 30, 2021.

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

No: none.

Resolution declared adopted.

2021-0044 Motion by Commissioner Pitts, seconded by Commissioner Allman, to approve a resolution to donate a spectrophotometer (from the Wastewater Treatment Plant) to Alma College.

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

No: none.

Resolution declared adopted.

New Business

Appropriations