

Mayor Greg Mapes called a regular meeting of the Alma City Commission to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Alma Municipal Building. A quorum of the Commission was present.

Roll Call

Present: Roger Allman, Roxann Harrington, Greg Mapes, Michelle Pitts, and Danny Wernick.
Absent: Nick Piccolo (excused) and Audra Stahl (excused).

Motion by Commissioner Pitts, seconded by Commissioner Allman, to approve the agenda with the addition of a question from Mayor Mapes regarding the July 12, 2021 Planning Commission meeting.

Motion carried.

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

Mayor Mapes led meeting participants in 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 June 22, 2021 regular meeting and June 23, 2021 work session, as presented. Motion carried.

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

Petitions

Mayor Mapes noted he had seen a comment on social media regarding motions made at the July 12, 2021 Planning Commission meeting. He asked staff to review Robert's Rules of Order for clarification on several motions made during the meeting. The social media comment questioned the validity of three motions made following the defeat of the initial motion to recommend approval of the conditional rezoning request for Bethany Christian Services. City Attorney Tony Costanzo said he would take a look at it, but he believed the situation involved a distinction of merit in that this case requires one of four actions from the Planning Commission. The first motion to recommend approval was only one possible action.

Communications

Motion by Commissioner Allman, seconded by Commissioner Pitts, to receive communications from members of the public regarding the proposal for use of the Warwick Living Center by Bethany Christian Services. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Commissioner Pitts, seconded by Vice-Mayor Harrington, to receive a notice of retirement from City Manager Matt Schooley effective October 1, 2021. Motion carried.

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

Hearings

Requests for Purchase

2021-0109 Motion by Commissioner Allman, seconded by Commissioner Wernick, to approve a request for purchase in the amount of \$260,032 to Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority for renewal of the City's liability and property insurance coverage for July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

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

No: none.

Absent: Piccolo and Stahl.

Resolution declared adopted.

2021-0110 Motion by Commissioner Pitts, seconded by Commissioner Allman, to approve a request for purchase in the amount of \$36,224.00 to Signature Ford for the purchase of a 2021 Ford AWD Police Interceptor for the Alma Police Department.

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

No: none.

Absent: Piccolo and Stahl.

Resolution declared adopted.

2021-0111 Motion by Commissioner Pitts, seconded by Vice-Mayor Harrington, to approve a request for purchase in the amount of \$13,996.00 to Honor Security Inc. of Saginaw, MI for upgrading the current security and software systems at the Alma Library to Ava Cloud Cameras and Software, which will include replacement of old cameras, installation and programming of new cameras, and training for staff.

City Manager Matt Schooley advised this was one of the items tabled at the last meeting. He explained the system is for doors rather than buses as described initially. Mayor Mapes questioned the compatibility of security systems in each building and asked if a compatible system would be wise. Public Services Director David Ringle answered questions about current systems. Discussion followed.

Yes: Allman, Harrington, Pitts, and Wernick.

No: Mapes.

Absent: Piccolo and Stahl.

Resolution declared adopted.

2021-0112 Motion by Commissioner Pitts, seconded by Commissioner Allman, to approve a request for purchase in the amount of \$17,569.00 to Unified Network Consulting of Ithaca, MI for upgrades to the access control and camera systems at Alma Transit, including installation and staff training.

Yes: Allman, Harrington, Pitts, and Wernick.

No: Mapes.

Absent: Piccolo and Stahl.

Resolution declared adopted.

- 2021-0113** Motion by Vice-Mayor Harrington, seconded by Commissioner Allman, to approve a request for purchase in the amount of \$37,675.00 to Postema Signs & Graphics of Grand Rapids, MI for a new electronic sign at the Alma Library, including installation, software setup, and support.

Vice-Mayor Harrington asked for additional information about a question that came up when the item was tabled at the last meeting. Interim Finance Director Curtis Dancer explained there is a great deal more money coming into the Library than just the appropriation from the City. Much of that money is earmarked for Library use only, such as penal fines. Mayor Mapes asked about a budget amendment to reduce the Library's budget by the amount previously appropriated by the City. Lengthy discussion followed about the history of the sign request, issues with the Parks, approval of capital projects, and allocation of funds. Library Director Lorrie Taylor answered questions and offered information about money available from the 2020 budget.

Yes: Allman, Harrington, Pitts, and Wernick.
No: Mapes.
Absent: Piccolo and Stahl.
Resolution declared adopted.

*Recommendation on Bids
Resolutions*

- 2021-0114** Motion by Commissioner Pitts, seconded by Commissioner Allman, to adopt a resolution approving Traffic Control Order No. 157 to place No Parking signs on the north side of Glencoe between Argyle Court and Iowa Street.

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

- 2021-0115** Motion by Commissioner Allman, seconded by Commissioner Pitts, to adopt a resolution approving Traffic Control Order No. 158 to place No Parking signs on both sides of Hayes Avenue from Marquette Boulevard to Michigan Avenue.

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

- 2021-0116** Motion by Commissioner Allman, seconded by Vice-Mayor Harrington to adopt Ordinance No. 821 to amend the zoning map of the City of Alma as it appears in Section 32-32 of the Ordinances of the City of Alma.

ORDINANCE #821

The City of Alma Ordains:

1. **Section 1.**

The Zoning Map of the City of Alma as it appears as Section 32-32 of the Ordinances of the City of Alma is hereby amended in the following respects: