

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, Nick Piccolo, Michelle Pitts, Audra Stahl, and Danny Wernick.
Absent: none.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Commissioner Allman, seconded by Commissioner Piccolo, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

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

Mayor Mapes led meeting participants in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Vice-Mayor Harrington, seconded by Commissioner Wernick, to approve minutes of the August 10, 2021 regular meeting as presented. Motion carried.

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

Petitions

Communications

Motion by Commissioner Piccolo, seconded by Commissioner Pitts, to receive communications from members of the public regarding the conditional rezoning proposal for use of the Warwick Living Center. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Commissioner Pitts, seconded by Commissioner Piccolo, to receive a communication regarding the Warwick Living Center conditional rezoning proposal from John Johnson Jr, MI Dept. of Civil Rights, together with a copy of correspondence from City Attorney, Tony Costanzo, to Mr. Johnson in response. Motion carried.

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

Hearings

2021-0130 Motion by Vice-Mayor Harrington, seconded by Commissioner Piccolo, to set a public hearing for Tuesday, September 28, 2021 at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the agenda will allow, for the purpose of determining whether the following described premises shall be designated and established as a Commercial Rehabilitation District under P.A. 210 of 2005: 200 W. Center Street (also known as 29-51-031-028-00).

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

Consent Agenda

Requests for Purchase

2021-0131 Motion by Commissioner Pitts, seconded by Commissioner Wernick, to approve a request for purchase of 200 tons of road salt, at \$58.68 a ton, from Detroit Salt Company LLC for the upcoming winter season.

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

No: none.

Resolution declared adopted.

Recommendation on Bids

Resolutions

2021-0132 Motion by Vice-Mayor Harrington, seconded by Commissioner Piccolo, to proclaim Saturday, October 30th as "Halloween" in the City of Alma and set the hours for trick or treat as 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

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

No: none.

Resolution declared adopted.

2021-0133 Constitution Week Proclamation

The following resolution was offered by Commissioner Pitts and seconded by Commissioner Piccolo:

Whereas: It is the privilege and duty of the American people to commemorate the two hundred and thirty-fourth anniversary of the drafting of the Constitution of the United States of America with appropriate ceremonies and activities; and

Whereas: Public Law 915 guarantees the issuing of a proclamation each year by the President of the United States of America designating September 17 through 23 as Constitution Week,

Now, therefore, I, Greg Mapes, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Alma, do hereby proclaim the week of September 17 through 23 as

CONSTITUTION WEEK

and ask our citizens to reaffirm the ideals the Framers of the Constitution had in 1787 by vigilantly protecting the freedoms guaranteed to us through this guardian of our liberties.

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

No: none.

Resolution declared adopted.

2021-0134 Motion by Vice-Mayor Harrington, seconded by Commissioner Allman, to adopt a resolution approving Curtis Dancer, Finance Director/Treasurer, as an authorized signer/contact for the Municipal Employees Retirement System plans for the City of Alma.

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

Agreements

Reports

Motion by Commissioner Pitts, seconded by Commissioner Piccolo, to receive the following reports: Alma Police Department July 2021 Report and City Manager's August 20, 2021 Report. Motion carried.

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

Appointments

Unfinished Business

New Business

Appropriations

2021-0135 Motion by Commissioner Piccolo, seconded by Commissioner Allman, to adopt a resolution approving Warrant No. 22-04 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

Commissioners offered thanks to school and college staff and welcomed students back to school. They also spoke about upcoming events in the city. Vice-Mayor Harrington spoke briefly about dissension among residents of the city.

City Manager Matt Schooley recognized and thanked Douglas Haney for his contribution to the city of a plaque memorializing his published poem named "Peace". Schooley also reviewed items in his newsletter.

Invitation to Public

The following citizens spoke regarding the conditional rezoning proposal for the Warwick Living Center:

John Clore

Robi Rodriguez, St. Louis

Sue Reithel, Luce Road

Meredith Loomis, St. Louis

PJ Hall, Alma

Andrew Bear, Alma

Ann Ames, Alma

Mary Anne Evans-Justin, Alma

Yvette Franco-Clark, Alma

Jeff Smith, Arcada Township

Stephanie Slaughter, Alma

Duane Gritter

Linda Luneack

Micky Johnston, Alma