

Mayor Mapes called a special meeting of the Alma City Commission to order at 5:30 p.m. The meeting was held in Commission Chambers at the Alma Municipal Building. A quorum was present.

*Roll Call*

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

The purpose of this meeting is for presentation of the proposed FY 2022-2023 City of Alma Budget.

All members of the City Commission having been duly notified of the meeting and the business to be transacted thereat, at least 12 hours before the time of the meeting, in accordance with Section 2.13(b) of the Charter of the City of Alma. Public Notice was also given in compliance with Act 267, of the Public Acts of Michigan, 1976.

Mayor Mapes led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America.

*Review of Proposed FY 2022-2023 City of Alma Budget*

Interim City Manager Aeric Ripley explained a broad overview of General and Enterprise Funds would be presented.

Mayor Mapes shared an invitation with other Commissioners to attend the Queen of Scotts pageant.

Finance Director Curtis Dancer presented the proposed budget, starting off with a review of expected General Fund revenues. Dancer answered questions from the Commission and brief discussion followed each question.

Dancer noted proposed revenues are consistent with the current FY revenues, with the exception of ARPA funds. Dancer answered questions and moved on to proposed budget expenses. Dancer reviewed each department and fund and answered questions from the Commission. Discussion followed review of each budget.

The Commission directed Dancer to research the following items: professional officer liability insurance, a breakdown of legal fees paid from the City Commission Department, consideration of a "fringe pool" rather than budgeting fringes by department, and the difference in expenditures from FY 2022 to proposed FY 2023 in the Assessing budget.

Ripley asked the Commissioners to give additional consideration to how to make the best use of ARPA funds and how to manage the deficit in the Library budget, as well as what rate increases will be necessary to manage utility budget challenges. He also explained a strategy for the future needs to be determined.

*Commissioner Comments*

Commissioner Piccolo asked for pie chart showing which parts of the budget are malleable. Mayor Mapes commented that the school budget was likely tougher. Vice-Mayor Harrington spoke about in-person kindergarten roundup. Commissioners Wernick and Allman, and Mayor Mapes offered thanks to Finance Director Dancer.

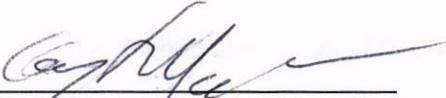
*Public Comment*

David Justin, of Alma, spoke briefly about the school budget and suggested quarterly reviews.

**Motion by Commissioner Piccolo, seconded by Commissioner Allman, to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m.  
Motion carried with a voice vote.**

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

**No: Stahl.**



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Gregory S. Mapes, Mayor, City of Alma



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Sara Anderson, Clerk, City of Alma

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