

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, and Daniel Wernick.
Absent: Audra Stahl.

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

2022-00156 Motion by Commissioner Allman, seconded by Commissioner Pitts, to approve minutes of the June 14, 2022, regular meeting, as presented. Motion carried.
Yes: Allman, Harrington, Mapes, Piccolo, Pitts, and Wernick.
No: none.
Absent: Stahl.

Hearings

2022-0157 Motion by Commissioner Pitts, seconded by Commissioner Allman, to open a public hearing at 6:03 p.m. for review of proposed changes to Section 6.2 of the Code of Ordinances relative to consumption of alcoholic beverages in public places, to allow for said consumption in accordance with city ordinance and state law. Motion carried.
Yes: Allman, Harrington, Mapes, Piccolo, Pitts, and Wernick.
No: none.
Absent: Stahl.

City Manager Aeris Ripley explained an amendment to the current ordinance was necessary for consistency with state laws and the new trolley ordinance. City Attorney Tony Costanzo noted this also cleans up the language in relation to downtown events.

Public comment:

Les Rosan, Alma, asked if the changes comported with state law. Costanzo said state laws were changed after 2020 to allow for social districts. Rosan stated his concerns about encouraging use of alcohol on public streets.

No other comments were received.

2022-0158 Motion by Commissioner Allman, seconded by Vice-Mayor Harrington, to close the public hearing regarding proposed changes to Section 6.2 of the Code of Ordinances at 6:07 p.m. Motion carried.
Yes: Allman, Harrington, Mapes, Piccolo, Pitts, and Wernick.
No: none.
Absent: Stahl.

Requests for Purchase

2022-0159 Motion by Commissioner Pitts, seconded by Commissioner Piccolo, to adopt a resolution to approve a request for purchase in the amount of \$264,062 to Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority for renewal of the City's liability and property insurance coverage for July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.
Yes: Allman, Harrington, Mapes, Piccolo, Pitts, and Wernick.
No: none.
Absent: Stahl.
Resolution declared adopted.

2022-0160 Motion by Vice-Mayor Harrington, seconded by Commissioner Allman, to adopt a resolution to approve a request for purchase in the amount \$12,780.99 to Cummins Michigan, Inc., together with a five-year agreement for planned equipment maintenance of a generator at Wastewater Lift Station #8.

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

Resolutions

2022-0161 The following motion was offered by Commissioner Piccolo, and seconded by Vice-Mayor Harrington:

Whereas, Sections 22-62 and 22-63 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Alma, Michigan, provides for the determination of a public nuisance and a method to recover the entire cost or expense to abate such a nuisance, and

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the City Commission of the City of Alma, Michigan, does hereby declare that the uncontrolled growing of noxious weeds is a public hazard or nuisance, dangerous to the health, safety and welfare of the inhabitants of the City, and

Be It Further Resolved, that the City Clerk give notice by publication in the Morning Sun, that the owners of all lots be required to abate such nuisance before July 15, 2022, and

Be It Further Resolved, that if at the expiration of the time limit set in said notice, the owner of the lot or lots has not complied with the requirement thereof, that the City Manager be directed to cause said nuisance to be abated and the cost thereof assessed by special assessment against the premises upon which said hazard or nuisance is located.

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

2022-0162 Motion by Commissioner Pitts, seconded by Commissioner Piccolo, to adopt a resolution to approve a request from Gratiot Integrated Health Network to allow an inflatable children's bounce house near the Tracy Band Shell pavilion in Wright Park on July 22, 2022, for the duration of their employee picnic from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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

2022-0163 Motion by Commissioner Piccolo, seconded by Commissioner Allman, to adopt a resolution to approve a request from Mercantile Bank to allow the use of food trucks at Wright Park on September 17, 2022, for the duration of their employee appreciation event.

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