

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, Audra Stahl, and Daniel Wernick.

Absent: Michelle Pitts.

2022-0220 Motion by Commissioner Piccolo, seconded by Commissioner Allman, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

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

No: none.

Absent: Pitts.

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

2022-0221 Motion by Vice-Mayor Harrington, seconded by Commissioner Wernick, to approve minutes of the August 9, 2022, regular meeting, as presented. Motion carried.

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

No: none.

Absent: Pitts.

Communications

2022-0222 Motion by Commissioner Pitts, seconded by Commissioner Wernick, to receive a communication giving notice of retirement from City Attorney Costanzo. Motion carried.

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

No: none.

Absent: Pitts.

Hearings

2022-0223 Motion by Commissioner Piccolo, seconded by Commissioner Allman, to open a public hearing at 6:05 p.m. for consideration of a request from Winn Telephone Company d/b/a Winn Telecom for a bilateral Metro Act Permit under the METRO Act provisions. Motion carried.

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

No: none.

Absent: Pitts.

City Manager Aeris Ripley explained the permit request was for renewal of an existing permit and didn't include an expansion. City Attorney Tony Costanzo also spoke regarding his review of the application. No questions were received from members of the public.

2022-0224 Motion by Commissioner Allman, seconded by Commissioner Piccolo, to close the hearing for consideration of a METRO Permit Application at 6:08 pm. Motion carried.

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

No: none.

Absent: Pitts.

2022-0225 Motion by Commissioner Allman, seconded by Commissioner Piccolo, to set a public hearing for September 13, 2022, at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the agenda allows, to consider an application from Gemini Capital Management V, LLC for a Commercial Rehabilitation Exemption Certificate for 111 W. Superior Street. Motion carried.

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

No: none.

Absent: Pitts.

2022-0226 Motion by Vice-Mayor Harrington, seconded by Commissioner Piccolo, to set a public hearing for September 13, 2022, at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the agenda allows, for review of proposed ordinances which will amend current fireworks and ORV ordinances to meet state statutes, also for review of a proposed ordinance regulating the operation of golf carts on city streets and sidewalks. Motion carried.

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

No: none.

Absent: Pitts.

Consent Agenda

2022-0227 Motion by Commissioner Allman, seconded by Commissioner Piccolo, to adopt a resolution to approve a request for payment to VC3 Inc. (formerly IT Right) in the amount of \$29,960.00 for renewal of the annual service contract.

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

No: none.

Absent: Pitts.

Resolution declared adopted.

Requests for Purchase

2022-0228 Motion by Commissioner Allman, seconded by Vice-Mayor Harrington, to adopt a resolution to approve a request for purchase to FAAC Incorporated in the amount of \$93,602.15 for a MILO Range Theater 180 Multi-Screen Training Simulator together with related training items and equipment for the Police Department, also to authorize the Public Safety Director to execute the sales agreement on behalf of the City.

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

No: none.

Absent: Pitts.

Resolution declared adopted.

2022-0229 Motion by Vice-Mayor Harrington, seconded by Commissioner Piccolo, to adopt a resolution to approve a request for purchase to Total Energy Systems, LLC for a five-year Planned Maintenance Agreement for generator maintenance at the Wastewater Treatment Plant for a contract total of \$16,025.00, also to authorize signatures on the agreement as necessary.

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

No: none.

Absent: Pitts.

Resolution declared adopted.

Recommendation on Bids

2022-0230 Motion by Commissioner Piccolo, seconded by Commissioner Allman, to adopt a resolution to receive bids and award the Transportation Needs Study and Service Plan to Mp2planning LLC, for a total of \$64,805.00.

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

No: Mapes.

Absent: Pitts.

Resolution declared adopted.

2022-0231 Motion by Motion by Commissioner Allman, seconded by Commissioner Piccolo, to adopt a resolution to receive bids and award the 2022 Annual Sidewalk Construction Project to J & N Concrete, for a total contract amount of \$45,923.00.

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

No: none.

Absent: Pitts.

Resolution declared adopted.

Resolutions

2022-0232 Motion by Commissioner Allman, seconded by Commissioner Piccolo, to adopt a resolution to approve a bilateral METRO Act Permit, under the Michigan Metropolitan Extension Telecommunications Rights-of-Way Oversight (METRO) Act provisions, for Winn Telephone Company d/b/a Winn Telecom.

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

No: none.

Absent: Pitts.

Resolution declared adopted.

2022-0233 The following motion was offered by Vice-Mayor Harrington, and seconded by Commissioner Allman:

Whereas, October 31st, Halloween, is a holiday especially for children and traditionally a time for fun and frolic, and

Therefore, the City Commission of the City of Alma, does proclaim Monday, October 31st as Halloween in Alma, and urges youngsters who normally engage in "Tricks or Treat" to confine their activities between the hours of 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., and that those householders who generally have treats available have them ready to dispense during these hours.

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

No: none.

Absent: Pitts.

Resolution declared adopted.

2022-0234 Motion by Commissioner Piccolo, seconded by Vice-Mayor Harrington, to adopt a resolution to approve a second amendment to Resolution 2022-0084 MDOT Annual Performance Resolution amending the 2022 Banners & Street Closures table (Attachment A) to include a closure on September 23, 2022 for the Alma High School Homecoming Parade.

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

2022-0235 Resolution to Temporarily Close 100-300 Blocks of Superior Street/300 Block N. State Street for Alma Alive Event

Whereas, the Gratiot Area Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a social event in the City of Alma which constitutes a public celebration on Saturday September 10, 2022; and

Whereas, this social event requires the temporary closure of the Superior Street from Pine Avenue to State Street and State Street from Superior to Center Street in the City of Alma; and

Whereas, section 48-56 of the City of Alma Code of Ordinances allows for the city commission, by resolution, to authorize the nonemergency closing of streets for a temporary time period to facilitate a program which is city-wide in scope and benefit; and

Whereas, at such time the 100-300 block of Superior Street and the 300 block of N. State Street would not be a public street during the closure;

Now therefore be it resolved by the Alma City Commission that the 100-300 blocks of Superior Street and the 300 block of N. State Street be closed to traffic on Saturday, September 10, 2022 from 7:00 am to 10 pm;

Be it further resolved, that the consumption of alcohol, consistent with State of Michigan Law (MCL 436.1551), be permitted in the closed, designated area consisting of the 100-300 block of Superior Street on Saturday September 10, 2022 between the hours of 11:00 am and 10:00 pm.

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

Agreements
2022-0236

Motion by Commissioner Piccolo, seconded by Commissioner Stahl, to adopt a resolution authorizing the execution of a Project Authorization for the FY 2021 Section 5339 Buses and Bus Facilities Competitive Program with the Michigan Department of Transportation (#2022-0005/P2) regarding funding for architectural and design engineering for Transit's proposed storage and maintenance facility, and to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the agreement on behalf of the City of Alma.

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

Reports

2022-0237 Motion by Commissioner Piccolo, seconded by Commissioner Allman, to receive the Alma Transit Center August 2022 Report. Motion carried.

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

2022-0238 Motion by Commissioner Piccolo, seconded by Vice-Mayor Harrington, to receive the City Manager's Report and the Finance August 2022 Report.

Finance Director Curtis Dancer reviewed the items in his report and answered questions from Commissioners. City Manager Aeris Ripley also reviewed items in his report and answered questions. Lengthy discussion followed regarding adult use marijuana. The Commission agreed to schedule a work session for September 7, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.

Motion to receive reports carried.

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

Appropriations

2022-0239 Motion by Commissioner Piccolo, seconded by Commissioner Wernick, to adopt a resolution approving Warrant No. 23-04 and authorizing the City Treasurer to issue checks in payment of all claims.

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

New Business

Vice-Mayor Harrington provided a report on a Gratiot Area Water Authority meeting she had recently attended on behalf of the Commission.

2022-0240 Motion by Commissioner Allman, seconded by Commissioner Piccolo, to receive the verbal report from Vice-Mayor Harrington regarding the August 12, 2022 Gratiot Area Water Authority meeting. Motion carried.

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

Commissioner's Comments

Commissioner Piccolo reported attending a Keep Alma Beautiful meeting and noted the group is considering a public arts policy which may be coming to the City Commission for review. Commissioner Wernick reminded everyone of an upcoming informational meeting about the street millage proposal. Vice-Mayor Harrington spoke about a community tailgate party that will be held before the first high school football game. Mayor Mapes thanked Public Works staff for work at Wright Park.

Public Comment

Allen Martin of Consume Cannabis encouraged the Commission to move quickly on the adult-use marijuana issue and thanked them for their earlier discussion.

Adjournment

Motion by Commissioner Piccolo, seconded by Commissioner Allman, to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 p.m. Motion carried.

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

No: none.

Absent: Pitts.

Greg Mapes, City of Alma

Sara Anderson, City Clerk, City of Alma

Date of Approval

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2022 Banners & Street Closures

AMENDED-AUGUST 9, 2022

AMENDED-AUGUST 23, 2022

Event	Date	Time	State Highway Closure	City Street Closure/ Banner Installation
Alma Highland Festival Banner	04/15/2022- 05/31/2022		Banners attached to Street Light Poles on Superior St	Banners attached to Street Light Poles on State St City Crew
Alma Highland Festival Parade	05/28/2022	8:30 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.	Superior-Prospect to Pine	Pine-Superior to HS/Panther Pkwy Downie-Park to Prospect Prospect-Wright Park to Superior City Crew
Michigan Back to the Bricks Tour Stop	06/03/2022	12:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Superior St – Pine Ave to Wright Ave	Superior - Wright Avenue to Pine Avenue City Crew
Alma All School Reunion	07/13/2022- 08/24/2022		Over MDOT Street Superior Street “Alma High School Annual All Class Reunion”	City Crew
Lucky MacDuck Community Day Banner	08/24/2022- 09/14/2022		Over MDOT Street Superior Street “Lucky MacDuck First Weekend after Labor Day”	City Crew
Alma Alive Downtown Celebration	09/10/2022	7:00 a.m. – 11:00 pm	Superior Street – Pine Avenue to State Street	State Street – Superior St. to Center St. City Crew
Alma College Welcome Back Banner	08/03/2022- 09/30/2022		Over City Street	Superior at Philadelphia “Welcome Back Students” Private Contractor
Alma High School Homecoming Parade	09/23/2022	4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.	Superior Street Pine Ave to Prospect Ave	Pine – Superior to Middle School Downie – Park to Prospect Prospect – Wright Park to Superior St City Crew
Alma College Homecoming Parade	09/24/2022	9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Wright Ave – Downie St to Superior St Superior Ave – State St to Wright St	State to Downie & State St to W Center St W Superior St – Wright Ave to Harvard Ave City Crew
Downtown Christmas Celebration Banner	11/01/2022- 01/03/2023		Over MDOT Street Superior Street “Come Home to Alma for the Holidays”	City Crew
Downtown Christmas Celebration/Parade	12/9/2022	4:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Superior – Pine Ave to Park Ave	Woodworth Ave – Center St to Downie St City Crew