

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 Daniel Wernick.

Absent: none.

**2022-0270 Motion by Commissioner Piccolo, seconded by Commissioner Allman, to approve the agenda, as presented. Motion carried.**

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

**No: none.**

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

**2022-0271 Motion by Commissioner Pitts, seconded by Commissioner Piccolo, to approve minutes of the September 27, regular meeting, as presented. Motion carried.**

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

**No: none.**

*Resolutions*

**2022-0272 Motion by Commissioner Allman, seconded by Commissioner Piccolo to open a public hearing at 6:02 p.m. for review of proposed Ordinance No. 834, an ordinance to provide for the licensing and regulation of recreational marihuana establishments within the City of Alma. Motion carried.**

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

**No: none.**

City Manager Aeris Ripley explained the four items needing final determination in the proposed ordinance: number of facilities, buffers, establishments in the B1 district, and criteria for licensing. Several Commissioners offered their thoughts on each of the items. Lengthy discussion followed.

The following public comments were received:

Nancy Gallagher, Alma, thanked the Commission for the discussion and spoke about establishments in the business district, asking the Commission to be open minded and encouraging them to utilize businesses to their fullest extent.

Jake Alward, Consume Cannabis, spoke in favor of buffers but said he had no comments on the other issues.

Zack Everitt, Alma, thanked the Commission for the discussion. He spoke about progress on the building rehabilitation project he is involved in downtown, and their medical marihuana license. He also addressed a discussion from the previous meeting regarding alcohol consumption in the downtown business district.

**2022-0273 Motion by Commissioner Piccolo, seconded by Commissioner Allman, to close the public hearing for review of a proposed ordinance for licensing and regulation of recreational marihuana establishments at 6:55 p.m. Motion carried.**

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

**No: none.**

*Resolutions*

**2022-0274 Motion by Commissioner Piccolo, seconded by Vice-Mayor Harrington, to adopt a resolution to temporarily close State Street from Superior to Downie and State Street**