

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, Andrew Bare, Roxann Harrington, Laurie Harrison, Greg Mapes, and Daniel Wernick.

Absent: Michelle Pitts.

**2023-0006 Motion by Commissioner Allman, seconded by Commissioner Wernick, to approve the agenda as amended to include a Planning Commission appointment. Motion carried.**

**Yes: Allman, Bare, Harrington, Harrison, Mapes, and Wernick.**

**No: none.**

**Absent: Pitts.**

Members of local Scout troops led those present in a recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America.

**2023-0007 Motion by Commissioner Allman, seconded by Vice-Mayor Harrington, to approve minutes of the December 27, 2022, regular meeting, with a correction on page three. Motion carried.**

**Yes: Allman, Bare, Harrington, Harrison, Mapes, and Wernick.**

**No: none.**

**Absent: Pitts.**

**Resolutions**

**2023-0008 Resolution of Appreciation in Recognition of the Retirement of Jeffrey Hedrick**

**WHEREAS**, Jeffrey Hedrick served as a police officer with the Alma Police Department, a law enforcement agency dedicated to the protection of life and property of the citizens of Alma; and,

**WHEREAS**, Jeffrey Hedrick provided 34 years of service to the citizens and community of Alma as a police officer beginning July 1, 1988, and ending September 16, 2022, with his retirement from the Alma Police Department; and,

**WHEREAS**, Jeffrey Hedrick was awarded a Life Saving Award for his actions on 5-14-14, saving the life of an Alma citizen under circumstances where lack of action would most likely have resulted in the citizen not surviving; and

**WHEREAS**, Jeffrey Hedrick was promoted to the position of Detective beginning April 14, 2017, and until the date of his retirement; and,

**WHEREAS**, Jeffrey Hedrick was awarded a Life Saving Award for his actions on 9-25-18, saving the life of an Alma citizen under circumstances where lack of action would most likely have resulted in the citizen not surviving; and,

**WHEREAS**, Jeffrey Hedrick was awarded the Medal of Honor for his actions on 10-18-21, performing an extraordinary act of heroism that went above and beyond the normal call of duty and was carried out at great risk to personal safety, to protect fellow officers, city staff, and citizens of Alma; and,

**WHEREAS**, Jeffrey Hedrick was recognized by the Child Advocacy Center of Gratiot County in 2022 for participation on the Gratiot County Multi-Jurisdictional Team; and,

**WHEREAS**, Jeffrey Hedrick supported his community throughout his career, participating in numerous community events, such as Shop with a Hero, Toys for Tots, Youth Police Academy, Community Fall Clean Up, and fundraising through the annual Pig Out Event; and,

**WHEREAS**, Jeffrey Hedrick was integral in the design and maintenance of the patrol vehicle fleet for numerous years; and,

**WHEREAS**, Jeffrey Hedrick assumed the duty as Union President for numerous years; and,

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City of Alma hereby expresses its great appreciation to Jeffery Hedrick for his dedicated and distinguished service to all citizens within the City of Alma and County of Gratiot; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Mayor Mapes, members of the Alma City Commission, City Staff, and citizens of the City of Alma extend an expression of gratitude to Jeffrey Hedrick in the form of this Resolution of Appreciation, in honor of his retirement as a police officer from the Alma Police Department, and that an original copy be presented to Jeffrey Hedrick.

**The foregoing resolution was offered by Commissioner Allman and seconded by Vice-Mayor Harrington.**

**Yes: Allman, Bare, Harrington, Harrison, Mapes, and Wernick.**

**No: none.**

**Absent: Pitts.**

**Resolution declared adopted.**

**2023-0009**

**Resolution of Appreciation in Recognition of the Retirement of Steve Frost**

**WHEREAS**, STEVE FROST served as a firefighter with the Alma District Fire Department, a public agency dedicated to the protection of life and property from loss by fire and other emergency situations; and,

**WHEREAS**, STEVE FROST has provided 25 years of service to the District and community as a firefighter beginning December 20, 1996, and ending February 28, 2022, with his retirement from the District; and,

**WHEREAS**, STEVE FROST has experienced many memorable calls throughout his fire service career, some of which include the Windstorm of '98, and the Downtown Fires of the opera house on October 14, 2010, the 100 block of West Superior on April 25, 2017; and,

**WHEREAS**, STEVE FROST was promoted to Class B Firefighter on December 20, 1997, promoted to Class A Firefighter September 1, 2000, and fulfilled the role of Engineer, a vital position in helping the District during critical times, and also played a significant role in the training of probationary firefighters, especially in the field of extrication, in 2006 joined the Gratiot County Dive Team; and,

**WHEREAS**, STEVE FROST honorably represented the Fire Department instructing Fire Prevention in area schools, Shop with a Hero, and in service to his community participated in the Tim Karr Memorial Softball tournaments, finished Fifth Place as part of an Extrication Team Challenge in 2001, finished as a Finalist the first time competing in the Team Combat Challenge in 2002, and organized the Water Ball Tournament in 2019 in celebration of the City of Alma Sesquicentennial; and,

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City of Alma hereby expresses its great appreciation to STEVE FROST for his dedicated and distinguished service to all citizens within the Alma District Fire Department jurisdiction of Gratiot County; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Mayor Mapes, members of the Alma City Commission, City Staff, and citizens of the City of Alma extend an expression of gratitude to STEVE FROST in the form of this Resolution of Appreciation, in honor of his retirement as a firefighter from the Alma District Fire Department and that an original copy be presented to STEVE FROST.

**The foregoing resolution was offered by Commissioner Allman and seconded by Commissioner Wernick.**

**Yes: Allman, Bare, Harrington, Harrison, Mapes, and Wernick.**

**No: none.**

**Absent: Pitts.**

**Resolution declared adopted.**