

Mayor 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, Greg Mapes, Michelle Pitts, and Danny Wernick.
Absent: Roxann Harrington (arrived after roll call), and Laurie Harrison.

2023-0192 Motion by Commissioner Pitts, seconded by Commissioner Bare, to adopt the agenda, as amended. Motion carried.
Yes: Allman, Bare, Mapes, Pitts, and Wernick.
No: none.
Absent: Harrington and Harrison.

Vice-Mayor Harrington arrived at 6:01 p.m.

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

Minutes

2023-0193 Motion by Commissioner Pitts, seconded by Commissioner Bare, to approve minutes of the July 11, 2023, regular meeting, as presented. Motion carried.
Yes: Allman, Bare, Harrington, Mapes, Pitts, and Wernick.
No: none.
Absent: Harrison.

Requests for Purchase

2023-0194 Motion by Commissioner Allman, seconded by Commissioner Pitts, to adopt a resolution to approve a request for purchase to Todd Wenzel Chevrolet for the purchase of a 2023 4WD Chevrolet Tahoe, for use as a Police Department patrol vehicle, in the amount of \$42,802.81.
Yes: Allman, Bare, Harrington, Mapes, Pitts, and Wernick.
No: none.
Absent: Harrison.
Resolution declared adopted.

Resolutions

2023-0195 Motion by Commissioner Allman, seconded by Commissioner Bare, to adopt a resolution to approve Alma Transit's Title VI Plan as presented and authorize Transit Director Brett Baublitz to provide signatures, as necessary.

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

2023-0196 Motion by Commissioner Bare, seconded by Vice-Mayor Harrington, to adopt a resolution to designate the following financial institutions as additional approved depositories for City of Alma funds: Michigan One Credit Union, Independent Bank, Fifth Third Bank/Fifth Third Securities, Gratiot Community Credit Union, and GraCo Federal Credit Union.

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

Agreements

2023-0197 Motion by Commissioner Pitts, seconded by Commissioner Allman, to adopt a resolution to approve Change Order #2 to the contract with McGuirk Sand-Gravel Inc. for the downtown parking lots improvement project, in the amount of \$152,205.30, to cover additional costs for installation of an overflow drain to facilitate drainage in Parking Lots 4 and 8 behind the Opera House building.

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

2023-0198 Motion by Vice-Mayor Harrington, seconded by Commissioner Bare, to approve the Airport Lease and Asset Transfer Agreement, also to authorize the Mayor to execute the agreement on behalf of the City of Alma.

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

2023-0199 Motion by Commissioner Allman, seconded by Commissioner Pitts, to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement for the Supply of Municipal Services by the City of Alma to the Gratiot Community Airport Authority, also to authorize the Mayor to execute the agreement on behalf of the City of Alma.

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

Reports

2023-0200 Motion by Commissioner Pitts, seconded by Commissioner Bare, to receive the following reports: Board of Review July 18, 2023 Meeting Minutes and the Finance FY2023 Report. Motion carried.

Yes: Allman, Bare, Harrington, Mapes, Pitts, and Wernick.
No: none.
Absent: Harrison.

2023-0201 Motion by Commissioner Pitts, seconded by Commissioner Bare, to adopt an amendment to Resolution 2023-0068 MDOT Annual Performance Resolution amending the 2023 Banners & Street Closures table to include a closure on August 24, 2023, for the Old US-27 Motor Tour Stop in Alma (Attachment A).

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

2023-0202 Motion by Commissioner Pitts, seconded by Vice-Mayor Harrington, to receive the City Manager's Newsletter.

City Manager Aeris Ripley reviewed items in his newsletter, asking direction from the Commission on the following two items: transitioning Alma Transit to a separate division for retirement purposes, and options for audit contracts.

Commissioners verbally agreed with pursuing a separate division for Transit and requested additional information on the use of overtime in computing a final average compensation. Commissioners also verbally agreed with staff's recommendation for an additional one-year contract with the current audit firm. Ripley also spoke briefly about the Parks and Recreation survey results and the upcoming Alma Alive event.

Motion to receive the City Manager's Newsletter carried.

Yes: Allman, Bare, Harrington, Mapes, Pitts, and Wernick.
No: none.
Absent: Harrison.

New Business

2023-0203 Motion by Commissioner Pitts, seconded by Commissioner Allman, to adopt a resolution to approve a request from the Gratiot County Players Summer Youth Workshop to temporarily locate a 10' x 20' tent on the east side of the Strand Theater August 4 through August 13, 2023, for use during play performances.

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

Appropriations

2023-0204 Motion by Commissioner Allman, seconded by Commissioner Pitts, to adopt a resolution approving Warrant No. 24-02, and authorizing the City Treasurer to issue checks in payment of all claims.

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

Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Pitts thanked the public for attendance at Rural Urban Day. Commissioners Bare and Allman spoke about an upcoming Gratiot County Players production. Mayor Mapes spoke briefly about the Strand Theater.

Invitation to Public


Les Rosan shared concerns about sites in town that he believed to be safety issues.

Dawn Daniels spoke about trees removed as part of the downtown parking lot renovation, plans for removal of trees downtown on Superior Street, and the City's process for tree management.

Adjournment

Motion by Commissioner Pitts, seconded by Commissioner Bare, to adjourn the meeting at 7:01 p.m. Motion carried.

Yes: Allman, Bare, Harrington, Mapes, Pitts, and Wernick.
No: none.
Absent: Harrison.



Greg Mapes, Mayor, City of Alma



Sara Anderson, City Clerk, City of Alma



Date of Approval