

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, Roxann Harrington, Laurie Harrison, Greg Mapes, and Daniel Wernick.  
Absent: Michelle Pitts.

**2023-0205 Motion by Commissioner Allman, seconded by Commissioner Bare, to adopt the agenda, as presented. Motion carried.**

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

*Minutes*

**2023-0206 Motion by Commissioner Bare, seconded by Commissioner Harrison, to approve minutes of the July 25, 2023, regular meeting, as presented. Motion carried.**

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

*Resolutions*

**2023-0207 Resolution to Adopt the Annual Exemption Option as Set Forth in 2011 PA 152, the Publicly Funded Health Insurance Contribution Act**

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Commissioner Allman, and seconded by Vice-Mayor Harrington:

**Whereas**, 2011 Public Act 152 (the "Act") was passed by the State Legislature and signed by the Governor on September 24, 2011:

**Whereas**, the Act contains three options for complying with the requirements of the Act;

**Whereas**, the three options are as follows:

- 1) Section 3 – "Hard Caps" Option – limits a public employer's total annual health care costs for employees based on coverage levels, as defined in the Act;
- 2) Section 4 – "80%/20%" Option – limits a public employer's share of total annual health care costs to not more than 80%. This option requires an annual majority vote of the governing body;
- 3) Section 8 – "Exemption" Option – a local unit of government, as defined in the Act, may exempt itself from the requirements of the Act by an annual 2/3 vote of the governing body;

**Whereas**, the City of Alma has decided to adopt the annual Exemption option as its choice of compliance under the Act;

**Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved** the City Commission of the City of Alma elects to comply with the requirements of 2011 Public Act 152, the Publicly Funded Health Insurance Contribution Act, by adopting the annual Exemption option for the medical benefit plan coverage year January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was as follows:

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

**2023-0208 Resolution to Temporarily Close 100-300 Blocks of Superior Street/300 Block N. State Street for Alma Alive Event**

**The following motion was offered by Commissioner Bare, and seconded by Commissioner Harrison:**

**Whereas**, the Gratiot Area Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a social event in the City of Alma which constitutes a public celebration on Saturday, August 19, 2023; 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, August 19, 2023, from 1:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.;

**Be it further resolved**, that the City of Alma acknowledges temporary alcohol sales within the designated area by the Gratiot Area Chamber of Commerce pursuant to a one-day event permit for sale of alcohol granted by the Michigan Liquor Control Commission for the duration of the event.

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

**No: none.**

**Absent: Pitts.**

**Resolution declared adopted.**

**2023-0209 Resolution to Begin Master Plan Efforts as Part of the Gratiot Countywide Master Plan Efforts**

**WHEREAS**, by statute (2008 PA 33) at least every five years, a planning commission shall review a master plan and determine whether to amend the plan, adopt a new plan, or maintain the existing plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the review period for local units of government within Gratiot County has arrived; and

**WHEREAS**, there is interest in certain local units of government within Gratiot County to join efforts together to research and address areas of mutual concern and interest in land use planning; and

**WHEREAS**, Michigan law authorizes local units of government in Gratiot County to utilize shared resources to help adopt master plans; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interest to foster a collaborative effort between these local units of government to join together to exercise this common power jointly; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED**, that the Legislative Body of the City of Alma supports and authorizes its respective planning commission to jointly initiate the planning process to begin the planning process for the Master Land Use Plan and to appoint a representative to the Gratiot Countywide Master Plan Steering Committee to organize such effort. Such local unit of government agrees to share costs for development of such plan in the amount of \$1,291.08.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Commissioner Allman and seconded by Commissioner Bare.

Upon roll call vote, the following voted

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

No: none.

Absent: Pitts.

Resolution declared duly adopted.

**2023-0210** Motion by Vice-Mayor Harrington, seconded by Commissioner Bare, to adopt a resolution to designate the Isabella Community Credit Union as an additional approved depository for City of Alma funds, in accordance with Section 6.7 of the Alma City Charter.

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

No: none.

Absent: Pitts.

Resolution declared adopted.

*Agreements*

**2023-0211** Motion by Commissioner Allman, seconded by Commissioner Bare, to adopt a resolution to approve the renewal of a one-year contract for transportation services between Alma Transit and Gratiot Integrated Health Network, also to authorize Transit Director Brett Baublitz to execute the contract.

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

No: none.

Absent: Pitts.

Resolution declared adopted.

**2023-0212** Motion by Commissioner Allman, seconded by Vice-Mayor Harrington, to adopt a resolution to approve Change Order #4 to the contract with McGuirk Sand-Gravel Inc. for the downtown parking lots improvement project, in the amount of \$71,177.15, to cover costs for stamped concrete in the new pocket park.

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

No: none.

Absent: Pitts.

Resolution declared adopted.

**2023-0213** Motion by Commissioner Allman, seconded by Commissioner Bare, to adopt a resolution authorizing the execution of engagement letters between the City of Alma and the Alma Transit Center and Yeo & Yeo, CPAs & Business Consultants, for the purpose of conducting annual year-end audits for a total fee of \$29,850.00, also to authorize the City Manager to sign both letters on behalf of the City and Alma Transit Center.

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

No: none.

Absent: Pitts.

Resolution declared adopted.

**2023-0214** Vice-Mayor Harrington offered the following resolution, and moved for its adoption:

Be it resolved that CONTRACT No. 23-5320, Control Section STUL 29000, Job Number 218499CON, by and between the MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION and the