

Mayor Greg Mapes called a special meeting of the Alma City Commission to order at 6:05 p.m. in the Alma Municipal Building. A quorum of the Commission was present.

All members of the City Commission having been duly notified of the meeting and the business to be transacted thereat, at least 12 hours before the time of the meeting, in accordance with Section 2.13(b) of the Charter of the City of Alma. Public Notice was also given in compliance with Act 267, of the Public Acts of Michigan, 1976.

Roll Call

Present: Roger Allman, Roxann Harrington, Greg Mapes, Nick Piccolo, Michelle Pitts, Audra Stahl, and Danny Wernick.

Absent: none.

Motion by Commissioner Allman, seconded by Commissioner Piccolo, 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 the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America.

Petitions

Communications

Motion by Commissioner Piccolo, seconded by Commissioner Pitts, to receive communications from members of the public regarding the conditional rezoning proposal for use of the Warwick Living Center. Motion carried.

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

No: none.

Motion by Vice-Mayor Harrington, seconded by Commissioner Wernick, to receive a letter of resignation from Planning Commission Chairman Don Ayers. Motion carried.

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

No: none.

Motion by Commissioner Allman, seconded by Commissioner Piccolo, to receive city counsel's response to a communication from Michael Selmon regarding the Planning Commission. Motion carried.

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

No: none.

Hearings

Consent Agenda

Requests for Purchase

Recommendation on Bids

Resolutions

Agreements

Reports

Appointments

Unfinished Business

New Business

City Manager Matt Schooley provided an update on the status of Alma's American Rescue Plan Act grant application. There have been technical issues at the state level with the application process. Alma's single issue has been resolved and funds are expected to be disbursed as early as next week. Schooley and Finance Director Curtis Dancer answered questions from Commissioners.

Public Services Director David Ringle presented information on a proposed water main on North State Street. Initially Alma was included as a consultant on a project by a private developer. Schooley said the county has been contacted regarding a grant from county ARPA funds. Discussion followed about expanding the project and a timeline for all the factors to come together.

In consideration of the request for closed session on the agenda, Mayor Mapes opened the floor for public comment for those wishing to speak before closed session. No comments were received.

Motion by Commissioner Allman, seconded by Commissioner Piccolo, to enter closed session at 6:30 p.m. for the purpose of strategy/negotiations of a collective bargaining agreement, permitted under Section 8(c) of the Open Meetings Act MCL 15.268. Motion carried with a roll call vote.

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

No: none.

Commission members moved to the committee room for closed session at 6:30 p.m. Closed session ended and the public meeting reconvened at 6:55 p.m.

2021-0143 Motion by Commissioner Piccolo, seconded by Vice-Mayor Harrington, to approve a collective bargaining agreement between the City of Alma and the Police Officers Association of Michigan representing Alma Police Department Patrol Officers for the term beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2024.

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

No: none.

Abstained: Mapes.

Resolution declared adopted.

Mayor Mapes noted, in relation to the next item on the agenda, a request had been received from candidates for Interim City Manager asking that review of applications be made in closed session.

Motion by Commissioner Pitts, seconded by Commissioner Piccolo, to enter into closed session at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of review and consideration of the contents of applications for appointment to the position of Interim City Manager, permitted under Section 8(f) of the Open Meetings Act MCL 15.268. Motion carried with a roll call vote.

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

No: none.

Commission members moved to the committee room for closed session at 7:00 p.m. Closed session ended and the public meeting reconvened at 8:00 p.m.

2021-0144 **Motion by Commissioner Wernick, seconded by Commissioner Piccolo, to appoint Aeric Ripley as Interim City Manager for up to six months, with the understanding that the City Manager position will be opened up to internal and external candidates.**

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

No: Mapes.

Resolution declared adopted.

Appropriations

Commissioner's Comments

Commissioner Wernick and Mayor Mapes thanked those remaining in the room for their attendance.

Invitation to Public

No comments were received.

Adjournment

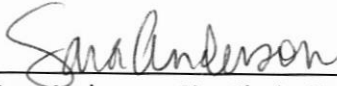
Motion by Commissioner Piccolo, seconded by Commissioner Wernick, to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 p.m.

Motion carried.

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

No: none.

Greg Mapes, City of Alma



Sara Anderson, City Clerk, City of Alma



Date of Approval