

**Alma, Michigan
June 12, 2018**

Assistant City Manager Aeris Ripley addressed the Commission in the absence of City Manager Matt Schooley on this newsletter.

Work Session began at 5:30 p.m.

THE OPIOID CRISIS IN MICHIGAN COMMUNITIES SEMINAR

America's opioid epidemic has not just destroyed families and impacted communities, it is quickly becoming a fiscal crisis for many local governments which simply don't have the resources to pay for the fallout. The State of Michigan ranks 10th nationally in per capita prescribing rates of opioid pain relievers and 15th in the nation for overdose deaths. The Michigan Municipal League is offering an informational seminar on the impact that the opioid crisis is having on Michigan's communities. I will be attending the August 8th seminar in Cadillac and would invite any other commissioners or administrative staff members to attend. The program begins at 2:30 pm and concludes at approximately 5:00 pm. Please let me know if you are interested in attending.

CHINA SWORD AND THE FUTURE OF RECYCLING

Last week I sent you all an introductory email to inform you of the rapid changes occurring in the recycling industry which was precipitated by China's decisions to invoke a new policy – China Sword – which has virtually collapsed the recycling commodities market worldwide. I am attaching a hard copy of the presentation by Republic Services. China Sword now bans 24 types of solid waste, including various plastics and unsorted mixed papers, and sets much tougher standards for allowed contamination levels with received product for recycling (3% to 5%). What this means for us:

- Recyclers have had to adjust processing speeds to improve the quality of sorted material.
- Recyclers have added human resources to sort and inspect lines for contamination.
- Some are now starting to explore the possibility of increased domestic sites.

The recycling business model had been to keep the processing cost low because the commodities market allowed for revenue that made up for the cost. The commodities market has crashed and that model is broken. The new model involves including increased cost for processing and adding the residual cost for contaminated materials (no market to sell, transportation to dispose in landfill).

On May 31st the Gratiot Solid Waste Authority met with Republic to discuss the issue at length. Below is a summary of the meeting:

- Republic brought forth a proposed Amending Agreement (attached) to our current contract. The amending agreement would allow for an increase/decrease in rates based on the recycling process charge by the Isabella County Recycling Center (attached). There is no obligation now as we have a contract. Isabella will not be finalizing their numbers until near the end of June. Based on preliminary talks we believe that the increase would be under \$1 per customer per month.
- There needs to be a public education campaign that will help to reduce the amount of contaminant in our recycling. This could eventually reduce the cost of processing. Most of the populace are "wishful" recyclers.
- We also asked for price comparisons of switching to a drop off recycle service as opposed to curb side. The City of Manistee is similar in size and scope and runs a recycling drop off program for approximately \$53,000 annually. This is an unstaffed site. We understand that an unstaffed site creates many issues – non-residents, contamination, clean up. The issues would be like the old yard waste site. The initial cost to prep the site was \$18,000.
- To stop recycling all together would see our contract cost decrease approximately \$1.90 per home per month (prior to the potential \$1 increase).

I recommend we wait and see the increase that is proposed by the Isabella County Recycling Center prior to making any decisions. The solid Waste Authority will convene a special meeting when this information becomes available.

CONDITIONAL ZONING ORDINANCE

The Planning Commission had an initial discussion at their meeting on June 4th reference conditional zoning. Last year Aeric Ripley had corresponded with the city's Zoning Consultant, Donald Wortman about a couple sites in the city that had made inquiries at the time about properties that may have needed some zoning change to be viable. Mr. Wortman advised that the uniqueness of the sites may allow the City to consider the possibility of rezoning under a set of special conditions utilizing Conditional Zoning. Conditional Zoning falls under PA 110, the Planning and Zoning Enabling Act. Conditional Zoning is a tool that has an advantage of adding a level of flexibility to the zoning process, but also adds safeguards regarding future use of the property. The zoning process is the same as regular zoning. This would require an application to the City, review by the Planning Commission, a public hearing, and action by the City Commission. The City's Zoning Map would then be amended. Conditional Zoning also requires a "voluntary" offer of conditions by the applicant as part of the zoning application. Attached is a sample ordinance prepared by Wortman for you to preview. We would just like to begin the educational process as it is believed conditional zoning may be a useful tool in the future to help in the development of unique properties.

MARIHUANA – UPDATE ON LEGISLATURE'S INTENTIONS

Senate Republicans have abandoned efforts to adopt and amend the proposed marijuana legalization initiative petition, so now voters will decide the matter in November.

June 5th was the deadline for the Legislature to enact the initiative petition or let it go to the ballot.

Senate Majority Leader Arlan Meekhof (R-West Olive), in a prepared statement, said the Senate would not act because the support did not exist in the House. Both houses needed to approve the initiative for it to become law. Mr. Meekhof had then hoped to amend the act to improve it.

If voters approve the proposal, it will take three-quarters majorities in the House and Senate to amend it. Amending an initiative enacted by the Legislature, however, would require only simple majorities in both houses.

REAPPRAISAL CONTRACT

On the agenda for the commission meeting is a contract for reappraisal services with Legacy Assessing Services for \$159,000 over the next two years. As we have talked about during an earlier work session, the State Department of Treasury has prepared an Assessing Reform Proposal in part due to years of assessing standards not being met. It appears the State Tax Commission intends on holding local units of government more accountable than in the past. Local units need to commit to a complete reappraisal to fix any issues, if not, the State will begin ordering reappraisals that will come at a much higher cost. In all reality, Kathy and Trenea (who has since moved on to Owosso) had a great plan to work towards that goal. In talking with Kathy, it is apparent to me that she could work 40 hours a week, just reappraising property in the city, and she would not be able to complete the task prior to retirement. This reappraisal ensures that the task would be completed in one year, the city would receive all new record cards, and all data would be current in a digital form. Kathy would then be able to meet a 20% recommended inspection of properties. Our tax payers would know that all of parcels in the city were uniformly appraised, leaving them with a sense of equality between neighbors. Most tax payers want to know they are being assessed fairly and in line with their neighbors. This process makes sure that will occur. I believe this is an investment in our community that needs to be addressed.

GRATIOT COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION GREAT COMMUNITIES INITIATIVE

On May 30th an initial meeting was held with staff, a few commissioners and community members to discuss setting up a committee to work on the Gratiot County Community Foundation's GREAT Communities Initiative grant project. Tina Travis, Executive Director of GCCF gave the committee an overview and description of the Generate Real Effective Action to Transform (GREAT) Communities request for proposals. Travis emphasized that the focus would be on funding creative, forward-thinking projects that inspire a sense of community. Each governing body in Gratiot County may submit one application to the foundation. As

much as \$50,000 will be funded with a dollar for dollar match from the award winner. After introductions and a brief discussion and explanation of “pocket parks” it was decided that there are a lot of good things happening in downtown Alma and another congregating area may not be best for this project. A. Ripley discussed a concept that had been brought up in the past by Keep Alma Beautiful. The east entrance to Alma on E. Superior is purely industrial and not the most pleasant entrance to our city. It is known that some of our major institutions encourage visitors to enter the city through the north entrance on Alger Road due to the look and feel of the East Superior entryway. KAB has discussed a beautification of the industrial east side of the city. Further discussion was had about embracing the City of Alma’s heritage through artwork and community interaction along East Superior. Embracing the refinery and Republic Trucks that stood at the east entrance for decades was felt to be a good approach. Different community groups such as KAB, the DDA, Arts Council, Alma College, and Alma Public Schools would be solicited to assist in the project.

Community members Georgia Guiett and Marlene Comer accepted roles to serve as Co-Chairs for the committee.

WRIGHT PARK REBUILD UPDATE

On June 6th the Rebuilding Alma’s Wright Park Committee announced that they had reached their goal of raising enough money to completely lay the rubber poured in place flooring. Initially the committee had asked for the City to contribute \$10,000 from the Leuth Foundation. Their fundraising efforts will reduce that amount to just over \$8,000. The life span for the rubberized flooring is projected to be 10 years. Our cost annually for materials only is around \$3700 in today’s dollars. Making the contribution from the Leuth Fund will save the City over \$27,000 in the next 10 years.

This has been a remarkable project for our community. We will be forever grateful to the committee members who worked so hard to raise nearly \$300,000 in less than one year. Their approach and desire to make this a reality is what Alma is all about. For the rest of the community it is time to go to work.

The current structure will be removed on June 22nd by city crews. That allows for nearly a month to do some utility and drain work in preparation for the new park install on July 19th, 20th, and 21st. City of Alma employees will take the first work shift at 8am on July 19th. I would invite any of the commissioners that may be available to join us. Alma Transit Center has kindly volunteered to serve the city workers lunch at noon on the 19th at their office. They will provide everyone transportation from the Park to the Transit Center, then back to work at 1 pm. It should be a great day!

If anyone is interested in volunteering time for the other days – you can sign up on Rebuilding Alma’s Wright DREAM park Facebook page.

Utility Billing Ordinance Change

Cynthia has been working with the City Attorney, Utility Billing, and the Public Services Department on amending Chapter 56 of our ordinances, specifically subsection b of Section 56-35 relative to billing for water charges. The change amendment to the ordinance involves reading the meters one time per months and billing one time per month for the entire city. This should clear up many of our billing and payment issues we have in regard to water.

Just a reminder that I will be on vacation from June 12th-20th. Heading to the happiest place on earth! I have my phone with me at all times. Please do not hesitate to call if need be.

Work Session concluded at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Mapes called a regular meeting of the Alma City Commission to order at 6:00 p.m. at the Alma Municipal Building.

Present: Allman, Ayers, Harrington, Mapes, Mott, Nyman & Piccolo.

Absent: None.

Mayor Mapes asked the City Commission and members of the audience to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Commissioner Allman as supported by Commissioner Ayers to approve the changes to the Agenda.

Yes: Allman, Ayers, Harrington, Mapes, Mott, Nyman & Piccolo.

No: None.

Motion by Commissioner Allman as supported by Commissioner Nyman to approve the minutes of the May 22, 2018 regular meeting.

Yes: Allman, Ayers, Harrington, Mapes, Mott, Nyman & Piccolo.

No: None.

A public hearing was held at 6:05 p.m. to consider a Special Assessment Roll for unpaid charges for noxious weed cutting, sidewalk replacement, frozen meters and utility billing charges for 2017. All unpaid charges on the roll as of June 12, 2018 will be placed on the July 1, 2018 tax roll, subject to review by the Controller.

There being no questions or comments, Mayor Mapes asked for a motion to close the public hearing.

Motion by Commissioner Piccolo as supported by Commissioner Allman to close the public hearing at 6:10 p.m.

Yes: Allman, Ayers, Harrington, Mapes, Mott & Nyman & Piccolo.

No: None.

The following preamble and resolution was offered by Vice-Mayor Harrington as supported by Commissioner Piccolo:

Whereas, certain invoices have remained unpaid during the year 2017 and,

Whereas, the City of Alma wishes to recover its costs by not supplementing these invoices with City tax funds.

Water Accounts

Property #	Property owner	Property Address	Amount
2951-			
03302200	Wm Ingersoll	513 BROWN	\$68.73
03460400	Adolfo & Kelly Torres III	803 ROCKINGHAM	\$47.58
02105100	Larry Sebenick	335 Republic	\$289.89
03152200	Ocwen Loan Servicing	116 Allen	\$504.03
34462500	Joe Ahern	410 Gratiot	\$51.98
03131900	Honey Oberlitner	226 E Center	\$49.60

35429000	Robert Hall	731 Pennsylvania	\$96.21
03155400	Ken Feldt	124 Rockingham	\$258.45
04233300	Clear Dynamics	228 Grant	\$273.36
03276300	Charlene Van Haften	146 S Court	\$182.75
03457100	Jamie Wolfgang-Nelson	702 Moyer	\$205.80
03156200	Clear Dynamics	222 Rockingham	\$222.68
03458702	RMS Property	318 Hillsdale	\$448.31
34376500	Joe Ahern	618 Pine	\$196.13
34282500	Thomas Ortiz	1035 Fairview	\$365.91
03409000	Michael W Gillis	123 W Hillcrest	\$350.26
04232000	John McDaid	225 Lincoln	\$226.26
35275900	Andrew Fuhrman	1830 Michigan	\$434.08
34436200	Amy Lalonde	209 Walnut	\$151.94
34436100	James Cook	215 Walnut	\$88.02
34302700	KAN Property	613 Richmond	\$249.79
34434800	Kristina Kenny	823 Gratiot	\$207.60
35275900	Andy Fuhrman	1830 Michigan	\$373.68
03282200	Real Alliance	147 Valley	\$62.68
35402700	Clear Dynamics	1016 Ferris	\$243.73
02128500	Tyler Husted	1505 Eastward	\$105.45
34406200	Michael Smith	412 Orchard	\$360.71
35484000	Steven Daivis	1304 Hickory	\$153.07
03160400	Clear Dynamics	204 Grafton	\$322.74
03434300	Roxann Most	430 Grafton	\$178.44
34277800	Roger Seward	1126 N River	\$420.51
04232000	John McDaid	225 Lincoln	\$221.04
33331700	Glenn Testa	709 Wright	\$313.33
34282500	Thomas Ortiz	1035 Fairview	\$46.83
04231100	George Choksy	220 Maple	\$328.19
34406100	Rose Land & Finance Corp	406 Orchard	\$386.13
34377600	Anthony Fuller	412 Hastings	\$172.66
02128500	Tyler Husted	1505 Eastward	\$441.46
35404100	Erica McConnell	710 Bridge	\$321.45
02128500	Tyler Husted	1505 Eastward	\$248.75
03458100	Lance Woodrow	732 Allen	<u>\$497.20</u>

Total **\$10,167.11**

Solid Waste Only Customers

Property #	Name	Property Address	Amount
2951-			
03325600	Ryan Day	516 S Grover	\$275.75
03350700	Rey Castellon	520 S Grover	\$275.75
03350800	Isreal & Rhonda Valedz	600 S Grover	<u>\$275.75</u>
		Total	\$827.25

Solid Waste and Sewer Only

03180500	Jesse McLochlin	129 Hill	<u>\$809.30</u>
		Total	\$809.30

Sidewalk invoices

Property #	Name	Property Address	Amount
34436100	James Cook	215 Walnut	\$85.56
34452100	Arthur &Dorothy Faustmann	221 Hastings	\$272.98
34434900	Aaron &Michelle Edwards	817 Gratiot	\$127.19
34451600	James & Elizabeth Martin	631 Gratiot	<u>\$382.30</u>
		Total	\$868.03

Frozen Meter

Property #	Name	Property Address	Amount
34310400	Tom Curtis-new owner Bev Campbell	715 N Court	<u>\$143.65</u>
		Total	\$143.65

Noxious Weeds

Property #	Name	Property Address	Amount
03131000	C &O Railroad	212 N State	\$260.35
03152200	Ocwen Loan Servicing	116 Allen	\$263.73
34304500	Obholz, Jason & Margo	812 Pine	\$30.00
34309600	Max Beebe	718 Pine	\$246.25
34309600	Max Beebe	718 Pine	\$246.25
34462100	Klump Management LLC	319 E Superior	\$225.74
03409000	Michael Gillis	123 W Hillcrest	\$371.37
03281300	Joe & Jodie Main	235 Valley	\$248.01
03134400	LUCRE	228.5 E Center	\$279.56
03134400	LUCRE	228.5 E Center	\$249.56
03227400	Virginia Camp	Ely	\$256.40
03227400	Virginia Camp	Ely	\$256.39
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		Total	<u>\$ 3,190.00</u>
		Grand Total	\$16,005.34

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Special Assessment Roll be confirmed and that the unpaid charges as of June 12, 2018 will be placed on the tax roll, under the respective tax roll items after final review by the Controller.

Yes: Allman, Ayers, Harrington, Mapes, Mott, Nyman and Piccolo.

No: None.

Resolution Declared Adopted.

A public hearing was held at 6:10 p.m. to consider the establishment of an Obsolete Property Rehabilitation District for a parcel at 111 & 113 W Superior.

Aeric Ripley, Assistant City Manager and DDA Director gave a presentation on what an Obsolete Property Rehabilitation District is and how an Obsolete Property Rehabilitation District can be established. The taxable value on a designated building is frozen for up to 12 years. This action provides an opportunity for the developer to recoup some of the costs of investing in a more distressed property. The owner of the property in question applied to make the parcel an Obsolete Property Rehabilitation District to develop the second story into apartments.

There being no further questions or comments, the public hearing was closed.

Motion by Commissioner Allman as supported by Commissioner Nyman to close the public hearing at 6:15 p.m.

Yes: Allman, Ayers, Harrington, Mapes, Mott & Nyman & Piccolo.

No: None.

The following preamble and resolution was offered by Commissioner Ayers as supported by Commissioner Piccolo:

Whereas, the City of Alma has been deemed a Qualified Local Governmental Unit, according to Section 2(k) of PA 146 of 2000, and

Whereas, a request to establish an obsolete property rehabilitation district was made by the owner Gemini Capital Management, LLC, with the City Clerk, and

Whereas, the property located at 111 and 113 W Superior Street., Alma, Michigan is found to be obsolete property for the following reasons:

- a) It is functionally obsolete for the reasons that the electrical, mechanical and plumbing systems are inadequate for the highest and best use of the property.
- b) The second story floor plan is inappropriate for the highest and best use of the property.

Whereas, the City of Alma is authorized under the provisions of PA 146 of 2000 to establish obsolete property rehabilitation districts by resolution, and

Whereas, The City Commission of the City of Alma scheduled a Public Hearing on June 12, 2018 at 6:05 p.m. in the Commission Chambers in regard to this matter and the owner of all real property within the Obsolete Property Rehabilitation District and any other resident or taxpayer of the City of Alma shall have the right to appear and be heard, and

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that the City Commission of the City of Alma does hereby establish an Obsolete Property Rehabilitation District for the property located at 111 and 113 W Superior Street, Alma Michigan, further described as:

Commencing at the Northwest Corner of Lot 1, Block 3, Elyton addition to the City of Alma, Thence E 52 feet, S 118 feet, W 52 feet, N 118 feet, to the point of beginning all being part of Lots 1 & 2, Block 3 Elyton.

Parcel ID Numbers:

29 51 031 038 10 (111 W Superior) & 29-51-031-038-00 (113 W Superior)

Yes: Allman, Ayers, Harrington, Mapes, Mott, Nyman and Piccolo.

No: None.

Resolution Declared Adopted.

Motion by Vice-Mayor Harrington as supported by Commissioner Allman to approve the following item on the Consent Agenda for payment: \$2,315.00 to EnvisionWare for the software renewal of the mobile print management for the Alma Public Library.

Yes: Allman, Ayers, Harrington, Mapes, Mott, Nyman & Piccolo.

No: None.

Motion by Commissioner Mott as supported by Commissioner Piccolo to approve the request for purchase in the amount of \$6,761.25 to Chrouch Communications for a Wireless Headphone Radio system for the Fire Department.

Yes: Allman, Ayers, Harrington, Mapes, Mott, Nyman & Piccolo.

No: None.

Motion by Vice-Mayor Harrington as supported by Commissioner Allman to approve the request for purchase in the amount of \$13,238.00 to N-Con Systems Co., Inc for an automatic composite sampler required by the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit for the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Yes: Allman, Ayers, Harrington, Mapes, Mott, Nyman & Piccolo.

No: None.

Motion by Commissioner Allman as supported by Commissioner Nyman to approve the request for purchase in the amount of \$230,946.00 to Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority for the City's annual liability insurance renewal for the period 07/01/2018-06/30/2019.

Yes: Allman, Ayers, Harrington, Mapes, Mott, Nyman & Piccolo.

No: None.

Motion by Commissioner Mott as supported by Commissioner Allman to approve the request for purchase in the amount of \$131,640.00 to FallZone Safety Surfacing for Poured-in-Place Safety Surface for Wright Park.

Yes: Allman, Ayers, Harrington, Mapes, Mott, Nyman & Piccolo.

No: None.

Motion by Commissioner Piccolo as supported by Commissioner Nyman to approve the request for purchase in the amount of \$2,956.80 to Scotland Oil Co. for fuel for the Cemetery and Parks Mowers.

Yes: Allman, Ayers, Harrington, Mapes, Mott, Nyman & Piccolo.

No: None.

Motion by Commissioner Ayers as supported by Commissioner Nyman to approve the request for purchase in the amount of \$1,878.00 to KCI Kent Communications for the printing, folding, inserting and mailing of the Summer 2018 Tax Bills.

Yes: Allman, Ayers, Harrington, Mapes, Mott, Nyman & Piccolo.

No: None.

Motion by Vice-Mayor Harrington as supported by Commissioner Ayers to approve the request for purchase in the amount of \$1,640.00 to Sensus Supply for water meter reader autogun for the Water Plant.

Yes: Allman, Ayers, Harrington, Mapes, Mott, Nyman & Piccolo.

No: None.

Motion by Commissioner Ayers as supported by Commissioner Nyman to approve the request for purchase in the amount of \$5,776.25 to DBI Office Plus for office furniture for the offices of the Public Safety Department.

Yes: Allman, Ayers, Harrington, Mapes, Mott, Nyman & Piccolo.

No: None.

Motion by Commissioner Ayers as supported by Commissioner Nyman to remove the resolution to table any action on the Marihuana Ordinances until after the November 6, 2018 General Election.

Yes: Allman, Ayers, Harrington, Mapes, Mott, Nyman & Piccolo.

No: None.

Motion by Commissioner Mott as supported by Commissioner Nyman to introduce Ordinance #800 to amend Chapter 56 of the Ordinances of the City of Alma Subsection (b) of Section 56-35 relative to billing for water charges.

Yes: Allman, Ayers, Harrington, Mapes, Mott, Nyman & Piccolo.

No: None.

Motion by Commissioner Allman as supported by Commissioner Ayers to introduce Ordinance #801 to add Chapter ___ "Medical Marihuana Facilities" to the City of Alma Code of Ordinances.

Yes: Allman, Ayers, Harrington, Mapes, Nyman & Piccolo.

No: None.

Abstain: Mott.

Motion by Commissioner Ayers as supported by Commissioner Allman to introduce Ordinance #802 to amend the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Alma to Regulate the Location of Marihuana Facilities within the City of Alma.

Yes: Allman, Ayers, Harrington, Mapes, Nyman & Piccolo.

No: None.

Abstain: Mott.

Motion by Commissioner Piccolo as supported by Commissioner Nyman to approve an Outdoor Café Permit and Indemnification Agreement for Alma Brewing Company at 208-210 E Superior Street.

Yes: Allman, Ayers, Harrington, Mapes, Mott, Nyman & Piccolo.

No: None.

Motion by Commissioner Ayers as supported by Allman to approve an Outdoor Café Permit and Indemnification Agreement for Pizza One at 205-207 E Superior Street.

Yes: Allman, Ayers, Harrington, Mott, Nyman & Piccolo.

No: None.

Abstain: Mapes.

Motion by Commissioner Ayers as supported by Piccolo to approve an Outdoor Café Permit and Indemnification Agreement for the Pine Knot Bar at 308 N State Street.

Yes: Allman, Ayers, Harrington, Mapes, Mott, Nyman & Piccolo.

No: None.

Motion by Commissioner Mott as supported by Vice-Mayor Harrington to approve the Agreement with Legacy Assessing Services to make a complete inventory of all real property in the City of Alma and appraise all such property to reflect its current market value and to authorize the initial Payment #1 of \$15,000.00 on execution of the agreement.

Yes: Allman, Ayers, Harrington, Mapes, Mott, Nyman & Piccolo.

No: None.

Motion by Commissioner Nyman as supported by Vice-Mayor Harrington to receive the following reports and place them on file: Alma Transportation Center May 2018 report, Alma Police Department May 2018 report and the Alma Planning Commission Minutes of 05/07/2018.

Yes: Allman, Ayers, Harrington, Mapes, Mott, Nyman & Piccolo.

No: None.

A presentation by the Public Safety Administrator Mark Williams and Police Chief Kendra Overla for the Alma Crossing Guards to Award Certificates and Pins. The City of Alma has 5 Crossing Guards as members of the Public Safety Department. These employees work a seasonal position with split times during the day and in all kinds of weather. The reason they perform this job is their overwhelming commitment to the safety of children. Michael Baird-1 year; Michael Smalley-2 years; Pamela Duncan-3 years; Johnny Ramirez-4 years; Randy Edwards-5 years received Certificates of appreciation and Triple A Pins.

Motion by Commissioner Piccolo as supported by Commissioner Allman to approve Warrant No. 18-22 and to authorize the City Treasurer to issue checks in payment of all claims.

Yes: Allman, Ayers, Harrington, Mapes, Mott, Nyman & Piccolo.

No: None.

Commissioner Ayers commented on the good weather we are having and how exciting it is to see the downtown coming alive.

Commissioners Piccolo, Mott and Allman expressed their appreciation for the Crossing Guards and thanked them for a job well done.

City Attorney Costanzo seconded the Commissioners comments. The Crossing Guards are doing a heroic act. This is a great thing to recognize them.

Aeric Ripley, Assistant City Manager and DDA Director gave an update to the Commission on the Main Café. It is close to final inspections. Everyone will be pleasantly surprised and thankful for the time and effort the owners have put in to bringing about a new restaurant.

Mayor Mapes opened the floor to public comments.

Laurie Wilson, 517 Michigan, St. Louis expressed her appreciation for the Crossing Guards.

Laurie Ditto, 1315 Charles wanted to thank the Community for the 3.6 Million raised for the Opera Block by Alma College and the community.

Les Rosan of 889 Mill, Alma spoke at the last City Commission meeting on the condition of the Pine River. He feels there is a lack of apparent warnings on the river. No one should go into the Pine it is too contaminated. It is dangerous. We should take proactive action.

Mayor Mapes asked Mr. Ripley to reach out to the Health Department for help with signage. He also reminded all of the public meetings being held by the Healthy Pine River Group. People should attend to learn more on the Pine River.

Commissioner Mott commented that the Lions Club recently held a fishing derby on the Pine River in St. Louis. He had asked for an opinion from the Healthy Pine River Group on discontinuing the Fishing Derby but no one from the group would give that opinion.

Brett Baublitz, Alma Transportation Director relayed to the public that June 21, 2018 will be "Dump the Pump" day. Where all rides are free for the day.

Being no further comments Mayor Mapes called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Allman as supported by Commissioner Piccolo to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

Yes: Allman, Ayers, Harrington, Mapes, Mott, Nyman & Piccolo.

No: None.

Gregory S. Mapes, Mayor

Sheila Letourneau, City Clerk