

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.

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

*Roll Call*

Present: Roger Allman, Greg Mapes, Nick Piccolo, Michelle, Pitts, and Audra Stahl.

Absent: Larry Mott and Roxann Harrington.

Mayor Mapes asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of Alma Firefighter Marlin Brush.

*Approval of Minutes*

**Motion by Commissioner Pitts, seconded by Commissioner Allman, to approve the minutes of February 25, 2020, as presented. Motion carried.**

**Yes: Allman, Maples, Piccolo, Pitts, and Stahl.**

**No: none.**

**Absent: Mott, and Harrington.**

Commissioner Harrington arrived at 6:03 p.m.

*Hearings*

**2020-00042 Motion by Commissioner Allman, seconded by Commissioner Pitts, to approve a resolution to set a public hearing for Tuesday, March 24, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. to review and consider an Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Application for the property located at 110 E. Superior Street.**

**Resolution declared adopted.**

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

**No: none.**

**Absent: Mott.**

*Requests for Purchase*

**2020-00043 Motion by Commissioner Pitts, seconded by Commissioner Allman, to adopt a resolution to approve a request for purchase in the amount of \$18,350.00 to J. Ranck Electric for an LED traffic signal and controller to replace the traffic light at the corner of Center and State Streets.**

**Resolution declared adopted.**

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

**No: none.**

**Absent: Mott.**

*Reports*

**2020-00044 Motion by Commissioner Stahl, seconded by Vice-Mayor Harrington, to adopt a resolution to receive the following reports and place them on file: Alma Transit February 2020 Report, Personnel Advisory Committee Minutes of February 25, 2020, Planning Commission Minutes**

**of March 2, 2020, Alma DDA Minutes of February 27, 2020, Building Permits February 2020 Report, and City Manager's Report.**

Mayor Mapes called for discussion. Commissioner Stahl suggested a list of attendees be included with the Personnel Advisory Committee minutes. City Manager Schooley explained he had included the agenda rather than minutes with the packet, and attendees would be included in the minutes.

Schooley went on to talk about how the City is addressing continuity of government in light of the coronavirus crisis. They are looking at waiving some personnel policy requirements to accommodate illnesses. They are also reviewing emergency operations plans.

Commissioner Pitts asked Schooley to include information about nominating petitions for City Commission positions on the City's website.

Discussion returned to the issue of the coronavirus, and Schooley explained it may be necessary to address in-person meetings at some time in the near future.

Mayor Mapes called for a vote on the motion on the floor.

**Resolution declared adopted.**

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

**No: none.**

**Absent: Mott.**

*New Business*

**2020-00045 Motion by Commissioner Pitts, seconded by Vice-Mayor Harrington, to adopt a resolution approving the Preliminary Planned Unit Development Plan submitted for 1425 Michigan Avenue.**

**Resolution declared adopted.**

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

**No: none.**

**Absent: Mott.**

**2020-00046 Motion by Commissioner Pitts, seconded by Vice-Mayor Harrington, to receive a presentation from the Alma Disc Golf Club.**

Mayor Mapes called for discussion on the motion.

Sam Prout and Craig Compton of the Alma Disc Golf Club presented their proposal for an 18-hole disc golf course in Alma near the current cyclocross site. The course would be 18 to 20 acres, with the same terms of use as the cyclocross currently is using. The course would be open to the public. Prout and Compton answered questions from the Commission, after which Mayor Mapes called for a vote on the motion.

**Resolution declared adopted.**

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

**No: none.**

**Absent: Mott.**

*Appropriations*

**2020-00047 Motion by Vice-Mayor Harrington, seconded by Commissioner Pitts, to adopt a resolution approving Warrant No. 20-17 and authorizing the City Treasurer to issue checks in payment of all claims.**

**Resolution declared adopted.**  
**Yes: Allman, Harrington, Mapes, Piccolo, Pitts, and Stahl.**  
**No: none.**  
**Absent: Mott.**

*Commissioner Comments*

Commissioner Stahl offered condolences to the family and friends of Marlin Brush.  
Commissioner Pitts also offered condolences to the Marlin Brush family and encouraged everyone to work to Keep Alma Beautiful as the warm weather approaches.  
Vice-Mayor Harrington reminded everyone of kindergarten registration at Luce Road School.  
Commissioner Allman spoke about a severe and costly mold problem at the Gratiot County Players Theatre.  
City Attorney Tony Costanzo spoke about Marlin Brush, his service to the community, and said he would be missed by many.  
City Manager Schooley offered condolences to Marlin Brush's family, including his fire department family and friends. He also said the City had been chosen with 9 others, out of 70 applications, to do a pitch for a grant from Consumers Energy.  
Mayor Mapes offered condolences to the family of Marlin Brush. He encouraged everyone to stay home if they feel sick, in light of the coronavirus situation.

*Public Comments*

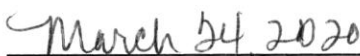
Lynne Ludy, representing the local Red Cross chapter, provided information about the coronavirus. She said the MMDHD advisory is to wash hands thoroughly and often and keep a 6-foot distance from other people.  
  
Tim Lambrecht offered kudos to the Alma Disc Golf Club and spoke about issues the Gratiot County Commission is currently addressing.

**Motion by Commissioner Allman, seconded by Vice-Mayor Harrington, to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m.**  
**Motion carried.**

**Yes: Allman, Harrington, Mapes, Piccolo, Pitts, and Stahl.**  
**No: none.**  
**Absent: Mott.**

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Gregory S. Mapes, Mayor, City of Alma

  
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Sara Anderson, City Clerk, City of Alma

  
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Date of Approval