

Mayor Greg Mapes called a regular meeting of the Alma City Commission to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Alma Municipal Building. The virtual meeting was held via GoToMeetings.com and livestreamed through the City of Alma's YouTube channel. 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, Nick Piccolo, Michelle Pitts, Audra Stahl, Larry Mott, and Roxann Harrington appeared via GoToMeetings.com. Greg Mapes was physically present.

Absent: none.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Commissioner Piccolo, seconded by Commissioner Allman, to approve minutes of the meeting of March 11, 2020. Motion carried with a roll call vote.

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

No: none.

Motion by Commissioner Piccolo, seconded by Commissioner Pitts, to approve the following amendments to the agenda:

J. Resolutions:

Remove:

Item 1. Consideration of a resolution to approve the Alma Highland Festival Committee's request to operate the entertainment tent for the 53rd Alma Highland Festival and Games from 6:30 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. on Friday, May 22nd, noon to 1:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 23rd, and 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Sunday May 24th, 2020, pursuant to Ordinance No. 695 which allows the City Commission to approve a three-day variance to the noise ordinance. **Approve**

Add:

Item 1. Consideration of a resolution to approve the Telecommuting Policy. **Approve**
3. Consideration of a resolution to amend the City of Alma Emergency Operations Plan to include a provision for Emergency Sick Time in the event of a public health crisis. **Approve**
4. Consideration of a resolution approving the establishment of procedures for employee use of emergency sick time and accrued sick leave for the duration of the state of emergency declared in response to the COVID-19 public health crisis. **Approve**

Motion carried with a roll call vote.

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

No: none.

Hearings

2020-00048 **Motion by Commissioner Allman, seconded by Commissioner Piccolo, to approve a resolution to set a public hearing for Tuesday, April 28, 2020 at 6:00 p.m., or as soon after as the agenda allows, to consider a request from Avalon & Tahoe Manufacturing, Inc. for a PA 198 Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Certificate.**

Resolution declared adopted.

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

No: none.

2020-00049 The following resolution was offered by Commissioner Pitts and seconded by Commissioner Mott:

BE IT RESOLVED, that in accordance with Section 14.2 of the City Charter, and the Laws of the State of Michigan, the City Commission deems it advisable for the welfare and safety of the people of the City of Alma to vacate, discontinue and abolish the public alley in said City known and described as follows:

The North-South Alley from the South Right-of-Way line of Hastings Street to the North Right-of-Way line of Downie Street ALL in Block 20, Original Town Plat, City of Alma, Gratiot County, Michigan.

reserving however, easements over, under and across the said parcel for public utility purposes with full right and authority to use said parcel and to enter thereon at all times for the purpose of construction, repairing, removing, replacing, improving, enlarging and maintaining such public utilities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that April 28, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at the Commission Chambers in the City Hall of the City of Alma be the time and place when the Commission shall meet to consider any objections to the said vacation proceedings.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution, together with a notice of said meeting, shall be published in a newspaper published in the City of Alma, once each week for four (4) weeks prior to April 28, 2020.

PUBLIC NOTICE

To Whom It May Concern:

Please take notice of the time and place when the City Commission will meet to consider any objections to above vacation proceedings.

Dated: March 24, 2020

Sara Anderson
Alma City Clerk

Publish: (4 weeks)

March 27, 2020 April 3, 2020 April 10, 2020 April 17, 2020

Resolution declared adopted.

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

No: none.

Motion by Commissioner Piccolo, seconded by Commissioner Allman, to open the public hearing set for 6:00 p.m. to consider an application for an Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Exemption Certificate for TKBennett, LLC at 110 E. Superior Street. The purpose of the OPRA is to assist with the creation of new commercial space in the downtown. The OPRA District was established January 28, 2020. Motion carried with a roll call vote.

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

No: none.

Assistant City Manager, Aeris Ripley, gave a brief summary of the application and description of the property. Todd Bennett was present via GoToMeetings.com and answered questions from Commissioners. Bennett explained he is rehabbing the property for a new photography studio. They are looking forward to being a part of the downtown community.

Commissioner Mapes called for public comment. Comments were taken by telephone and email (information being previously published on the City's website). No emails were received, and no phone calls were received at the appointed time.