

Mayor Greg Mapes called a regular meeting of the Alma City Commission to order at 6:00 p.m. The virtual meeting was held via Zoom.com and livestreamed through the City of Alma's YouTube channel. A quorum of the Commission was present via Zoom for the meeting.

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

Roll Call

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

Absent: none.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Commissioner Allman, seconded by Commissioner Piccolo, to approve minutes of the meeting of April 14, 2020 as presented. Motion carried with a roll call vote.

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

No: none.

Abstain: Mott.

Hearings

A public hearing was held to consider the vacation of 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 of the Original Town Plat of the City of Alma.

Assistant City Manager, Aeric Ripley, spoke briefly to explain that the vacation is part of a planned redevelopment of the area. Ripley said he was surprised that in all the years the school was in that location, the alley was never vacated. No questions or comments were offered from any member of the public.

Motion by Commissioner Mott, seconded by Commissioner Allman, to close the public hearing for consideration of an alley vacation at Block 20, Original Town Plat of Alma, at 6:07 p.m. Motion carried with a roll call vote.

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

No: none.

A public hearing was held to consider approval of an application from Avalon & Tahoe Manufacturing Inc. for a P.A. 198 Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate.

Ripley provided aerial maps showing the location of the proposed expansion of Production Building A, together with site plans. The cost of improvements is \$962,750.00 with a total of \$821,000 eligible for tax exemption. The expansion is expected to provide an additional 22 jobs.

Frank Nerychell, VP of Operations for Avalon & Tahoe, said this is a final step in the main plant area and will give more room for the production line.

No questions or comments were offered from any member of the public.

Motion by Commissioner Piccolo, seconded by Commissioner Pitts, to close the public hearing for consideration of an IFT Exemption for Avalon & Tahoe Manufacturing, Inc. at 6:12 p.m. Motion carried with a roll call vote.

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

2020-00065 Motion by Commissioner Roger, seconded by Vice-Mayor Harrington, to approve a resolution to set a public hearing for Tuesday, May 26, 2020, at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the agenda will allow, to consider an application for an Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Exemption Certificate from Gemini Capital Management V LLC for 313 North State Street.

Resolution declared adopted.

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

2020-00066 Motion by Commissioner Pitts, seconded by Commissioner Piccolo, to approve a resolution to set a public hearing for Tuesday, May 26, 2020, at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the agenda will allow, for the purposes of determining whether the following described premises shall be designated and established as a Commercial Rehabilitation District under P.A. 210 of 2005: 319 E. Downie Street (also known as 29-51-344-577-00).

Resolution declared adopted.

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

Resolutions

2020-00067 Resolution for Vacation of Alley

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Commissioner Pitts, and seconded by Commissioner Allman:

Whereas, in accordance with Section 14.2 of the Charter of the City of Alma, the City Commission on March 24, 2020, by resolution deemed it advisable to vacate, discontinue and abolish a portion of a public Alley in the City of Alma hereinafter described, and

Whereas, 6:00 p.m. was the time set by said resolution when the Commission would meet and hear objections to said proposed vacation, discontinuance and abolishment, and

Whereas, notice of such meeting, together with a copy of said resolution, was published in the Morning Sun, a newspaper printed and circulated within the City of Alma, once in each week for four (4) weeks prior to April 28, 2020,

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that this day having been the day set for the hearing of objections on the proposed vacation of a portion of a public street in the City of Alma 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.

And no objections thereto having been heard, it is ordered that said above described portion of public alley be and the same is hereby vacated, discontinued and abolished 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 constructing, repairing, removing, replacing, improving, enlarging and maintaining such public utilities.