

Mayor Greg Mapes called a regular meeting of the Alma City Commission to order at 6:01 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.

Roll Call

Present: Roger Allman, Roxann Harrington, Greg Mapes, Larry Mott, Nick Piccolo, Michelle Pitts, and Audra Stahl.
Absent: none.

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

Motion by Commission Allman, seconded by Commissioner Piccolo, to approve the following amendment to the agenda:

- G. Resolutions
4. Consideration of a resolution authorizing a letter to the Healthy Pine River Group in support of an application for a grant from Michigan Dept. of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) to reduce nutrient and E. coli pollution in the Pine River. **Approve**

Motion carried with a roll call vote.

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

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Commissioner Piccolo, seconded by Vice-Mayor Harrington, to approve minutes of the regular meeting of October 13, 2020 as presented. Motion carried with a roll call vote.

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

Petitions

Communications

Hearings

Consent Agenda

Requests for Purchase

2020-0132 Motion by Commissioner Allman, seconded by Commissioner Pitts, to adopt a resolution to approve a request for purchase in the amount of \$15,280.00 to DuBois-Cooper of Plymouth for two SSI Dual Pod Diffusers (aerators) to replace two existing aerators at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

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

Recommendation on Bids

Resolutions

2020-0133 **Motion by Commissioner Pitts, seconded by Commissioner Mott, to adopt a resolution approving Temporary Traffic Control Order No. 155 to allow on-street parking along the west side of Highland Avenue from October 21, 2020 through November 6, 2020.**

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

No: none.

Resolution Declared Adopted.

2020-0134 **Motion by Vice-Mayor Harrington, seconded by Commissioner Piccolo, to adopt a resolution approving the 2020 Update to Alma Transit's Title VI Plan (attached hereto as Attachment A) and to authorize signatures as necessary.**

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

No: none.

Resolution Declared Adopted.

2020-0135 **Motion by Commissioner Allman, seconded by Commissioner Piccolo, to adopt the Gratiot County Hazard Mitigation Plan.**

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

No: none.

Resolution Declared Adopted.

City Manager Matt Schooley provided background on the Healthy Pine River Group's request for a letter of support. Gary Rayburn was present and assisted Schooley in answering questions from the Commission.

2020-0136 **Motion by Commissioner Piccolo, seconded by Commissioner Mott, to adopt a resolution to approve a letter to the Healthy Pine River Group in support of an application for a grant from Michigan Dept. of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) to reduce nutrient and E. coli pollution in the Pine River.**

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

No: none.

Resolution Declared Adopted.

Ordinances

Agreements

Reports

Motion by Commissioner Piccolo, seconded by Vice-Mayor Harrington, to receive the Finance Report for October 2020.

Commissioner Allman asked for an update on budget reductions made earlier in the year due to pandemic projections. Finance Director Kathy Phillips explained we are in better shape than expected. Revenue shortfalls are less than the projected 12%.

Motion to receive the Finance report carried with a roll call vote.

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

No: none.

City Manager Schooley reviewed the following items in his report:

- CARES Act Funds – approximately \$113,000 received so far (half of the expected amount)
- CRLGG Grants Funds in lieu of revenue sharing- \$80,995 received which is restricted and must be used by December 30, 2020
- APD Grant for \$10,000 to update cars
- Airport Authority resolution for recommendation to transfer authority to Gratiot County
- Hazard Mitigation Plan
- Blight issues
- Gemstone additions
- Medical marijuana facilities update
- COVID-19 Preparedness & Response Plan

Schooley answered questions from the Commission.

Motion by Commissioner Piccolo, seconded by Commissioner Mott, to receive the City Manager's Report for October 27, 2020. Motion carried with a roll call votes.

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

No: none.

Appointments

Unfinished Business

New Business

Appropriations

2020-0137 Motion by Commissioner Piccolo, seconded by Commissioner Allman, to adopt a resolution approving Warrant No. 20-32 and authorizing the City Treasurer to issue checks in payment of all claims.

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

No: none.

Resolution declared adopted.

Commissioner's Comments

Commissioner Piccolo reminded everyone to get out and vote, and to watch the city website for Halloween safety information. Commissioner Stahl noted Child Advocacy is moving into their new building. Commissioner Allman thanked the Alma Police Department for their help and spoke briefly about events being held at the First Presbyterian Church. Vice-Mayor Harrington thanked the Alma Fire Department for the video and masks they provided for students at the Luce Road School. Mayor Mapes commented briefly on the development at Gemstone and offered congratulations to the Healthy Pine River Group.