

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.

Roll Call

Present: Roger Allman, Roxann Harrington, Greg Mapes, Nick Piccolo, Michelle Pitts, and Audra Stahl.
Commissioner-elect Danny Wernick was also present.
Absent: Larry Mott (deceased).

Motion by Commissioner Allman, seconded by Commissioner Piccolo, to amend the agenda to include a moment of silence for Commissioner Larry Mott in memoriam. Motion carried with a roll call vote.

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

Mayor Mapes called for a moment of silence to remember and honor Commissioner Larry Mott who passed away on November 17, 2020.

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

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Commissioner Allman, seconded by Commissioner Piccolo, to approve minutes of the regular meeting of November 10, 2020 and the work session of November 17, 2020, as presented. Motion carried with a roll call vote.

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

Petitions

Communications

Hearings

Consent Agenda

Requests for Purchase

Recommendation on Bids

2020-0144 Motion by Commissioner Piccolo, seconded by Vice-Mayor Harrington, to adopt a resolution to approve a quote from Dell Technologies in the amount of \$36,648.73 for the tele-work project (25 desktop PCs, 52 monitors, 32 scanner/printers, and 24 webcams), also to approve a corresponding request for purchase.

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

2020-0145 Motion by Commissioner Piccolo, seconded by Commissioner Allman, to receive bids for the Hoffman Road Demolition Project, award the project to Rohde Brothers of Saginaw for \$69,695.00, approve a corresponding request for purchase, and authorize the City Manager to sign contract documents on behalf of the City.

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

No: none.

Resolution declared adopted.

Resolutions

2020-0146

The following resolution was offered by Commissioner Pitts, seconded by Vice-Mayor Harrington:

Whereas, in 1872 J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees, and

Whereas, this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska, and

Whereas, Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world, and

Whereas, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce oxygen and provide habitat for wildlife, and

Whereas, trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products, and

Whereas, trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community, and

Whereas, trees are a source of joy and spiritual renewal, and

Whereas, the City of Alma has been recognized as Tree City USA by The National Arbor Day Foundation and desires to continue its tree-planting ways, and

Whereas, the City of Alma will be planting trees within the City of Alma.

Now, Therefore, the City Commission of the City of Alma does hereby proclaim November 30, 2020, as ARBOR DAY in the City of Alma, and urges all citizens to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands and to support our city's urban forestry program, and

Further, we urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the hearts and promote the well-being of present and future.

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

No: none.

Resolution declared adopted.

2020-0147

Motion by Commissioner Allman, seconded by Commissioner Piccolo, to adopt a resolution to ratify Temporary Traffic Control Order No. 156 allowing on-street parking along the west side of Highland Avenue from November 7, 2020 through November 16, 2020.

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

No: none.

Resolution declared adopted.

2020-0148

Motion by Commissioner Piccolo, seconded by Commissioner Pitts, to adopt a resolution to enter into a lease agreement with Jeffrey Dalton LLC for the lease of cold storage space at property owned by the City of Alma, commonly known as 6524 N. Jerome Road, for the term of one year beginning January 1, 2021.

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

Ordinances

Agreements

Reports

Motion by Commissioner Piccolo, seconded by Vice-Mayor Harrington, to receive the Alma Transit October 2020 Report. Motion carried with a roll call vote.

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

Motion by Commissioner Pitts, seconded by Commissioner Piccolo, to receive the City Manager's November 20, 2020 Report.

City Manager Schooley reviewed the following items in his report:

- Community Stabilization Plan
- Come Home to Alma – Jingle Bell Run
- Coronavirus Relief Local Government Grant Update
- Hoffman Road Demolition Bids
- Commissioner Vacancy

Questions from Commissioners were answered during the course of his review.

Motion to receive City Manager's November 20, 2020 Report carried with a roll call vote.

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

Appointments

Unfinished Business

2020-0149 Motion by Commissioner Pitts, seconded by Commissioner Allman, to adopt a resolution authorizing an Interlocal Agreement with Gratiot County and the Assessing Districts in Gratiot County to approve a Designated Assessor for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2025, also to authorize signatures as necessary.

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

New Business

City Manager Schooley explained the need to fill the vacancy left when Commissioner Mott was unable to be sworn in for his new term as Commissioner. City Attorney Tony Costanzo provided a summary of charter requirements. The Charter requires that the vacancy be filled within 30 days, and the appointee would be up for election at the next general election. The term, then, would be approximately two years, and the winner of the seat in the next general election would hold that office for two years, and be up for re-election at the following general election.