

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 (all in Alma appearing via Zoom). Commissioner-elect Danny Wernick was also present via Zoom.

Absent: none.

Motion by Vice-Mayor Harrington, seconded by Commissioner Pitts, to add the following agenda amendment:

B. Communications

1. Letter of resignation from Commissioner Nick Piccolo.

Accept

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

No: none.

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 Pitts, seconded by Commissioner Allman, to approve minutes of the regular meeting of November 24, 2020, as presented. Motion carried with a roll call vote.

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

No: none.

Petitions

Communications

Mayor Mapes acknowledged receipt of a letter of resignation from Commissioner Nick Piccolo. Mayor Mapes read the letter aloud for inclusion in the minutes at Commissioner Allman's request.

"December 7, 2020

Alma City Commissioners,

Please accept my resignation from Alma City Commission, effective immediately.

I understand my resignation makes me eligible to fill the Alma City Commission position vacancy resulting from the unfortunate passing of Commissioner Larry Mott according to the Alma City Charter and Michigan Law. These are sad and unusual circumstances, but I am requesting that the City Commission consider me a candidate for the now empty commissionership.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
s/Nicholas Piccolo"

2020-0151 Motion by Vice-Mayor Harrington, seconded by Commissioner Pitts, to adopt a resolution to receive the letter of resignation from Commissioner Nick Piccolo dated December 7, 2020 and effective immediately, also to accept his resignation.

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

Hearings

2020-0152 Motion by Commissioner Pitts, seconded by Commissioner Allman, to adopt a resolution to set a public hearing on December 22, 2020 at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the agenda will allow, for the review of proposed Ordinance No. 818 Pedal Trolley Ordinance.

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

Consent Agenda

Requests for Purchase

Recommendation on Bids

Resolutions

2020-0153 Motion by Commissioner Allman, seconded by Commissioner Pitts, to adopt a resolution authorizing Mayor Mapes to execute the 2020 Application for Certification for the Community of Alma to be officially certified as a Tree City USA, having achieved the standards set forth by the Arbor Day Foundation.

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

2020-0154 Motion by Commissioner Allman, seconded by Commissioner Pitts, to adopt a resolution to approve a request to transfer locations for Pure Lapeer LLC's Medical Marihuana Facility License from 224 E. Center Street to 1405 Wright Avenue.

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

Ordinances

2020-0155 Motion by Commissioner Pitts, seconded by Commissioner Allman, to adopt a resolution introducing Ordinance No. 818 Pedal Trolley Ordinance to allow for the licensure of pedicabs in the City of Alma and regulation under police power of the City of Alma.

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

Agreements

Reports

Motion by Commissioner Pitts, seconded by Vice-Mayor Harrington, to receive the following reports: Alma Transit November 2020 Report, Building Permit Report for October and November 2020, Alma Police Department November 2020 Report, and City Manager's December 4, 2020 Report. Motion carried with a roll call vote.

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

No: none.

Appointments

2020-0156 Motion by Vice-Mayor Harrington, seconded by Commissioner Allman, to adopt a resolution to appoint Commissioner Audra Stahl as a representative of the City Commission to the Transportation Committee.

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

No: none.

Resolution declared adopted.

Unfinished Business

2020-0157 Motion by Vice-Mayor Harrington, seconded by Commissioner Pitts, to adopt a resolution appointing Nicholas Piccolo to fill a vacancy in the Alma City Commission, pursuant to Section 2.7 of the Alma City Charter, until a successor is elected and qualified at the first regular City election held after the vacancy occurred.

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

No: none.

Resolution declared adopted.

New Business

Appropriations

2020-0158 Motion by Commissioner Allman, seconded by Commissioner Pitts, to adopt a resolution approving Warrant No. 20-35 and authorizing the City Treasurer to issue checks in payment of all claims.

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

No: none.

Resolution declared adopted.

Commissioner's Comments

Commissioners offered thanks and congratulations to Commissioner Piccolo. Commissioner Stahl spoke about this year's *Shop with a Hero* event. It will be different this year due to COVID regulations and the loss of Larry Mott as Santa. The event has been changed to a drive-through format. Commissioner Pitts encouraged everyone to support local businesses.