

Vice-Mayor Roxann Harrington called a regular meeting of the Alma City Commission to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Alma Municipal Building. A quorum of the Commission was present.

Roll Call

Present: Roger Allman, Roxann Harrington, Michelle Pitts, Audra Stahl, and Danny Wernick.
Absent: Greg Mapes (excused) and Nick Piccolo (excused).

Vice-Mayor Harrington led meeting participants in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Commissioner Allman, seconded by Commissioner Wernick, to approve minutes of the July 13, 2021 regular meeting, as presented. Motion carried.

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

Petitions

Communications

Motion by Commissioner Pitts, seconded by Commissioner Stahl, to receive communications from members of the public regarding the conditional rezoning proposal for use of the Warwick Living Center.

Commissioner Allman spoke briefly regarding his feeling that communications from concerned citizens outside the city limits are not relevant to the issue at hand.

The motion to receive communications regarding the proposal for Warwick Living Center carried.

Yes: Harrington, Pitts, Stahl, and Wernick.
No: Allman.
Absent: Mapes and Piccolo.

Motion by Commissioner Pitts, seconded by Commissioner Stahl, to receive an engagement letter from Yeo & Yeo CPAs & Business Consultants, in accordance with auditing standards, regarding the upcoming FY 2021 Audit. Motion carried.

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

Hearings

Consent Agenda

2021-0120 Motion by Commissioner Allman, seconded by Commissioner Pitts, to approve a request for payment in the amount of \$11,569.00 to Core Technology Corporation for annual software support and maintenance service for the Alma Police Department.

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

Requests for Purchase

2021-0121 Motion by Commissioner Allman, seconded by Commissioner Pitts, to approve a request for purchase in the amount of \$16,900.00 to Van's Plumbing & Heating for replacement of a boiler at the library, including removal of the old boiler, permits, and one year warranty.

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

Recommendation on Bids

Resolutions

2021-0122 Motion by Commissioner Pitts, seconded by Commissioner Allman, to adopt a resolution to accept recommendation of the City Manager and approve the appointment of Cheri Rayner as Human Resources Manager effective July 26, 2021.

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

2021-0123 Motion by Commissioner Allman, seconded by Commissioner Allman, to adopt a resolution to accept recommendation of the City Manager and approve the appointment of Curtis Dancer as City Treasurer/Finance Director effective July 26, 2021.

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

Agreements

2021-0124 Motion by Commissioner Allman, seconded by Commissioner Pitts, to adopt a resolution authorizing the execution of a Section 5339(b) Buses and Bus Facilities Competitive Program Agreement with the Michigan Department of Transportation (#2017-0004/P18) to provide \$153,735 for the purchase of a replacement bus and van for Alma Transit, and to authorize the Mayor (or Vice-Mayor) and City Clerk to execute the agreement on behalf of the City.

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

2021-0125 Motion by Commissioner Pitts, seconded by Commissioner Allman, to adopt a resolution authorizing the execution of a Section 5304 Planning Program Agreement with the Michigan Department of Transportation (#2017-0004/P19) to provide funds to Alma Transit in the amount of \$65,000.00 for a transit service expansion study, and to authorize the Mayor (or Vice-Mayor) and City Clerk to execute the agreement on behalf of the City.

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

Reports

Motion by Commissioner Allman, seconded by Commissioner Pitts, to receive the Board of Review minutes of July 20, 2021. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Commissioner Stahl, seconded by Commissioner Pitts, to receive the City Manager's report.

City Manager Schooley briefly reviewed the following items from his report and answered questions from Commissioners:

- American Rescue Plan
- Planning Commission meeting date change to August 4, 2021 at 6 p.m. at the Alma High School
- New hires and promotions
- Finance Department Dashboard
- Iowa Street Reconstruction

Motion to receive the City Manager's report carried.

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

Appointments

Unfinished Business

Motion by Commissioner Allman, seconded by Commissioner Pitts, to receive a letter from City Attorney Tony Costanzo, attached hereto as Attachment A, regarding an item added to the July 13, 2021 City Commission agenda. Motion carried.

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

City Manager Matt Schooley gave a brief update on a resident's question regarding leash requirements from the July 13, 2021 City Commission meeting.

New Business

Appropriations

2021-0126 Motion by Commissioner Allman, seconded by Commissioner Stahl, to adopt a resolution approving Warrant No. 22-02 and authorizing the City Treasurer to issue checks in payment of all claims.

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