

Mayor Greg Mapes 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, Greg Mapes, Nick Piccolo, Michelle Pitts, Audra Stahl and Danny Wernick.  
Absent: none.

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

**Motion by Vice-Mayor Harrington, seconded by Commissioner Piccolo, to approve the minutes of the November 23, 2021 regular meeting and November 30, 2021 work session, as presented. Motion carried.**

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

*Petitions*

*Communications*

*Hearings*

*Consent Agenda*

*Requests for Purchase*

*Recommendation on Bids*

*Resolutions*

**2021-0185 Motion by Commissioner Allman, seconded by Vice-Mayor Harrington, to adopt a resolution authorizing Mayor Mapes to execute the 2021 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, Piccolo, Pitts, Stahl and Wernick.  
No: none.  
Resolution declared adopted.**

*Ordinances*

*Agreements*

*Reports*

**Motion by Commissioner Pitts, seconded by Commissioner Allman, to receive the following reports: Alma Transit Center November 2021 Report, Alma Police Department November 2021 Report, and Finance Report.**

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

*Appointments*

*Unfinished Business*

*New Business*

Mayor Mapes explained that interviews of City Manager Candidates A and B were on the agenda, but Candidate B, Jon Stoppels, had withdrawn leaving only Candidate A, Aeric Ripley. Mapes asked the Commission how they wished to proceed. Commissioner Piccolo moved to table the interviews. Discussion followed regarding rescheduling interviews or cancelling interviews and re-starting the process. Commissioner Stahl noted, for the record, she disagreed with re-starting the process and believes Ripley is an excellent candidate.

**2021-0186** Motion by Commissioner Piccolo, seconded by Vice-Mayor Harrington, to cancel the interviews scheduled, and re-start the process for hiring a City Manager in January of 2022, with the understanding that Aeric Ripley has already moved through initial processing and will be included in final interviews.

**Yes:** Allman, Harrington, Mapes, Piccolo, Pitts, and Wernick.  
**No:** Stahl.  
Resolution declared adopted.

*Appropriations*

**2021-0187** Motion by Commissioner Allman, seconded by Vice-Mayor Harrington, to adopt a resolution approving Warrant No. 22-11 and authorizing the City Treasurer to issue checks in payment of all claims.

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

*Commissioner's Comments*

Commissioner Stahl said the "Come Home to Alma for the Holidays" celebration went very well and offered congratulations to Aeric Ripley on the award he received. Commissioner Pitts noted race registration went well. Vice-Mayor Harrington offered thanks to everyone involved with "Elf Jr" and offered apologies to Ripley for issues with the City Manager hiring process. Commissioners Allman and Wernick gave kudos to Public Works for successful leaf collection and completion of the State Street project.

Clerk Anderson reminded the Commission that no action had been taken, to date, to adjust Ripley's salary. The item will be added to the agenda for the next meeting.

Ripley spoke briefly about the downtown holiday celebration and sent thanks to Jeff Niessen for all his help.

Mayor Mapes echoed other's sentiments and promised to improve the City Manager search process.


*Invitation to Public*

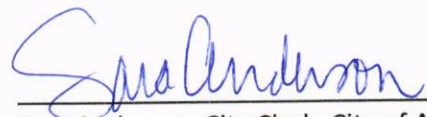
Lynne Ludy, 111 Wheeler, spoke in support of Aeric Ripley as candidate for City Manager.

*Adjournment*

**Motion by Commissioner Allman, seconded by Commissioner Piccolo, to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 p.m.**  
**Motion carried.**

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

  
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Greg Mapes, City of Alma

  
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Sara Anderson, City Clerk, City of Alma  
December 28, 2021  
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Date of Approval