

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: Allman, Harrington, Mapes, Piccolo, Pitts, and Wernick.

Absent: Stahl (excused).

**2022-0057 Motion by Commissioner Allman, seconded by Commissioner Piccolo, to approve the agenda, as amended. Motion carried.**

**Yes: Allman, Harrington, Mapes, Piccolo, Pitts, and Wernick.**

**No: none.**

**Absent: Stahl.**

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

**2022-0058 Motion by Commissioner Allman, seconded by Commissioner Piccolo, to approve minutes of the February 15, 2022, goal setting session, as amended, and the February 22, 2022, regular meeting, as presented. Motion carried.**

**Yes: Allman, Harrington, Mapes, Piccolo, Pitts, and Wernick.**

**No: none.**

**Absent: Stahl.**

*Communications*

**2022-0059 Motion by Commissioner Pitts, seconded by Commissioner Piccolo, to receive communications. Motion carried.**

**Yes: Allman, Harrington, Mapes, Piccolo, Pitts, and Wernick.**

**No: none.**

**Absent: Stahl.**

*Agreements*

**2022-0060 Motion by Commissioner Allman, seconded by Commissioner Piccolo, to adopt a resolution approving Project Authorization 2017-0004/P17-Revision 1 Section 5311 Operating Formula Grants for Rural Area Programs for Year 2022, also to authorize the Mayor to execute the agreement on behalf of the City of Alma.**

**Yes: Allman, Harrington, Mapes, Piccolo, Pitts, and Wernick.**

**No: none.**

**Absent: Stahl.**

**Resolution declared adopted.**

**2022-0061 Motion by Commissioner Allman, seconded by Commissioner Piccolo, to adopt a resolution to authorize Alma Transit Director Brett Baublitz to execute a one-year contract for transportation services with the Gratiot Integrated Health Network.**

**Yes: Allman, Harrington, Mapes, Piccolo, Pitts, and Wernick.**

**No: none.**

**Absent: Stahl.**

**Resolution declared adopted.**

**2022-0062** Motion by Commissioner Pitts, seconded by Commissioner Piccolo, to adopt a resolution to approve the Agreement Regarding Athletic Facility Use of the Euclid Street Baseball Fields between the City of Alma and the Alma Little League commencing on April 1, 2022, and ending on August 1, 2022.

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

*Reports*

**2022-0063** Motion by Commissioner Pitts, seconded by Commissioner Piccolo, to receive the Alma Transit February 2022 Report and the Interim City Manager's Report. Motion carried.

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

**2022-0064** Motion by Vice-Mayor Harrington, seconded by Commissioner Pitts, to receive a verbal report from Commissioner Piccolo on behalf of City Manager Hiring Committee.

Commissioner Piccolo spoke briefly about the Committee's intent to consider search firms. Piccolo asked for a working meeting for the Commission to explore the options. Discussion followed about re-appointing Ripley for six additional months.

**Motion to receive the verbal report carried.**

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

**2022-0065** Motion by Commissioner Allman, seconded by Commissioner Wernick, to receive a verbal report from Vice-Mayor Harrington regarding the Gratiot Area Water Authority.

Vice-Mayor Harrington provided an update from Gratiot Area Water Authority meetings she attends on behalf of the Commission.

**Motion to receive carried.**

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

*Unfinished Business*

**2022-0066** Motion by Commissioner Allman, seconded by Commissioner Pitts, to adopt a resolution to approve amendments to the current Collection Procedures and Landlord Affidavit Policy (Attachment A).

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

Public Services Director, David Ringle, brought back several questions related to the lead and copper remediation mandate and asked for direction from the Commission. Lengthy discussion followed.

**2022-0067**      **Motion by Commissioner Pitts, seconded by Allman, to adopt a resolution to request a grant for \$1,550,000 from Gratiot County's SLFRF funds for 50% of estimated project costs for copper and lead remediation (\$550,000) and parking lot, alley and drainage improvements (\$1,000,000).**

**Yes:**              **Allman, Harrington, Mapes, Piccolo, Pitts, and Wernick.**

**No:**                **none.**

**Absent:**          **Stahl.**

**Resolution declared adopted.**

**2022-0068**      **Motion by Commissioner Piccolo, seconded by Commissioner Pitts, to approve the Public Services process for resident contact during the initial sampling phase of mandated lead and copper remediation.**

**Yes:**              **Allman, Harrington, Mapes, Piccolo, Pitts, and Wernick.**

**No:**                **none.**

**Absent:**          **Stahl.**

**Resolution declared adopted.**

*New Business*

Vice-Mayor Harrington moved to extend Aeric Ripley's term as Interim City Manager for an additional six months. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wernick.

Commissioner Wernick moved to amend the main motion to include a salary increase of 3%. Commissioner Allman seconded the secondary motion.

Ripley thanked the Commission and accepted the term extension, but declined the salary increase.

Commissioner Wernick withdrew his motion to amend the main motion.

Mayor Mapes returned to the main motion and called for a vote.

**2022-0069**      **Motion by Vice-Mayor Harrington, seconded by Commissioner Wernick to adopt a resolution to extend Aeric Ripley's term as Interim City Manager for an additional six months.**

**Yes:**              **Allman, Harrington, Mapes, Piccolo, Pitts, and Wernick.**

**No:**                **none.**

**Absent:**          **Stahl.**

**Resolution declared adopted.**

*Appropriations*

**2022-0070**      **Motion by Vice-Mayor Harrington, seconded by Commissioner Piccolo, to adopt a resolution approving Warrant No. 22-17 and authorizing the City Treasurer to issue checks in payment of all claims.**