

Vice-Mayor Roxann Harrington called a special meeting of the Alma City Commission to order at 5:30 p.m. The meeting was held in Commission Chambers at the Alma Municipal Building. A quorum was present.

Roll Call

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

The purpose of this meeting is for review of the proposed FY 2022-2023 City of Alma Budget.

All members of the City Commission having been duly notified of the meeting and the business to be transacted thereat, at least 12 hours before the time of the meeting, in accordance with Section 2.13(b) of the Charter of the City of Alma. Public Notice was also given in compliance with Act 267, of the Public Acts of Michigan, 1976.

Vice-Mayor Harrington led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America.

**Motion by Commissioner Allman, seconded by Commissioner Wernick, to approve the agenda as presented.
Motion carried.**

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

Review of Proposed FY 2022-2023 City of Alma Budget

Finance Director Curtis Dancer reviewed changes made to the budget following the initial presentation on April 18th. He noted changes in revenue due to Headlee rollbacks and answered Commissioner questions. Dancer went on to review changes made to expenditures in General Fund departments. Dancer indicated the revisions to the budget present a balanced budget. He continued on with review of other funds. Dancer and other staff members answered additional questions from Commissioners throughout the course of the review.

Discussion items included IT, the State Street Plaza, necessary improvements at the wastewater treatment plant, budget shortfalls in the water department, frequency of budget status reports to Commission, and cost saving ideas for the Public Works department.

Commissioner Comments

Commissioners offered thanks to staff for their work to balance the budget. Commissioner Allman also suggested more revenue is necessary and asked about solar energy. Brief discussion followed.

Ripley thanked staff for all of their efforts to balance the budget and reminded everyone about upcoming events.

Public Comment

Pete Tacia-Alma Library Board, spoke about the differences between libraries in the county and asked for support for the Alma Library.

Commissioner Allman asked Tacia a follow-up question and discussion followed about the Library budget and comparisons to other libraries.

Lorrie Taylor-Alma Public Library Director, spoke regarding the proposed cuts in the Library budget and provided information about the library's services.

Commissioner Stahl asked if library statistics could be shared more often. Discussion followed.

Ann Swann-Alma Library Board, spoke about the changes to the Library budget and the upcoming final decision.

Mark Williams-Alma Public Safety Director, spoke regarding effects of budget cuts in his department and noted all departments are making sacrifices to balance the budget.

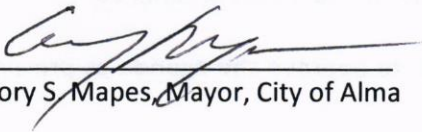
David Ringle-Alma Public Services Director, also spoke regarding cuts in his departments and the need to work together.

**Motion by Commissioner Allman, seconded by Commissioner Piccolo, to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m.
Motion carried with a voice vote.**

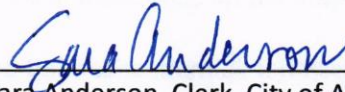
Yes: Allman, Harrington, Piccolo, Stahl, and Wernick.

No: none.

Absent: Mapes and Pitts.



Gregory S. Mapes, Mayor, City of Alma



Sara Anderson, Clerk, City of Alma

Date of Approval: May 24, 2022