

Mayor Greg Mapes called a regular meeting of the Alma City Commission to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Alma High School Auditorium. 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.

No requests were received for amendment of the agenda.

Mayor Mapes led meeting participants in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America.

*Approval of Minutes*

**Motion by Commissioner Piccolo, seconded by Vice-Mayor Harrington, to approve minutes of the August 24, 2021, regular meeting as presented. Motion carried.**

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

**No: none.**

*Petitions*

*Communications*

**Motion by Vice-Mayor Harrington, seconded by Commissioner Piccolo, to receive communications from members of the public regarding the conditional rezoning proposal for use of the Warwick Living Center. Motion carried.**

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

**No: none.**

*Hearings*

*Consent Agenda*

*Requests for Purchase*

**2021-0136 Motion by Commissioner Pitts, seconded by Commissioner Allman, to approve a request for purchase to Applied Imaging for replacement of the color copier at the municipal building in the amount of \$11,680.31.**

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

**No: none.**

**Resolution declared adopted.**

*Recommendation on Bids*

*Resolutions*

**2021-0137 Resolution to Adopt the Annual Exemption Option as Set Forth in 2011 PA 152, the Publicly Funded Health Insurance Contribution Act**

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Commissioner Allman, and seconded by Commissioner Piccolo:

**Whereas**, 2011 Public Act 152 (the "Act") was passed by the State Legislature and signed by the Governor on September 24, 2011:

**Whereas**, the Act contains three options for complying with the requirements of the Act;

**Whereas**, the three options are as follows:

- 1) Section 3 – “Hard Caps” Option – limits a public employer’s total annual health care costs for employees based on coverage levels, as defined in the Act;
- 2) Section 4 – “80%/20%” Option – limits a public employer’s share of total annual health care costs to not more than 80%. This option requires an annual majority vote of the governing body;
- 3) Section 8 – “Exemption” Option – a local unit of government, as defined in the Act, may exempt itself from the requirements of the Act by an annual 2/3 vote of the governing body;

**Whereas**, the City of Alma has decided to adopt the annual Exemption option as its choice of compliance under the Act;

**Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved** the City Commission of the City of Alma elects to comply with the requirements of 2011 Public Act 152, the Publicly Funded Health Insurance Contribution Act, by adopting the annual Exemption option for the medical benefit plan coverage year January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was as follows:

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

**No:** none.

**Resolution declared adopted.**

**2021-0138**

**Motion by Commissioner Piccolo, seconded by Commissioner Allman, to approve the following FY 2022 budget amendments.**

- a. To increase Public Works Budget \$236,000 and decrease Major Streets Budget \$236,000 for capital project costs budgeted for in the incorrect account on the original budget (inadvertently moved after original draft was made prior to final approval).
- b. To increase State Street Plaza Expenditure Budget \$40,000 and increase State Street Plaza Revenue Budget \$40,000 for expenditures incurred by the City of Alma and subsequently reimbursed by the tenants of State Street Plaza for utilities.
- c. To increase the Water Distribution Budget \$825,000 and decrease the Water Distribution Fund Balance by \$825,000 to fund expenditures incurred but not budgeted for in the current year related to water purchased from GAWA.
- d. To increase the Planning and Zoning Budget \$10,000 and decrease the projected General Fund Balance by \$10,000 to fund additional legal fees and other expenditures incurred in the current year resulting from additional zoning related issues that have risen.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was as follows:

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

**No:** none.

**Resolution declared adopted.**

*Agreements*

**2021-0139** Motion by Vice-Mayor Harrington, seconded by Commissioner Allman, to adopt a resolution to approve the 2022 Emergency with Generator Commercial and Industrial Demand Response Customer Agreement with Consumers Energy for a term of 3 years, also to authorize the Mayor to sign on behalf of the City.

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

**No:** none.

**Resolution declared adopted.**

*Reports*

Motion by Commissioner Wernick, seconded by Commissioner Allman, to receive the following reports: Alma Transit August 2021 Report, Building Permit Report for August 2021, Planning Commission Minutes of August 4, 2021, and City Manager September 10, 2021 Report. Motion carried.

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

**No:** none.

Motion by Vice-Mayor Harrington, seconded by Commissioner Allman, to receive the following reports: Solid Waste Task Force Report and City Manager Hiring Committee Report.

Commissioner Piccolo gave a brief verbal report of the progress of the Solid Waste Task Force Report. Talks are just beginning, but the industry is moving towards carts for collection, and that will likely be the direction for moving forward. Piccolo answered questions from the Commission.

Commissioner Piccolo also gave a brief verbal report of the progress of the City Manager Hiring Committee. Advertisements are being created and submitted. Discussion of an Interim City Manager will be next week. Commissioner Wernick voiced concerns. Mayor Mapes explained there is a plan to bring candidates for Interim City Manager to the September 21<sup>st</sup> meeting for interviews.

**Motion to receive verbal reports carried.**

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

**No:** none.

*Appointments*

*Unfinished Business*

*New Business*

**2021-0140** Motion by Vice-Mayor Harrington, seconded by Commissioner Pitts, to set a special meeting for September 21, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the Commission Chambers of the Alma Municipal Building for review and consideration of proposed union contracts and other matters, as necessary.

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

**No:** none.

**Resolution declared adopted.**

The following item on the agenda concerned a conditional rezoning proposal from Michigan Masonic Home. As Mayor Mapes had previously recused himself from the matter due to a perception of conflict of interest, conduct of the meeting was turned over to Vice-Chairman Roxann Harrington at 6:23 p.m.