

**City of Alma
Planning Commission Minutes
October 4, 2021**

Interim City Manager Aeric Ripley called a regular meeting of the Alma Planning Commission to order at 6:00 PM on October 4, 2021, at the Alma Municipal Building.

Present: Michelle Pitts, Ellen Richter, Aeric Ripley, and Heather Therrien.

Absent: Greg Mapes and Jim Wheeler.

Ripley called the meeting to order, but a quorum of the Planning Commission was not present.

Pitts, Richter, Ripley, and Therrien briefly discussed requirements for filling the Chair and Vice-Chair positions.

Ripley reviewed the proposed text amendment on the agenda which could add additional language to Sec. 60-60 Zoning Districts (j) B2, Central Business District (4) Special Uses (e) Residential Uses. The proposed text amendment could allow certain residential uses on commercial building first floors. Ripley explained options such as restricting residential areas to no less than 700 square feet with at 75% of the floor for commercial use. Brief discussion followed regarding exit doors, and the proposed restaurant space at the Opera House.

Pitts asked what items they will be working on in the near future. Ripley said the master plan and parks plan are both coming up next year. Additionally, they will need to look at riverfront property and consider a train stop for the commuter train.

The meeting ended and the group disbanded at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Sara Anderson
Planning Commission Recording Secretary 10-4-2021