

**Alma, Michigan**  
**March 13, 2007**

Mayor Nyman called a regular meeting of the Alma City Commission to order at 6:00 p.m. at the Alma Municipal Building.

**Present:** Ayers, Comer, Dancer, Legene, Mapes, Moes, & Nyman.

**Absent:** None.

Mayor Nyman asked the City Commission and members of the audience to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Motion by Vice-Mayor Moes seconded by Commissioner Mapes to approve the minutes of the February 27, 2007 regular meeting as submitted.

**Yes:** Ayers, Comer, Dancer, Legene, Mapes, Moes, & Nyman.

**No:** None.

Motion by Commissioner Ayers seconded by Commissioner Legene to receive a communication from The National Arbor Day Foundation announcing that the City of Alma has been named as a 2006 Tree City USA.

**Yes:** Ayers, Comer, Dancer, Legene, Mapes, Moes, & Nyman.

**No:** None.

Motion by Commissioner Mapes seconded by Commissioner Comer to receive the following item on the Consent Agenda and approve it for payment: \$2,250 to Michigan Library Consortium for annual online database subscription renewal for the Alma Public Library.

**Yes:** Ayers, Comer, Dancer, Legene, Mapes, Moes, & Nyman.

**No:** None.

Motion by Commissioner Mapes seconded by Commissioner Ayers to approve the request for payment in the amount of \$8,287.50 to PVS Nolwood Chemicals for 21.25 tons of bulk dense soda ash for use by the Water Treatment Plant.

**Yes:** Ayers, Comer, Dancer, Legene, Mapes, Moes, & Nyman.

**No:** None.

Motion by Commissioner Comer seconded by Vice-Mayor Moes to approve the request to engage MC Smith Associates & Architectural Group for professional services associated with the realignment of Phase IV of the Alma Riverwalk in an amount not-to-exceed \$4,000.

**Yes:** Ayers, Comer, Dancer, Legene, Mapes, Moes, & Nyman.

**No:** None.

Motion by Commissioner Mapes seconded by Commissioner Ayers to receive and reject the bid for the lead abatement portion of the Downtown Rental Rehabilitation Project for 301 E. Superior St. from Freed Construction in the amount of \$59,250.

Staff is recommending that the project be re-bid after restructuring the project into phases, with the lead paint abatement work being the first phase. By re-bidding the project in its entirety, it is hoped that additional bids will be received.

**Yes:** Ayers, Comer, Dancer, Legene, Mapes, Moes, & Nyman.

**No:** None.

Motion by Vice-Mayor Moes seconded by Commissioner Dancer to adopt a resolution authorizing the following street closures in conjunction with 2007 Special Community Events:

Event	Date	Time	State Highway Closure	City Street Closure
Highland Festival Parade	Saturday 05/26/07	10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Superior-Bridge to Wright Center-Woodworth to Pine Pine-Center to Superior Wright-Warwick to Superior	Michigan - Bridge to Superior Superior - Purdy to Wright Center – Woodworth to Pine Pine – Center to Superior
Alma Founders Day Car Show on Superior St.	Saturday 06/23/07	9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Superior-Pine to State	Gratiot at Superior Woodworth at Superior
Alma H.S. Homecoming Parade	Friday 09/28/07	5:15 p.m.- 6:15 p.m.	Superior – Pine to Park	Pine-Superior to High School Prospect-Wright Park to Superior
Alma College Homecoming Parade	Saturday 10/13/07	10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Wright - Downie to Superior Superior-Pine to Wright	Superior – Presbyterian Church
Downtown Christmas Celebration	Friday 12/14/07	5:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Superior to Park	Woodworth – Center to Downie

**Yes:** Ayers, Comer, Dancer, Legene, Mapes, Moes, & Nyman.

**No:** None.

Motion by Commissioner Legene seconded by Commissioner Mapes to adopt a resolution authorizing the placement of banners to identify community and special events as follows:

- Community Flag banners along Superior Street and Center Street from May 7, 2007 through November 30, 2007.
- Tartan Day banner across Superior Street between Gratiot and Woodworth Avenues from March 12, 2007 through April 9, 2007.
- Alma Highland Festival banner across Superior Street between Gratiot and Woodworth Avenues from April 30, 2007 through May 28, 2007.
- Alma Highland Festival Road Race banner across Superior at the corner of Philadelphia from May 19, 2007 through May 28, 2007.\*
- Alma Founders Day banner across Superior Street between Gratiot and Woodworth Avenues from May 29, 2007 through June 25, 2007.
- Gratiot County Fair for Youth banner across Superior Street between Gratiot and Woodworth Avenues from July 1, 2007 through July 21, 2007.
- Lucky MacDuck banner across Superior Street between Gratiot and Woodworth Avenues from August 6, 2007 through September 10, 2007.
- Downtown holiday banner across Superior Street between Gratiot and Woodworth Avenues from November 19, 2007 to January 2, 2008.

\* Does not require MDOT Approval.

**Yes:** Ayers, Comer, Dancer, Legene, Mapes, Moes, & Nyman.

**No:** None.

Motion by Commissioner Comer seconded by Commissioner Dancer to adopt a resolution authorizing the Alma Action Association the use of Wright Park and its facilities for the following event:

- June 22, 2007 – Alma Founders Day will have music at the Tracy Band Shelter and movie in the park after dark.

**Yes:** Ayers, Comer, Dancer, Legene, Mapes, Moes, & Nyman.

**No:** None.

Motion by Vice-Mayor Moes seconded by Commissioner Legene to adopt a resolution authorizing the Alma Action Association to hold the following events within the Central Business District:

- May 24 - 26, 2007 – Sidewalk Sales, Highland Festival weekend.
- June 22 - 23, 2007 – Alma Founders Day Hospitality Sales.
- June 22, 2007 - Closure of N. State Street from Superior to Downie for activities held in conjunction with the Alma Founders Day.

**Yes:** Ayers, Comer, Dancer, Legene, Mapes, Moes, & Nyman.

**No:** None.

A Public Hearing to consider a second amendment agreement regarding the conditional transfer of property from Arcada Township to the City of Alma was held at 6:05 p.m. The City of Alma and Arcada Township entered into a conditional transfer agreement on December 21, 2001 which provided that on the fifth anniversary date of the agreement, jurisdiction of two tracts described in the agreement would automatically transfer from the township to the City. The City and Township subsequently entered into an Amendment Agreement to extend the date of the transfer of jurisdiction of the tracts until March 21, 2007. Since neither the City, the township nor the owners of tracts 2 & 3 desires that such a transfer take place at this time, a public hearing is necessary to amend the agreement and extend the agreement until September 21, 2007.

Motion by Vice-Mayor Moes seconded by Commissioner Ayers to close the public hearing at 6:06 p.m.

**Yes:** Ayers, Comer, Dancer, Legene, Mapes, Moes, & Nyman.

**No:** None.

Motion by Commissioner Comer seconded by Commissioner Dancer to adopt a resolution approving a second amendment agreement regarding conditional transfer of property from Arcada Township to the City of Alma and to authorizing Mayor Nyman and City Clerk Gager to execute the agreement on behalf of the City of Alma.

**Yes:** Ayers, Comer, Dancer, Legene, Mapes, Moes, & Nyman.

**No:** None.

Motion by Commissioner Mapes seconded by Commissioner Comer to adopt a resolution authorizing an amendment to the Michigan State Housing Development Authority grant agreement MSC-2004-0760-HO increasing the original budget by \$26,972 (from \$341,400 to \$368, 372) due to two additional housing projects being added to the Downtown Rental Rehabilitation contract and to authorize Mayor Nyman to execute the amendment on behalf of the City of Alma. The additional funds cover the projects at 408 Hawthorne, Alma and 305 Pine St., St. Louis.

**Yes:** Ayers, Comer, Dancer, Legene, Mapes, Moes, & Nyman.

**No:** None.

Motion by Commissioner Mapes seconded by Commissioner Legene to adopt a resolution authorizing an Athletic Facility Use Lease agreement between the City of Alma and Alma Little League for the Euclid Ballfields for the term March 1, 2007 through August 1, 2007 and to authorize Mayor Nyman and City Clerk Gager to execute the agreement on behalf of the City of Alma.

**Yes:** Ayers, Comer, Dancer, Legene, Mapes, Moes, & Nyman.

**No:** None.

Motion by Commissioner Ayers seconded by Commissioner Comer to receive the following reports and place them on file: Alma Police Department February reports; Alma Fire District February report; DART & Depot February reports; Alma Downtown Development Authority meeting minutes of March 1, 2007; Alma Planning Commission meeting minutes of December 5, 2006; Gratiot County Board of Commissioners meeting minutes of March 6, 2007.

**Yes:** Ayers, Comer, Dancer, Legene, Mapes, Moes, & Nyman.

**No:** None.

Motion by Vice-Mayor Moes seconded by Commissioner Comer to approve Warrant No. 07-17 and to authorize the City Treasurer to issue checks in payment of all claims.

**Yes:** Ayers, Comer, Dancer, Legene, Mapes, Moes, & Nyman.

**No:** None.

Commissioner Dancer invited everyone to Alma on April 7, 2007 for Tartan Day. There will be a pet parade and a shortbread baking contest at the Book Shoppe.

Commissioner Legene commented on the library reopening and how impressive the facility it.

Vice-Mayor Moes advised that the Gratiot County forums on emerging issues in dairy and livestock production meetings will be held on March 20 & 27 at 7:00 p.m. at Alma College and encouraged everyone to attend.

Commissioner Ayers echoed Commissioner Legene's comments on the library.

Commissioner Mapes thanked Chuck Fortino for arranging a tour of a hog breeding operation owned by John Crumbaugh and Kris Duflo.

Assistant City Manager Ripley encouraged everyone to attend the Tartan Day festivities and advised the discounted Highland Festival tickets would be on sale for \$5 each beginning next week for a limited time.

Mayor Nyman thanked Bryan Dinwoody, Library Director and his staff for the fantastic job they did in getting the library ready for its reopening.

Motion by Vice-Mayor Moes seconded by Commissioner Comer to adjourn the meeting at 6:13 p.m.

**Yes:** Ayers, Comer, Dancer, Legene, Mapes, Moes, & Nyman.

**No:** None.

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Melvin A. Nyman, Mayor

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Barbara A. Gager, City Clerk