

**Alma, Michigan
August 28, 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, Legene, Mapes, Moes, & Nyman.

Absent: Dancer.

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

Mayor Nyman commented on how successful the Gratiot Community air show was this past weekend and thanked all involved with the event.

Motion by Vice-Mayor Moes seconded by Commissioner Ayers to approve the minutes of the August 14, 2007 regular meeting as submitted.

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

No: None.

Mayor Nyman added that there was an additional item added to the Agenda, item # G-2.

Motion by Commissioner Mapes seconded by Commissioner Comer to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda for payment: \$2,396.94 to Woodlands Library Cooperative for annual membership fees for the Alma Public Library; \$4,680 to Cititech Systems, Inc. for annual maintenance agreement.

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

No: None.

Motion by Commissioner Ayers seconded by Commissioner Mapes to approve the request for payment in the amount of \$2,294.33 to Michigan Department of Environmental Quality for annual Drinking Water Laboratory Certification Fee.

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

No: None.

Motion by Commissioner Legene seconded by Vice-Mayor Moes to approve the request to purchase in the amount of \$2,250 from D & E Excavating 500 cubic yards of class II sand for use by the Municipal Garage Services Division.

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

No: None.

Motion by Commissioner Mapes seconded by Commissioner Comer to approve the request to purchase in the amount of \$2,840 from Isabella Corporation 400 tons of 22A gravel for use by the Municipal Garage Services Division.

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

No: None.

Motion by Vice-Mayor Moes seconded by Commissioner Ayers to approve the request to purchase in the amount of \$3,261.25 from Carrier & Gable, Inc. 125 various size sign posts for use by the Municipal Garage Services Division.

Commissioner Legene questioned whether the price included delivery or not. Public Services Director Ron Turner advised that staff picks up the posts from the warehouse in Farmington Hills.

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

No: None.

Motion by Commissioner Comer seconded by Commissioner Ayers to approve the request to purchase in the amount of \$2,385 from St. Regis Culvert, Inc. for 30 snow blades for use by the Municipal Garage Services Division.

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

No: None.

The following preamble and resolution was offered by Commissioner Mapes seconded by Commissioner Comer:

Whereas, the Commission of the City of Alma wishes to authorize the acceptance of financial transaction devices as a method of payment: and

Whereas, PA 280 of 1995 requires a resolution authorizing the acceptance of payments by financial transaction device for tax, assessment, or fee.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Commission of the City of Alma authorizes the acceptance of financial transaction device payments as determined by the City Treasurer and City Manager and approved by the City Commission.

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

No: None.

Resolution Declared Adopted.

City Manager Moore advised that the state of Michigan requires a resolution authorizing the City to accept payments over the internet and by credit card.

Motion by Commissioner Ayers seconded by Commissioner Mapes to authorize City Manager Moore to make a determination on which method to use, Quiet Title or Title Certification, in order to proceed with the sale of property at the Wright Ave. and Warwick Drive.

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

No: None.

Motion by Commissioner Mapes seconded by Commissioner Comer to adopt an introductory resolution for Ordinance No. 704 to amend Section 2-168 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Alma with regards to the Payment of Benefits under the Police & Fire Benefit Fund Ordinance.

Tadd Godfrey, Vice-Chair of the Police and Fire Benefit Fund Board addressed the City Commission regarding the proposed ordinance. The fund was established to provide a lump sum payment in case of emergency. The fund balance has grown and Chairman Jim Wager suggested that the scope of the ordinance be expanded to provide further assistance to family members by allowing funds to be used to provide further education funds for the dependents or spouse of in case of a claim. The ordinance sets the guidelines for the amount to be established.

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

No: None.

Item I-1, a Change Order for Rivertown Contracting, was tabled from the Commission meeting of August 14, 2007 remains on the table.

Motion by Commissioner Mapes seconded by Commissioner Legene to adopt a resolution authorizing the execution of a Section 5311 Operating Assistance Contract with the Michigan Department of Transportation (#2007-0158 Z1/R1) to provide annual federal operational funding to the City of Alma DART system and to authorize Mayor Nyman and City Clerk Gager to execute the agreement on behalf of the City of Alma.

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

No: None.

Commissioner Comer seconded by Commissioner Ayers Motion by to adopt a resolution authorizing the City of Alma to enter into an "E-Payment Services Agreement" with Point and Pay, Inc. to allow patrons the ability to make electronic payments.

City Manager Moore advised that people who use this service will be responsible for any fees incurred by using the service.

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

No: None.

Motion by Commissioner Ayers seconded by Commissioner Legene to receive the following reports and place them on file: Alma Housing Commission meeting minutes of July 31, 2007; July interim Financial Statements; Gratiot County Board of Commissioner meeting minutes of August 21, 2007.

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

No: None.

Motion by Commissioner Mapes seconded by Commissioner Comer to adopt a resolution appointing Marcia Zimmerman as Employer Delegate and Tom McClintic as Employee Delegate, to the annual meeting of the Michigan Municipal Employees Retirement System, to be held on September 18 - 20, 2007 in Kalamazoo, MI.

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

No: None.

Motion by Commissioner Legene seconded by Vice-Mayor Moes to adopt a resolution ratifying the investment of the following City funds on 8/16/2007:

<u>Investment Date</u>	<u>Maturity Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Days</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Interest \$</u>	<u>Bank</u>	<u>Type</u>
8/16/07	3/26/08	\$200,000.00	223	5.17%	\$6,317.32	Wolverine	CD
8/16/07	4/02/08	\$200,000.00	230	5.30%	\$6,772.22	Citizens Bank	CD
8/16/07	7/23/08	\$200,000.00	342	5.15%	\$9,785.00	Citizens Bank	CD
8/16/07	8/06/08	\$200,000.00	356	5.15%	\$10,185.56	Citizens Bank	CD

Motion by Commissioner Comer seconded by Commissioner Mapes to approve Warrant No. 08-04 and to authorize the City Treasurer to issue checks in payment of all claims.

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

No: None.

The Commissioners commented on the press conference held on the Great Lakes Energy Park, expressing hope that the project becomes a reality very soon. Also, Commissioner commented on the air show held last weekend and thanked all who organized and supported the successful event.

City Clerk Gager advised that due to recently enacted legislation, all voters will be required to show a picture I.D. (drivers license, student I.D.) when voting in upcoming elections.

Motion by Vice-Mayor Moes seconded by Commissioner Legene executive session at 6:20 p.m.

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

No: None.

Motion by Vice-Mayor Moes, seconded by Commissioner Ayers to adjourn the executive session at 6:53 p.m. to discuss property matters.

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

No: None.

Motion by Vice-Mayor Moes, seconded by Commissioner Legene to adjourn the regular meeting at 6:53 p.m.

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

No: None.

Melvin A. Nyman, Mayor

Barbara A. Gager, City Clerk