

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, Moes, & Nyman.

**Absent:** Mapes.

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

Mayor Nyman advised that there is an additional Agenda Item, D-6 for Rowe, Inc. in the amount of \$1,650.

Motion by Vice-Mayor Moes seconded by Commissioner Dancer to approve the minutes of the September 11, 2007 regular meeting as submitted.

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

**No:** None.

Motion by Commissioner Legene seconded by Commissioner Comer to receive a petition from Timothy A. Lambrecht, Olive Ridge Development, LLC requesting the City vacate a fifteen foot wide alley running 400 feet north of Chatterton Street of the Fairview Subdivision, Block 6, City of Alma.

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

**No:** None.

Motion by Commissioner Ayers seconded by Vice-Mayor Moes to receive a letter from Mr. Bob Handley, resigning his position on the Alma Housing commission Board due to retirement, effective 10/31/2007.

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

**No:** None.

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

**Be It Resolved**, that in accordance with Section 14.2 of the City Charter, and the Laws of the State of Michigan, the City Commission deems it advisable for the welfare and safety of the people of the City of Alma to vacate, discontinue and abolish the public street/alley in said City known and described as follows:

**Fifteen foot wide alley running 400 feet north of Chatterton Street of Fairview Subdivision, Block 6, City of Alma.**

reserving however, easements over, under and across the said parcel for public utility purposes with full right and authority to use said parcel and to enter thereon at all times for the purpose of construction, repairing, removing, replacing, improving, enlarging and maintaining such public utilities.

**Be It Further Resolved**, that October 23, 2007 at 6:05 p.m. at the Commission Chambers in the City Hall of the City of Alma be the time and place when the Commission shall meet to consider any objections to the said vacation proceedings.

**Be It Further Resolved**, that a copy of this resolution, together with a notice of said meeting, shall be published in a newspaper published in the City of Alma, once each week for four (4) weeks prior to October 23, 2007.

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

**No:** None.

**Resolution Declared Adopted.**

Motion by Commissioner Comer seconded by Commissioner Dancer to receive the following items on the Consent Agenda for payment: \$2,362.30 to Smith Bovill, P.C. for legal services rendered in conjunction with the Arcada Township 425 agreement; \$14,024 to North American Salt Company for 400 ton of bulk rock salt; \$2,880 to Captaris for the annual maintenance contract for the Alchemy document imaging system; \$13,050 to Michigan Department of Transportation for the local sponsor payment for the rehabilitation of runway 9/27 and taxiway at Gratiot Community Airport ; \$11,294 to Michigan Department of Transportation for the project final settlement for the construction of the taxiway extension and drainage improvements; \$1,650 to Rowe, Inc. for bi-annual bridge inspections.

City Manager Moore advised that the City currently examine bridges bi-annually but the Bridge Ave. Bridge has been having problems and staff recommends annual inspections of this bridge. It may be necessary to place load limits on the bridge at some point. Staff also wants inspections of the pedestrian bridges. This is not required but staff has noticed that on one bridge, two bolts have snapped and the City wants to maintain the integrity of the bridges. The contractor and designers of the bridges have been contacted.

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

**No:** None.

Vice-Mayor Moes seconded by Commissioner Legene to adopt 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.

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

**No:** None.

Motion by Vice-Mayor Moes seconded by Commissioner Ayers to remove Agenda item Change Order B between the City of Alma and Rivertown Contracting in the amount of \$10,505.41 from table.

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

**No:** None.

Motion by Vice-Mayor Moes seconded by Commissioner Ayers to adopt a resolution approving Change Order B between the City of Alma and Rivertown Contracting in the amount of \$10,505.41 to cover additional costs associated with the Phase IV Riverwalk Project.

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

**No:** None.

Motion by Commissioner Ayers seconded by Commissioner Dancer to adopt a resolution approving Change Order C between the City of Alma and Rivertown Contracting in the amount of \$3,139.10 to cover additional costs associated with the Phase IV Riverwalk Project.

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

**No:** None.

Motion by Commissioner Comer seconded by Commissioner Ayers to adopt a resolution authorizing an amendment to MSHDA Grant # MSC-2004-0767-HO.

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

**No:** None.

Motion by Vice-Mayor Moes seconded by Commissioner Legene to receive the following reports and place them on file: Alma Downtown Development Authority meeting minutes of July 12, 2007; August Interim Financial Statements.

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

**No:** None.

Motion by Commissioner Ayers seconded by Commissioner Comer to adopt a resolution ratifying the investment of the following City funds on 9/14/2007 & 9/19/2007:

<u>Investment</u>	<u>Maturity</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Days</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Interest \$</u>	<u>Bank</u>	<u>Type</u>
9/14/2007	8/13/2008	\$200,000	334	5.30%	\$9,699.73	National City	CD
9/14/2007	8/20/2008	\$200,000	341	5.30%	\$10,040.56	National City	CD
9/14/2007	8/27/2008	\$200,000	348	5.30%	\$10,246.67	National City	CD
9/14/2007	9/03/2008	\$200,000	355	5.30%	\$10,452.78	National City	CD
9/14/2007	9/10/2008	\$200,000	362	5.30%	\$10,658.89	National City	CD
9/19/2007	4/16/2008	\$200,000	210	5.35%	\$6,156.16	National City	CD
9/19/2007	4/30/2008	\$200,000	224	5.35%	\$6,657.78	National City	CD
9/19/2007	5/14/2008	\$200,000	238	5.35%	\$7,073.89	National City	CD
9/19/2007	5/28/2008	\$200,000	252	5.35%	\$7,490.00	National City	CD
9/19/2007	6/11/2008	\$200,000	266	5.35%	\$7,906.00	National City	CD
9/19/2007	9/17/2008	\$200,000	364	5.10%	\$10,313.33	National City	CD

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

**No:** None.

Mr. Craig Schripsema, Rowe Inc. addressed the City Commission and audience on the City of Alma Sanitary Sewer Study.

Motion by Commissioner Ayers seconded by Vice-Mayor Moes to receive the presentation by Mr. Craig Schripsema, Rowe Inc., on the City of Alma Sanitary Sewer Study and place it on file.

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

**No:** None.

Motion by Commissioner Comer seconded by Commissioner Dancer to approve Warrant No. 08-06 and to authorize the City Treasurer to issue checks in payment of all claims.

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

**No:** None.

Commissioner Dancer advised that the Alma Action Association is planning the annual "Come Home to Alma for the Holidays" event on December 14, 2007. They are looking for people who would like to showcase their home for the home tour program. If interested, contact AAA.

Commissioner Legene said it was good to be back and thanked everyone for the good wishes received.

Commissioner Ayers stated he hoped the State would come to an agreement on the budget soon.

Commissioner Comer offered her condolences to the Royer and Reetz families.

Motion by Vice-Mayor Moes seconded by Commissioner Comer to adjourn the meeting at 6:29 p.m.

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

**No:** None.

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Melvin A. Nyman, Mayor

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Barbara A. Gager, City Clerk