

**Alma, Michigan
October 23, 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 Comer to approve the minutes of the October 9, 2007 regular meeting as submitted.

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

No: None.

Motion by Commissioner Mapes seconded by Commissioner Legene to set a public hearing for Tuesday, November 27, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. to consider an Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Certificate request for Terry Asphalt Materials, Inc.

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

No: None.

Motion by Commissioner Ayers seconded by Commissioner Dancer to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda for payment: \$2,235.76 to National City Bank for interest due on Heather Lane right-of-way purchase installment loan.

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

No: None.

Motion by Commissioner Mapes seconded by Commissioner Comer to approve the request to engage Wonsey Tree Service in the amount of \$3,760.16 for stump removal throughout the City of Alma.

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

No: None.

Motion by Commissioner Ayers seconded by Vice-Mayor Moes to adopt a resolution awarding an Alma Downtown Development Authority Façade Grant in the amount of \$1,500 to JLC Inc. for the facade project recently completed at 111 W. Superior St.

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

No: None.

Abstain: Comer

Motion by Vice-Mayor Moes seconded by Commissioner Mapes to change the date of the Tuesday, December 25, 2007 regular meeting to Wednesday, December 26, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. The work session will begin at 5:30 p.m.

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

No: None.

A Public hearing to consider the request 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 was held at 6:05 p.m. Ron Turner, Public Services Director advised the City Commission and audience that the property is located between Pine Ave. and Carnahan and the City has no objections to the vacation. Mr. Lambrecht added that the adjoining property owners have signed the vacation petition, with the exception of one, who was notified but unavailable for comment.

Motion by Commissioner Mapes seconded by Commissioner Comer to close the public hearing at 6:09 p.m.

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

No: None.

The following preamble and resolution was offered by Vice-Mayor Moes seconded by Commissioner Comer:

Whereas, in accordance with Section 14.2 of the Charter of the City of Alma, the City Commission on October 23, 2007, by resolution deemed it advisable to vacate, discontinue and abolish a portion of a public street in the City of Alma hereinafter described, and

Whereas, 6:05 p.m. was the time set by said resolution when the Commission would meet and hear objections to said proposed vacation, discontinuance and abolishment, and

Whereas, notice of such meeting, together with a copy of said resolution, was published in the Morning Sun, a newspaper printed and circulated within the City of Alma, once in each week for four (4) weeks prior to

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that this day having been the day set for the hearing of objections on the proposed vacation of a public alley in the City of Alma known and described as follows:

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

and no objections thereto having been heard, it is ordered that said above described portion of public alley be and the same is hereby vacated, discontinued and abolished 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 constructing, repairing, removing, replacing, improving, enlarging and maintaining such public utilities.

Be It Further Resolved, that such portion of public alley is absolutely abandoned and discontinued upon the condition that the title to all gas, electric and communication poles, wires, pipes, conduits, cables, appurtenances and facilities now in, under or over said road is reserved to and shall remain in the respective owners thereof, together with the easement and continued right to occupy said road within the right-of-way thereof for public utility purposes with present and additional facilities and to operate, maintain, repair, replace or remove the same to the same effect and in the same manner as if said road had remained a public way.

Be It Further Resolved, that the City Clerk, within thirty (30) days after the adoption of this resolution shall forward to the Auditor General and record with the Register of Deeds of the County of Gratiot a certified copy of this resolution together with her certificate giving the name or names of any plat, subdivision or addition affected,

Be It Further Resolved, that the properties benefited paid the entire cost of the vacation proceedings.

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

No: None.

Resolution Declared Adopted.

Motion by Commissioner Ayers seconded by Commissioner Mapes to adopt an introductory resolution for Ordinance No. 705 to amend the zoning map of the City of Alma as it appears in Section 60-52 of the Ordinances of the City of Alma.

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

No: None.

Motion by Commissioner Legene seconded by Commissioner Comer to receive the following reports and place them on file: Gratiot County Board of Commissioner Finance Committee proposed minutes of 10/9/07; Greater Gratiot Development Board of Directors monthly report; Gratiot County Board of Commissioners proposed meeting minutes of 10/16/07; September Financial Statements.

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

No: None.

Paul Borle, Finance Director gave a brief overview of the first quarter financial statements. The City has a healthy fund balance; expenditures are in line; revenues should maintain at the current level, as long as the State maintains revenue sharing. Tax payments and collection should be on budget. The General Fund and other funds are well within the range of first quarter budget.

Motion by Commissioner Legene seconded by Commissioner Dancer to receive the presentation by on the first quarter financial statement by Paul Borle, Finance Director.

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

No: None.

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

Commissioner Legene reminded everyone to vote in the November 6, 2007 election.

Vice-Mayor Moes offered his congratulations to the Alma High School football team on an undefeated season so far this year. Good luck in tournament play.

Commissioner Comer announced that there will be a Halloween Family Fun Night on 10/30 at Alma Public Library from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. and a “Business after Hours” on 11/1 at the Community Center band shell pavilion from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

City Clerk Gager reminded everyone to bring their picture ID to the polls on Tuesday, November 6, 2007. This is a new requirement from the State of Michigan and will be strictly enforced.

Motion by Vice-Mayor Moes seconded by Commissioner Comer to adjourn the meeting at 6:23 p.m.

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

No: None.

Melvin A. Nyman, Mayor

Barbara A. Gager, City Clerk