

Mayor Nyman called a regular meeting of the Alma City Commission to order at 6:10 p.m. at the Alma Municipal Building.

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

**Absent:** Moes.

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

Mayor Nyman, who was wearing a Marine City Mariners sweatshirt, explained to the audience and City Commission that he was wearing the sweatshirt because he lost a bet to the Marine City Mayor. Alma High School and Marine City recently played a regional championship football game, which Marine City won. Mayor Nyman offered his congratulations to Marine City and the AHS Panthers on their great football season.

Motion by Commissioner Comer seconded by Commissioner Mapes to approve the minutes of the October 23, 2007 regular meeting as submitted.

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

**No:** None.

Motion by Commissioner Ayers seconded by Commissioner Dancer to receive the communication from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) announcing that the City's FY 2007 budget document qualifies for a Distinguished Budget Presentation Award.

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

**No:** None.

Motion by Commissioner Mapes seconded by Commissioner Legene to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda for payment: employee holiday meat, fish or poultry gift certificates in the estimated amount of \$3,400; \$2,000 to Environmental Systems Research Institute, Inc. for one ArcGIS Publisher Single Use Unkeyed License for the upgrade of the City's GIS; \$2,491.51 to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality for the Community Public Water Supply annual fee; \$1,943.50 to Fortino, Plaxton, Moskal & Costanzo for legal services rendered; \$66,611.25 to USbank for interest payment for the Alma Public Library General Obligation Bonds.

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

**No:** None.

Motion by Commissioner Ayers seconded by Commissioner Comer to approve the request for purchase in the amount of \$1,990 to Delta Electrical Contractors to perform infrared imaging, ultrasonic measurement and oil analysis on three primary transformers and to lighting transformers located at the Water Treatment Plant.

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

**No:** None.

Motion by Commissioner Ayers seconded by Commissioner Dancer to approve the request for payment in the amount of \$1,500 to Railamerica, Inc. for contractor right-of-way entry fee for the construction of Phase IV of the riverwalk railroad crossing.

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

**No:** None.

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

**Whereas**, the City Commission of the City of Alma has previously abandoned and vacated that portion of the alley from Hillcrest Street to Elizabeth Street located as follows:

The section of vacated alley commencing at the NE corner of lot 9 of the Hillcrest addition; thence east along the south line of Elizabeth Street 16 feet, thence south 110.65 feet parallel with the east property line of lot 9; thence west, 16 feet; then north 110.65 feet to the point of beginning.

**Whereas**, the City of Alma had reserved an easement for the installation, repair, maintenance, and operation of public utilities, including but not limited to, sanitary sewer, storm sewer and water main, and

**Whereas**, the City of Alma no longer has need of such easement,

**Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved**, the easement previously reserved by the City of Alma for the purpose of installing, repairing, maintaining and replacing public utilities, including sanitary sewer, storm sewer, and water main over and across the vacated portion of Cedar Avenue, as described above, be and hereby is vacated and abandoned.

**Be It Further Resolved**, that a copy of this Resolution certified by the Clerk, be recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds at the County of Gratiot.

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

**No:** None.

**Absent:** Moes.

**Resolution Declared Adopted.**

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

**No:** None.

Motion by Commissioner Legene seconded by Commissioner Dancer to adopt a resolution authorizing the Alma Little League to rehab the Euclid Ballfields restrooms at a total cost of \$1,808.87 to be paid by the Alma Little League Association.

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

**No:** None.

The City Commission expressed their appreciation to the Alma Little League program for undertaking the rehab of the restroom facilities at the Euclid Ballfields.

Motion by Commissioner Mapes seconded by Commissioner Comer to adopt a final 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.

City Manager Moore explained that the property is in the process of environmental clean up and with this resolution; the property will be properly zoned for future development.

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

**No:** None.

Motion by Commissioner Ayers seconded by Commissioner Comer to adopt a resolution authorizing Change Order #1 between the City of Alma and Earl Davidson Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$2,868.66 for additional work performed in conjunction with the 2007 Sidewalk Replacement Program.

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

**No:** None.

Motion by Commissioner Mapes seconded by Commissioner Ayers to adopt a resolution authorizing a one-year agreement with ASMI in the amount of \$1,360 per month for maintenance of various navigational equipment located at the Gratiot Community Airport and to authorize Mayor Nyman, Chair of the Gratiot Community Airport Commission to execute the agreement on behalf of the GCAC.

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

**No:** None.

Motion by Commissioner Legene seconded by Commissioner Dancer to adopt a resolution authorizing Amendment 2 for engineering services from RW Armstrong for the grooving of runway 9-27, centerline monuments and taxiway guidance sign relocation at Gratiot Community Airport in the amount of \$4,935.

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

**No:** None.

Motion by Commissioner Mapes seconded by Commissioner Dancer to adopt a resolution authorizing an Occupancy License Agreement for the Phase IV Riverwalk Crossing south of the library with Mid-Michigan/Rail America Railroad in the yearly amount of \$500 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, & Nyman.  
**No:** None.

Motion by Commissioner Ayers seconded by Commissioner Mapes to adopt a resolution approving a revised Ice Rink Operation and Maintenance Contract between the City of Alma and Alma College.

**Yes:** Ayers, Comer, Dancer, Legene, Mapes, & Nyman.  
**No:** None.

Motion by Commissioner Legene seconded by Commissioner Comer to receive the following reports and place them on file: Alma Police Department monthly reports; Alma Fire District monthly report; Alma Planning Commission meeting minutes of 10/2/2007; DART & Depot monthly reports; Gratiot County Board of Commissioner proposed meeting minutes of 11/6/2007; Mid-Michigan Area Cable Consortium 2007 Annual Report; Greater Gratiot Development Inc. monthly Employment Report for November 2007.

**Yes:** Ayers, Comer, Dancer, Legene, Mapes, & Nyman.  
**No:** None.

Motion by Commissioner Ayers seconded by Commissioner Dancer to adopt a resolution ratifying the investment of the following City funds on 10/25/2007 and 11/07/2007:

<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>
10/25/2007	04/09/2008	\$200,000	167	4.73%	\$4,328.27	Comerica	CD
10/25/2007	04/23/2008	\$200,000	181	4.73%	\$4,756.28	Comerica	CD
10/25/2007	05/07/2008	\$200,000	195	4.65%	\$5,037.50	Comerica	CD
11/07/2007	05/21/2008	\$200,000	196	4.89%	\$5,248.50	Isabella Bank & Trust	CD
11/07/2007	06/04/2008	\$200,000	210	4.89%	\$5,623.40	Isabella Bank & Trust	CD
11/07/2007	07/02/2008	\$200,000	238	4.89%	\$6,373.18	Isabella Bank & Trust	CD
11/07/2007	07/16/2008	\$200,000	252	4.89%	\$6,748.08	Isabella Bank & Trust	CD
11/07/2007	09/24/2008	\$200,000	322	4.60%	\$8,228.89	Comerica	CD
11/07/2007	10/01/2008	\$200,000	329	4.60%	\$8,407.78	Comerica	CD
11/07/2007	10/08/2008	\$200,000	336	4.60%	\$8,586.67	Comerica	CD
11/07/2007	10/15/2008	\$200,000	343	4.60%	\$8,765.56	Comerica	CD
11/07/2007	10/22/2008	\$200,000	350	4.70%	\$9,006.03	Isabella Bank & Trust	CD

**Yes:** Ayers, Comer, Dancer, Legene, Mapes, & Nyman.  
**No:** None.

At this time, City Clerk Gager administered to oath of office to newly elections Commissioners Lisa Comer, Greg Mapes, Larry Mott and Mel Nyman.

Motion by Commissioner Ayers seconded by Commissioner Comer to approve Warrant No. 08-09 and to authorize the City Treasurer to issue checks in payment of all claims.

**Yes:** Ayers, Comer, Dancer, Legene, Mapes, & Nyman.  
**No:** None.

Commissioner Dancer reminded everyone of the upcoming Come Home to Alma celebration on December 14, 2007 from 5:00 – 9:00 p.m. in downtown Alma.

Commissioner Legene welcomed Larry Mott to City Commission and thanked the Alma Little League for their community support.

Commissioner Ayers also welcomed Mr. Mott to the City Commission and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Commissioner Mapes thanked the Alma Little League, congratulated Mr. Mott and the AHS football team. He also remarked about all the accomplishments of the youth in the Alma area.

Commissioner Comer welcomed Mr. Mott. She thanked the Alma Little League, the Alma voters and wished all the area sports team good luck.

City Clerk Gager also welcomed Mr. Mott.

City Attorney Costanzo commented on what an amazing fall season the Alma Panthers were experiencing. He thanked all the volunteers and people involved in the Alma sports community.

City Manager Moore advised that Rowe Engineering recently inspected the footbridges within the City. Rowe has concluded that the bridges are safe and suggested a solution to the fix the problem with the broken bolts. Mr. Moore also discussed next year's Commission meeting schedule. The Community Calendar is close to going to press, and while he realizes that the Commission will set the meeting time at their organizational meeting on January 2, 2008, he was looking for an indication if the current meeting time would be continued. The Commission agreed that the present time schedule would be good for the upcoming two years.

Mayor Nyman commented that there are a lot of positive activities going on in community which will have a positive impact on the community in the future.

Motion by Commissioner Ayers seconded by Commissioner Comer to adjourn the meeting at 6:33.

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

**No:** None.

Melvin A. Nyman, Mayor

Barbara A. Gager, City Clerk