

**Alma, Michigan
January 8, 2008**

Vice-Mayor Mapes 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, & Mott.

Absent: Nyman.

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

Motion by Commissioner Legene seconded by Commissioner Comer to approve the minutes of the December 26, 2007 regular meeting and January 2, 2008 organizational meeting as submitted.

Yes: Ayers, Comer, Dancer, Legene, Mapes, & Mott.

No: None.

Motion by Commissioner Ayers seconded by Commissioner Dancer to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda for payment: \$1,873.12 to Michigan Department of Environmental Quality for the annual biosolids land application fee for the Wastewater Treatment Plant; \$1,500 to William Allen for student stipend for internship with the City of Alma from 9/17/07 – 12/15/07; \$5,610 to Brown Printing Service for the printing of the 2008 Community Calendars; \$8,873.25 to Greater Gratiot Development, Inc. for second quarter economic development services.

Yes: Ayers, Comer, Dancer, Legene, Mapes, & Mott.

No: None.

Motion by Commissioner Comer seconded by Commissioner Ayers to receive the bids for the purchase of two Ferris True Zero-turn mower/tractors for use by the Buildings & Grounds Division and to award the bid to Gratiot Outdoor Equipment, Breckenridge in the amount of \$29,000.00 and to reject the bids from Kubota Central, Clare and Bader & Sons, St. Louis for failure to meet bid specifications.

Yes: Ayers, Comer, Dancer, Legene, Mapes, & Mott.

No: None.

Motion by Commissioner Legene seconded by Commissioner Dancer to adopt a resolution authorizing the following street closures in conjunction with 2008 Special Community Events:

Event	Date	Time	State Highway Closure	City Street Closure
Alma Highland Festival 5K Run	Saturday 05/24/08	8:15 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.	Superior-Pine to Wright	Center-Woodworth to Pine See attached map
Highland Festival Parade	Saturday 05/24/08	9:00 a.m. – 1:00 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 Street	Saturday 09/06/08	8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Superior-Pine to Park	Gratiot at Superior Woodworth at Superior
Alma College Homecoming Parade	Saturday 09/27/08	9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Wright-Downie to Superior Superior-Pine to Wright	Superior-Presbyterian Church

Event	Date	Time	State Highway Closure	City Street Closure
Alma H.S. Homecoming Parade	Friday 10/03/08	4:45 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Superior-Pine to Prospect	Pine-Superior to High School Downie-Park to Prospect Prospect-Wright Pk to Superior
Downtown Christmas Celebration	Friday 12/12/08	5:15 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Superior to Park	Woodworth-Center to Downie

Yes: Ayers, Comer, Dancer, Legene, Mapes, & Mott.

No: None.

Motion by Commissioner Ayers seconded by Commissioner Legene 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, 2008 through November 30, 2008.
- Tartan Day banner across Superior Street between Gratiot and Woodworth from March 31, 2008 to April 12, 2008.
- Alma Highland Festival banner across Superior Street between Gratiot and Woodworth Avenues from April 30, 2008 through May 31, 2008.
- Alma Highland Festival Road Race banner across Superior at the corner of Philadelphia from May 16, 2008 through May 27, 2008.*
- Gratiot County Fair for Youth banner across Pine Avenue between Superior and Center Streets from June 23, 2008 through July 21, 2008.*
- Lucky MacDuck banner across Superior Street between Gratiot and Woodworth Avenues from August 4, 2008 through September 8, 2008.
- Alma Founders Day banner across Pine Avenue between Superior and Center Streets from August 4, 2008 through September 8, 2008.*
- Downtown holiday banner across Superior Street between Gratiot and Woodworth Avenues from November 10, 2008 to January 2, 2009.

* Does not require MDOT Approval.

Yes: Ayers, Comer, Dancer, Legene, Mapes, & Mott.

No: None.

Motion by Commissioner Ayers seconded by Commissioner Dancer to adopt a resolution approving MDOT Contract No. 07-5725 between the City of Alma and the Michigan Department of Transportation authorizing the installation of decorative street lighting along US-127BR (Superior Street), between Park and Pine avenues and to authorize Vice-Mayor Mapes and City Clerk Gager to execute the agreement on behalf of the City of Alma.

Yes: Ayers, Comer, Dancer, Legene, Mapes, & Mott.

No: None.

Motion by Commissioner Legene seconded by Commissioner Dancer to receive the following reports and place them on file: Alma DART & Depot December reports; Alma Housing Commission Board meeting minutes of 11/27/2007; Investment Quarterly Report.

Yes: Ayers, Comer, Dancer, Legene, Mapes, & Mott.

No: None.

Motion by Commissioner Ayers seconded by Commissioner Comer to adopt a resolution ratifying the investment of the following City funds on 12/27/2008:

<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>
12/27/2007	12/27/2008	\$200,000	366	4.50%	\$9,024.66	Wolverine Bank	CD

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

No: None.

Motion by Commissioner Comer seconded by Commissioner Dancer to approve Warrant No. 08-13 and to authorize the City Treasurer to issue checks in payment of all claims.

Yes: Ayers, Comer, Dancer, Legene, Mapes, & Mott.

No: None.

Commissioner Legene and Commissioner Ayers welcomed Commissioner Mott to City Commission and congratulated Mr. Mapes on being appointed Vice-Mayor.

Motion by Commissioner Mott seconded by Commissioner Comer to adjourn the meeting at 6:16 p.m.

Yes: Ayers, Comer, Dancer, Legene, Mapes, & Mott.

No: None.

Gregory S. Mapes, Vice-Mayor

Barbara A. Gager, City Clerk