

Alma, Michigan
February 12, 2008

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, Mott, & Nyman.

Absent: None.

Joe Teeter Alma Boy Scout Troop 610 led the audience and City Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Motion by Commissioner Ayers seconded by Commissioner Comer to approve the minutes of January 22, 2008 regular meeting and January 9, 2008 Budget Goal Setting Session as submitted.

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

No: None.

Motion by Commissioner Mott seconded by Vice-Mayor Mapes to receive and approve the request from Chuck Hendrix, Youth & Family Minister, East Superior Christian Church requesting permission to block off Euclid Street just south of 412 Euclid to the corner of the main intersection for 3 hours on March 15, 2008 and 6 hours on May 3, 2008 for church children's activities.

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

No: None.

Motion by Vice-Mayor Mapes seconded by Commissioner Dancer to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda for payment: \$14,588.00 to North American Salt Company for 400 tons of bulk rock salt for use by the Municipal Garage Services Division; \$1,590 to St. Regis Culvert, Inc. for 20 SBC vallite snow plow blades for use by the Municipal Garage Services Division.

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

No: None.

Motion by Commissioner Ayers seconded by Commissioner Dancer to approve the request to ratify the emergency purchase and installation of one combustion unit heater in the amount of \$2,898 from Moline Heating for the Public Services Garage.

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

No: None.

Motion by Vice-Mayor Mapes seconded by Commissioner Comer to receive the bids for the purchase of one headworks screening device for use at the Wastewater Treatment Plant and to award the bid to the low bidder of D.N. West Enterprises, Flint for the bid amount of \$179,900.00.

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

No: None.

Chelsey Foster, Greater Gratiot Development, Inc. addressed the City Commission regarding the proposed 129/131 W. Superior St. Brownfield Redevelopment Plan. The plan calls for a new building at the location, which would house Mock Wireless, LLC. The soil at the location was found to be unstable (contained old oil and other contaminants) and so the brownfield redevelopment plan was requested. The building has been demolished and a new building has been constructed. Total investment for the project is \$274,500. The plan would hold the taxable value of the building at what the current level is for approximately 12 years.

The following preamble and resolution was offered by Commissioner Legene seconded by Commissioner Mott:

Whereas, the Gratiot County Board of Commissioners, pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of the Brownfield Redevelopment Financing Act, being Act 381 of the Public Acts of the State of Michigan of 1996, as amended (the “Act”), have established a Brownfield Redevelopment Authority and Board (BRA) to facilitate the clean up and redevelopment of Brownfields within Gratiot County’s communities; and

Whereas, the property located at 129/131 West Superior Street in the City of Alma (“the Property”) has been a long-standing eyesore, a “facility’ under state statute, and an under-producing parcel for many years; and

Whereas, a Brownfield clean up and redevelopment plan (the “Plan”) has been prepared to restore the environmental and economic viability of the Property which the BRA has reviewed and modified; and

Whereas, the BRA, pursuant to and in accordance with Section 13 of the Act, has recommended that the Gratiot County Board of Commissioners approve the Brownfield Plan to be carried out within the City of Alma, relating to the redevelopment of the Property; and

Whereas, the members of the City Commission have reviewed the Plan, and have been provided a reasonable opportunity to express their views and recommendations regarding the Plan in accordance with Sections 13(13) of the Act.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the City Commission of the City of Alma hereby concurs with the provisions of the Plan including approval of the Plan by the Gratiot County Board of Commissioners and implementation of the Plan by the BRA.

Be It Further Resolved that should any section, clause or phrase of this Resolution be declared by the courts to be invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of this Resolution as a whole nor any part thereof other than the part so declared to be invalid.

Be It Further Resolved that all resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict with any of the provisions of this Resolution are hereby repealed.

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

No: None.

Resolution Declared Adopted.

Motion by Vice-Mayor Mapes seconded by Commissioner Comer to adopt a resolution approving the Interlocal Agreement Establishing Gratiot Area Solid Waste Authority and Bylaws between the City of Alma and the City of St. Louis 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, Mott, & Nyman.

No: None.

Motion by Commissioner Ayers seconded by Commissioner Dancer to receive the following reports and place them on file: Alma Police Department January reports; Alma Fire District January report; Alma DART & Depot January reports; Alma Zoning Board of Appeals meeting minutes of 8/27 & 10/22/2008; Gratiot Community Airport Commission meeting minutes of 1/24/2008; January Investment Report; Gratiot County Board of Commissioners meeting minutes of 1/22 & 2/5/2008; City Clerk Voter Registration & Election Annual Report; Alma Planning Commission meeting minutes or 12/04/2007; Alma Public Library Board meeting minutes of 11/14/2007; Friends of Alma Public Library meeting minutes of 11/14/2007, 12/12/2007 & 1/9/2008.

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

No: None.

Motion by Vice-Mayor Mapes seconded by Commissioner Dancer to adopt a resolution approving the appointment of the Board of Review members: Richard Barry, Delbert Hahn, Timothy Wysong and alternate: Tadd Godfrey.

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

No: None.

Motion by Vice-Mayor Mapes seconded by Commissioner Legene to adopt a resolution appointing Phillip J. Moore to the Gratiot Area Waste Authority as the City of Alma representative.

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

No: None.

Motion by Commissioner Ayers seconded by Commissioner Comer to adopt a resolution ratifying the investment of the following City funds on 1/24/2008:

<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>
1/24/2008	1/24/2009	\$300,000	366	3.25%	\$9,776.71	Wolverine	CD
1/24/2008	1/19/2009	\$200,000	361	3.60%	\$7,121.10	Commercial	CD

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

No: None.

Motion by Commissioner Ayers seconded by Commissioner Dancer to receive the presentation on the Alma Downtown Development Authority by Mr. Aeric Ripley, Alma Downtown Development Authority Director.

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

No: None.

Motion by Vice-Mayor Mapes seconded by Commissioner Legene to receive the presentation on the City of Alma Snow Plan by Ron Turner, Public Services Director.

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

No: None.

Motion by Commissioner Ayers seconded by Commissioner Comer to approve Warrant No. 08-15 and to authorize the City Treasurer to issue checks in payment of all claims.

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

No: None.

Commissioner Mott offered his condolences to family of Bud Jones, who was an Alma firefighter for over 30 years.

Commissioner Legene thanked staff for their reports.

Commissioner Dancer thanked city crews for the great job they have done over the past week with snow removal.

Commissioner Ayers also commented on the fantastic job of snow removal and thanked city crews.

Vice-Mayor Mapes echoed his fellow Commissioners' comments.

Commissioner Comer thanked staff for their reports.

Mayor Nyman thanked Mike Groves, Municipal Garage Services Superintendent and his crews for the job well done.

Jack Collins, Michigan Ave. expressed his concerns with snow removal on Michigan Ave. sidewalks. He said it is very difficult to keep the sidewalks clear during the recent storms and many people have been forced to walk in the roadway. He asked if the City would consider adding Michigan Ave., from Bridge to Republic or Pennsylvania to their sidewalk snow removal program.

Mayor Nyman sympathized with Mr. Collins. With snow plows clearing the roadway, many times that snow is thrown back onto sidewalks, making it very difficult to clear. However, sidewalk clearing is the responsibility of the adjacent property owner, and while the City would like to be able to accommodate property owners, it is not possible to do. The City does not have the funds or manpower to do sidewalks, other than what is in the Central Business District.

Damian Maynard of Idaho addressed the City Commission and audience. He stated that he is on a mission to walk a mile across the United States for every soldier that has been killed in Iraq. He wanted to thank the citizens of Alma for their kindness and hospitality.

Motion by Commissioner Ayers seconded by Commissioner Comer to adjourn the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

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

No: None.

Melvin A. Nyman, Mayor

Barbara A. Gager, City Clerk