

Alma, Michigan
March 25, 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.

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 there is one addition to the Agenda, item I-3, under Agreements.

Motion by Commissioner Comer seconded by Vice-Mayor Mapes to approve the minutes of March 11, 2008 regular meeting as submitted.

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

No: None.

Motion by Commissioner Ayers seconded by Commissioner Comer to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda for payment: \$77,622 to Michigan Municipal League Workers Compensation Fund for the period July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009; \$13,517.58 to IBM Corporation for the AS400 3-year maintenance agreement 3/1/2008-2/28/2011; \$5,302.30 to Infoprint Solutions Co. for IBM printer 3-year maintenance agreement dated 3/1/2008-2/28/2011.

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

No: None.

Motion by Commissioner Legene seconded by Commissioner Dancer to approve the request for payment in the amount of \$1,997.25 to Scotland Oil Co. for fuel for use by the Buildings and Grounds department.

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

No: None.

Motion by Commissioner Ayers seconded by Commissioner Dancer to approve the request to purchase in the amount of \$2,394 from Country Rocks 120 cubic yards of playground mulch for use at the various City playgrounds.

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

No: None.

Motion by Vice-Mayor Mapes seconded by Commissioner Comer to approve the request to purchase in the amount of \$2,004 from Country Rocks 120 cubic yards of hardwood mulch for use at various municipal buildings.

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 digital mailing machine and to award the bid to the low bidder, Maguire Mailing Systems, Lansing in the amount of \$3,908.00.

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

No: None.

Motion by Commissioner Ayers seconded by Vice-Mayor Mapes to receive the bids for the 2008 Utility Improvement program at the intersection of E. Superior and Prospect streets and to award the bid to the low bidder, McGuirk Sand & Gravel, Mt. Pleasant in the amount of \$26,955.00.

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

No: None.

Motion by Commissioner Ayers seconded by Commissioner Comer to adopt the City of Alma Dial-A-Ride Portable Oxygen Tank and Respirator Policy.

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

No: None.

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

Whereas, kite flying is family friendly, nonpolluting, healthy, educational, outdoor oriented and fun, and

Whereas, kite flying and kite fliers, from Benjamin Franklin to Charlie Brown, are a constructive and quintessential part of our own American culture, and

Whereas, kites have made significant contributions to the arts, science, mathematics, cultural awareness and history, and

Whereas, the American Kitefliers Association and the Kite Trade Association International have designated April to be National Kite Month, and are promoting kite festivals and kite workshops across the country, and

Whereas, a free kite building workshop by Ralph Grossbauer and friends will be held at the Book Shoppe in Alma, Saturday, April 19, 2008 at 9:00 a.m.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the City of Alma officially designate April to be Alma Kite Month.

Be It Further Resolved that the City of Alma encourage everyone to participate in the joy and excitement of kite flying and urge all citizens to *Go Fly a Kite!*

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

No: None.

Resolution Declared Adopted.

Motion by Commissioner Ayers seconded by Commissioner Legene to adopt a resolution approving MDOT contract #08-5101 for the construction of Panther Boulevard from Pine Avenue to Begole Road in the amount of \$228,600.

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

No: None.

Motion by Vice-Mayor Mapes seconded by Commissioner Comer to adopt a resolution authorizing the Amendment to Purchase Agreement between the City of Alma and John & Cherie Yost extending the closing date for the purchase of the property located at E. Superior and Republic until May 1, 2008 or before.

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

No: None.

Motion by Commissioner Comer seconded by Commissioner Ayers a resolution approving an easement agreement between the City of Alma and Alma College granting an easement across Alma College property for the rail trail pathway.

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

No: None.

Motion by Commissioner Legene seconded by Commissioner Dancer to receive the following reports and place them on file: Alma Downtown Development Authority meeting minutes of 2/14/2008; Alma Housing Commission meeting minutes of 2/26/2008; February Financial Statements; Gratiot County 9-1-1 Annual Report.

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 3/13/2008:

<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>
3/13/2008	3/13/2009	\$300,000	365	2.50%	\$7,500	Wolverine Bank	CD

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

No: None.

Motion by Vice-Mayor Mapes seconded by Commissioner Ayers to receive the presentation on the City of Alma Buildings and Grounds Division by Mr. Robert Albrecht, Superintendent.

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

No: None.

Motion by Commissioner Ayers seconded by Commissioner Comer to approve Warrant No. 08-18 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, Commissioner Legene thanked Bob Albrecht and his crew for their dedication and hard work.

Commissioner Dancer reminded everyone about the Alma Downtown Development Authority's Spring Fling on April 19, 2008 in downtown Alma. She also offered his condolences to the family of Pam Kleinhans, downtown business owner, who passed away this weekend.

Commissioner Ayers and Vice-Mayor Mapes also thanked Bob Albrecht for his job.

Commissioner Comer complimented Bob and his department for being very innovative and doing a great job. She also offered her condolences to the Kleinhans' family.

Mayor Nyman also thanked Bob and his department and offered his condolences to the Kleinhans' family.

Aeric Ripley, Asst. Manager/DDA Director advised the City Commission and audience that the downtown streetscape project begins on April 1. There will be no traffic impediments and all businesses will be open as usual. Also, the DDA is updating their strategic plan. The Board itself is doing the plan and has schedule morning and evening meetings on 4/16 to receive input on the plan. The public is encouraged to attend. Aeric also offered his condolences to the Kleinhans' family; Pam was a great supporter of the central business district and will be greatly missed.

Motion by Vice-Mayor Mapes seconded by Commissioner Legene to enter Executive Session to discuss pending litigation at 6:33 p.m.

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

No: None.

Motion by Vice-Mayor Mapes seconded by Commissioner Ayers to adjourn the Executive Session at 7:29 p.m.

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

No: None.

Motion by Commissioner Mott seconded by Commissioner Legene to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 p.m.

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

No: None.

Melvin A. Nyman, Mayor

Barbara A. Gager, City Clerk