

**Alma, Michigan  
May 27, 2008**

Mayor Nyman called a regular meeting of the Alma City Commission to order at 6:07 p.m. at the Alma Municipal Building.

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

**Absent:** Ayers.

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 Mapes seconded by Commissioner Comer to approve the minutes of May 13, 2008 regular meeting as submitted.

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

**No:** None.

Motion by Commissioner Legene seconded by Commissioner Dancer to set a Public Hearing for Tuesday, June 24, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. to consider FY 2008 year-end budget adjustments.

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

**No:** None.

Motion by Commissioner Comer seconded by Vice-Mayor Mapes to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda for payment: \$2,300 to Hasselbring Clark for annual copier maintenance for City Hall copy machine; \$3,304 to Gratiot GIS Authority for annual membership fee; \$3,550 to Twin City Landscape, Inc. for noxious weed cutting within the City of Alma; \$2,450.34 to Plastic Graphic Company for 6,000 plastic library borrower cards with barcodes.

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

**No:** None.

Motion by Commissioner Comer seconded by Vice-Mayor Mapes to approve the request for payment in the amount of \$2,758.40 to East Jordan Ironworks for the purchase of eight manhole frames and covers, for installation in the Central Business District.

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

**No:** None.

Motion by Commissioner Legene seconded by Commissioner Dancer to receive the bids for the purchase of a cathodic protection system for six wastewater pumping stations and to award the bid to the low bidder, National Pipeline Svcs., LLC, Ithaca, MI in the amount of \$37,800.

**Yes:** 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 wireless telemetry alarm system for the Wastewater Treatment Plant and to award the project to Kennedy Industries, Inc., Milford, MI, for the bid amount of \$22,488.

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

**No:** None.

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

**Whereas,** the City Manager prepared and submitted his recommendation for the Fiscal 2008-2009 annual budget and capital improvement plan to the Alma City Commission on April 8, 2008; and

**Whereas,** the Alma City Commission reviewed the recommended budget and capital improvement plan in detail during numerous work sessions; and

**Whereas,** the Alma City Commission did give notice of a Public Hearing held May 13, 2008 at 6:05 p.m. at the Alma Municipal Building. In conformity with the provisions of Section 6.3, Article VI of the City Charter, proof of publication is now on file, and which Public Hearing was duly held pursuant to said notice and in conformity therewith.

**Be It Resolved,** the General Fund expenditures for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2009, are hereby appropriated on an activity basis as follows:

Economic Development	\$146,666
Inspection Services	129,454
Downtown Maintenance	75,472
Planning	46,990
Police	1,325,507
Street Lighting	122,336
Parks and recreation	232,056
Cemetery	216,698
Municipal Building	184,064
Forestry	146,205
Contribution to Airport	30,000
Sidewalks	94,290
Public Access	33,690
City Commission	42,749
Elections	29,058
City Clerk	35,063
City Manager	130,100
City Treasurer	62,628
Assessor	159,603
Community Center	0
Debt Service	47,218
Transfers to Other Funds	312,619
Transfers to Component Units	<u>343,044</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>\$3,945,510</u>

**Be It Further Resolved**, General Fund revenues for the 2008-2009 fiscal year are estimated as follows:

Taxes	\$2,177,191
Licenses and Permits	138,725
Intergovernmental	1,195,824
Charges for Services	81,626
Fines and Forfeits	25,200
Interest	89,257
Other Revenues/Fund Balance	229,251
Transfers from other Funds	<u>8,436</u>
Total Revenues	<u>\$3,945,510</u>

**Be It Further Resolved**, the City Commission hereby approves appropriations for the period July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009 for the amounts set forth below:

Major Street	688,028
Local Street	352,874
Fire Board	421,701
Housing Rehabilitation	39,359
2000 G.O. Street Construction Bonds	89,590
2000 Warwick Drive S.A. Bonds	79,050
State Street Plaza	60,166
Alma Transportation Services	573,178
Water Utility Fund	1,265,568
Wastewater Utility Fund	1,096,472
Solid Waste Disposal Fund	577,081
Administrative Services Internal Service	1,030,320
Building and Grounds Internal Service Fund	577,077
Equipment Pool and Central Garage Internal	1,131,993
Library Fund	875,619
Airport Fund	189,735
Downtown Development Authority	45,614
Neighborhood Street Rehabilitation	383,138

**Be It Further Resolved**, the City Commission hereby approves appropriations for the capital projects for the amounts set forth below:

Transit Center & Phone System	\$1,150,400
Plum Well 2A to WWTP	453,792
Eastward St. from Linwood to Elmwood	57,000
Elmwood St. from Superior to Rosedale	255,000
Internal Service Fund Equipment Replacement	362,000
Other Water Treatment Fund Capital Projects	220,000
Waste Water Treatment Fund Capital Projects	248,450
Aeronautical survey for WAAS/GPS approaches	130,000

**Be It Further Resolved**, that the City Commission does hereby levy a tax of 13.13 mills, for the period July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009, on all real and personal taxable property in the City of Alma, according to the valuation of the same for the general expense and liability of the City of Alma, pursuant to Article VII of the Charter of the City of Alma. The maximum authorized levy according to the City Charter is 15.00 mills.

**Be It Further Resolved**, the City Commission does hereby levy a tax of .9604 mills for the period July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009, on all real and personal taxable property in the City of Alma, according to the valuation of the same. This tax is levied for the purpose of operating a Dial-A-Ride transportation system as approved by a vote of the people on May 18, 1976.

**Be It Further Resolved**, that the City Commission does hereby levy a tax of 2.5000 mills for the period of July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009, on all real and personal taxable property in the City of Alma, according to the valuation of the same for the purpose of defraying the cost of street improvements as approved by a vote of the people on November 7, 2006.

**Be It Further Resolved**, that the City Commission does hereby levy a tax of 1.7500 mills for the period of July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009, on all real and personal taxable property in the City of Alma, according to the valuation of the same for the purpose of defraying the cost of expanding, remodeling, furnishing and equipping the Alma City Library as approved by a vote of the people on August 3, 2004.

**Be It Further Resolved**, that the City Commission does hereby levy a tax of 1.9716 mills for the period of July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009, on all real and personal property in the Alma Downtown Development Authority District, according to the valuation of same for the purpose of administrative and operational expenditures of the Alma Downtown Development Authority.

**Be It Further Resolved**, that the City Manager is hereby authorized to make budgetary transfers within appropriation centers established through this budget, and that all transfer between appropriations may be made only by further action of the City Commission pursuant to Section 19.2 of the provisions of the Michigan Uniform Accounting and Budgeting Act.

**Now, Therefore**, the City Commission hereby approves the City of Alma Budget containing the appropriations and levy of taxes for the period July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009, and all sums to be paid into the funds to which they belong.

**Yes:** 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 following waste water rate schedule to become effective with all waste water bills mailed after July 1, 2008:

**Minimum Charge: (Monthly)**

Meter size:

< 1inch	\$	<b>11.72</b>
1 inch		<b>16.98</b>
1.25 inches		<b>23.77</b>
1.5 inches		<b>32.68</b>
2 inches		<b>59.00</b>
3 inches		<b>127.33</b>
4 inches		<b>229.19</b>
6 inches		<b>509.31</b>
8 inches		<b>1,086.52</b>

**Consumption Charge:**

(Price per 1,000 gallons) \$ **1.57**

Minimum Charges for Multiple Users. When any premises containing three or more dwelling units defined as a self contained unit with kitchen and bath facilities served by a single meter, the monthly minimum charge shall be equal to the minimum charge for the single dwelling unit as determined by the meter size serving such unit, plus \$7.85 for each additional unit.

Waste Water bills rendered shall be immediately due and payable and may be paid without late charge up to and including the fifteenth day after the billing date when rendered and shall thereafter be subject to a ten (10%) per cent late charge.

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

**No:** None.

Motion by Vice-Mayor Mapes seconded by Commissioner Dancer to adopt a resolution approving an increase in the solid waste rate to \$18.75 per residence from \$15.50 per residence to become effective with all solid waste bills mailed after July 1, 2008.

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

**No:** None.

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

**Whereas**, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality has conducted testing on the Euclid Street Ball Field; and,

**Whereas**, the results of the testing have detected the presence of methane gas in the soil; and,

**Whereas**, the Michigan Department of Environment Quality has sent the City of Alma a Letter of Notice for the Performance of Due Care Obligations,

**Now Therefore Be It Resolved** that the Euclid Street Ball Field be designated as a no smoking park, and

**Be It Further Resolved** that no digging or excavating in the park shall be permitted without prior permission from the Alma City Manager.

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

**No:** None.

**Resolution Declared Adopted.**

Motion by Vice-Mayor Mapes seconded by Commissioner Dancer to adopt a resolution approving the amendment to grant #MSC-2004-0767-MDC between the City of Alma and the Michigan State Housing Development Authority allowing for an increase in developer fees for two homes currently for sale at 229 W. Elizabeth and 120 Ely Street under the ADR (Acquisition, Development and Resale) program and to authorize Mayor Nyman to execute the amendment on behalf of the City of Alma.

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

**No:** None.

Motion by Commissioner Mott seconded by Commissioner Legene to adopt a resolution approving a Subordination Agreement between the City of Alma and Bobenal Investments.

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

**No:** None.

Motion by Commissioner Comer seconded by Vice-Mayor Mapes to receive the Alma Housing Commission meeting minutes of April 22, 2008 and place them on file.

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

**No:** None.

Motion by Commissioner Comer seconded by Vice-Mayor Mapes to adopt a resolution approving the following appointments to various boards and commissions:

<b>Appointee</b>	<b>Board/Commission</b>	<b>Term</b>	<b>Expires</b>
Joe Ahern	ADDA	4 yrs.	2/13/12
Mick Legene	Library Endowment	3 yrs.	2/01/11
Carl Clarke	Const. Brd. of Appeals	2 yrs.	11/27/09
Bruce Frost	Const. Board. of Appeals	2 yrs.	11/27/09
Rick Johnson	Const. Brd. of Appeals	2 yrs.	11/27/09
Ron Turner	Const. Brd. of Appeals	2 yrs.	11/27/09
Tim Lambrecht	Planning Comm.	3 yrs.	5/01/11
Charlotte Schmidtke	Library Board	5 yrs.	6/01/13
Tad Godfrey	ZBA	3 yrs.	5/01/11
Tim Wysong	ZBA	3 yrs.	5/01/11
Jim Wagar	Police & Fire Fund	3 yrs.	5/01/11

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

**No:** None.

Motion by Vice-Mayor Mapes seconded by Commissioner Comer to receive a report from Ron Turner, Public Services Director concerning the proposed construction of a storm sewer and catch basin between 112 and 124 Marshall Street as requested by Habitat for Humanity

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

**No:** None.

The following preamble and resolution was offered by Vice-Mayor Mapes as supported by Commissioner Legene:

**Whereas**, the Commission deems it advisable to investigate the construction of the following described public improvement and to defray part of all of the cost thereof by special assessment upon the property benefited thereby:

**Construction of a storm sewer and catch basin between 112 & 124 Marshall Street**

**Now Therefore, Be it Resolved That:**

1. The City Manager is hereby directed to make an investigation and report concerning said public improvement in the manner required by Section 3 of Ordinance No. 235 of the City of Alma.
2. The City Manager shall file said report with the City Clerk when the same has been completed.

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

**No:** None.

**Resolution Declared Adopted.**

Motion by Vice-Mayor Mapes seconded by Commissioner Legene to set a public hearing for 6:00 p.m. on June 24, 2008 to consider establishing a Special Assessment District for the proposed construction of a storm sewer and catch basin between 112 and 124 Marshall Street.

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

**No:** None.

Motion by Commissioner Mott seconded by Commissioner Comer to adopt resolution ratifying the investment of the following City funds on May 7, 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>
5/7/2008	4/8/2009	\$200,000	336	2.85%	\$5,247.12	Wolverine Bank	CD
5/7/2008	5/6/2009	\$200,000	364	2.70%	\$5,460.00	Comerica	CD

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

**No:** None.

Motion by Commissioner Comer seconded by Vice-Mayor Mapes to receive the presentation on the Municipal Garage Services Division by Mike Groves, Superintendent.

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

**No:** None.

Motion by Vice-Mayor Mapes seconded by Commissioner Legene to approve Warrant No. 08-22 and to authorize the City Treasurer to issue checks in payment of all claims.

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

**No:** None.

The City Commissioners all thanked Mike and his department for all their hard work and dedication.

City Manager Moore thanked all the City divisions for their hard work preparing for the Highland Festival.

Motion by Vice-Mayor Mapes seconded by Commissioner Mott to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

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

**No:** None.

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Melvin A. Nyman, Mayor

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Barbara A. Gager, City Clerk