

**Alma, Michigan**  
**June 24, 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.

Motion by Vice-Mayor Mapes seconded by Commissioner Comer to approve the minutes of June 10, 2008 regular meeting as submitted.

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

**No:** None.

A public hearing was held at 6:00 p.m. to consider FY 2008 year-end budget adjustments. City Manager Moore gave a brief overview of the adjustments. There being no further questions or comments, the public hearing was closed.

Motion by Commissioner Ayers seconded by Commissioner Legene to close the public hearing at 6:09 p.m.:

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

**No:** None.

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

**Whereas**, the City Manager prepared and submitted his recommendation for the Fiscal 2007-2008 annual budget and capital improvement plan to the Alma City Commission on April 10, 2007; 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 8, 2007 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, 2007 and ending June 30, 2008, are hereby appropriated on an activity basis as follows:

	<u>Original</u>	<u>Amended</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Economic Development	\$143,589	1,178,760	1,035,171
Inspection Services	129,832		
Downtown Maintenance	81,660		
Planning	37,914		

	<u>Original</u>	<u>Amended</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Police	1,298,630	1,348,630	50,000
Street Lighting	110,962		
Parks and recreation	240,791	210,791	(30,000)
Cemetery	215,434		
Municipal Building	140,715		
Forestry	116,547	125,547	9,000
Contribution to Airport	35,000		
Sidewalks	166,353	146,353	(20,000)
Public Access	23,340	39,540	16,200
City Commission	45,220		
Elections	23,120	27,520	4,400
City Clerk	36,442		
City Manager	131,850		
City Treasurer	67,411	77,411	10,000
Assessor	155,512	148,012	(7,500)
Community Center	18,055	8,055	(10,000)
Debt Service	49,435	49,485	50
Transfers to Other Funds	291,858	287,243	(4,615)
Transfers to Component Units	<u>412,000</u>		
Total Expenditures	<u>\$3,971,670</u>	<u>\$5,024,376</u>	<u>\$1,052,706</u>

**Be It Further Resolved,** General Fund revenues for the 2007-2008 fiscal year are estimated as follows:

	<u>Original</u>	<u>Amended</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Taxes	\$2,143,361	2,139,680	(3,681)
Licenses and Permits	103,200	141,259	38,059
Intergovernmental	1,284,161	1,854,958	570,797
Charges for Services	144,069	103,162	(40,907)
Fines and Forfeits	26,200	22,447	(3,753)
Interest	152,600	134,120	(18,480)
Other Revenue	8,155	583,983	575,828
Transfers In /Fund Balance	109,924	109,924	-0-
Total Revenues	<u>\$3,971,670</u>	<u>\$5,089,533</u>	<u>\$1,117,863</u>

**Be It Further Resolved,** the City Commission hereby approves appropriations for the period July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008 for the amounts set forth below:

	<u>Original</u>	<u>Amended</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Major Street	\$1,819,085		
Local Street	368,464		
Fire Board	402,436		
2000 G.O. Street Construction Bonds	89,030		
2000 Warwick Dr S.A. Bonds	83,450		
Housing Rehabilitation	116,037	284,893	178,856
Neighborhood Street Rehab	373,225		
State Street Plaza	57,473		
Alma Transportation Services	556,714	591,714	35,000
Water Utility Fund	1,138,613		
Wastewater Utility Fund	1,061,133		
Solid Waste Disposal Fund	501,662		
Admin. Services Internal Svc Fund	984,560		
Building & Grounds Internal Svc. Fund	600,939		
Equip Pool & Cen. Garage Int. Svc. Fund	1,161,157		
Library Fund	1,021,180		
Airport Fund	880,666		
Downtown Development Authority	47,243		
Solid Waste Authority	0	125,000	125,000

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

	<u>Original</u>	<u>Amended</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Transit Center & Street Construction	\$1,333,400		
Panther Parkway	661,000		
Plum Well 2A to WWTP	453,792		
Waterfront Brownfield Project	199,692		
Hannah St. from Superior to Michigan	180,000		
Grace St. from Michigan to Ferris	100,000		
Grassmere St. from Ely to York	75,000		
Phase IV River Walk-Budget FY2007	0	142,853	142,853

**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 for the period July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008.

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

**No:** None.

**Resolution Declared Adopted.**

Motion by Vice-Mayor Mapes seconded by Commissioner Comer to approve the request to purchase from Gray Manufacturing Company, Inc. two 20,000 pound truck air jack stands and related supplies in the amount of \$2,398 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 purchase from Scotland Oil Company 305 gallons of no lead fuel and 306 gallons of diesel fuel in the amount of \$2,489.63 for use by the Buildings and Grounds Division.

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

**No:** None.

Motion by Commissioner Ayers seconded by Commissioner Comer to approve the request to purchase from Shults Equipment, Inc. in the amount of \$10,458 various parts to rebuild underbody units for plow trucks #317, 303 & 310 for use by the Municipal Garage Services Division.

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

**No:** None.

Motion by Commissioner Comer seconded by Vice-Mayor Mapes to receive the bids for the 2008 Transportation Facility Infrastructure Construction Project and to award the bid to the low bidder of MAK Enterprise, Shepherd in the amount of \$199,763.50, pending final approval by MDOT.

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

**No:** None.

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

**Whereas,** it is a common goal of cities throughout the world to foster human contact and cultural links; and

**Whereas,** the City of Hagenow and the City of Alma are very similar in population, size, and climate; and

**Whereas,** in an effort to increase global cooperation at the municipal level, to promote cultural understanding and to stimulate private business and economic development these two cities on two different continents have developed a close and friendly relationship and have graciously hosted delegations of their respective communities for visits; and

**Whereas**, because the City of Hagenow and the City of Alma face similar problems, issues and challenges, they can learn and exchange culture, celebrations, environmental information, ideas, products, education, and people while continuing to build communities of cooperation, sharing and harmony.

**Now Be It Resolved** that the City of Alma pledges to support and to further the mutual interest of our two communities and to develop an international friendship and understanding between the people of our respective cities; and

**Be It Further Resolved** that a copy of this resolution be presented to Gisela Schwarz, Buergermeister of Hagenow, Germany and that this Resolution become a part of the official minutes of the City of Alma.

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

**No:** None.

**Resolution Declared Adopted.**

Motion by Commissioner Comer seconded by Commissioner Dancer to adopt a resolution awarding an Alma Downtown Development Authority Façade Grant in the amount of \$1,500 to Todd Bennett of Edward Jones Investments for a façade project 303 W. Superior St.

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

**No:** None.

**Abstain:** Mott.

Motion by Commissioner Ayers seconded by Commissioner Dancer to adopt a resolution awarding an Alma Downtown Development Authority Façade Grant in the amount of \$1,500 to Jan Knowles, owner of Stucchi's Ice Cream and Frozen Yogurt for a façade project at 101 E. Superior St.

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

**No:** None.

**Abstain:** Mapes.

Motion by Vice-Mayor Mapes seconded by Commissioner Mott to adopt a resolution awarding an Alma Downtown Development Authority Façade Grant in the amount of \$1,500 to Art & Judith Liberty, owner of Old City Hall for a roofing project at 225 E. Superior St.

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

**No:** None.

Motion by Vice-Mayor Mapes seconded by Commissioner Comer to adopt a resolution ratifying the amendment to grant #MSC-2004-0767-MDC between the City of Alma and the Michigan State Housing Development Authority allowing an increase in the grant amount by \$52,500 to offset lowering the sale prices for three homes for sale under the ADR (Acquisition, Development and Resale) program and to extend the grant contract date until 6/30/2009.

**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 Housing Commission meeting minutes of 5/27/08; May financial statements; Alma Downtown Development Authority minutes of 5/3/08.

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

**No:** None.

Motion by Commissioner Legene seconded by Commissioner Ayers to approve Warrant No. 08-24 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 Comer invited everyone to the Blues Festival in St. Louis over the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend.

Commissioner Mott advised Habitat for Humanity will begin building a home at 118 Marshall on Saturday morning at 8:00 a.m. and invited all to come and help.

Commissioners wished everyone a Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend.

City Manager Moore commented that the visitors from Hagenow, Germany appreciated the hospitality and encouraged everyone to visit their community.

Kristin Bakker addressed the City Commission and announced her candidacy for 65<sup>th</sup> District Court Judge.

City Manager Moore requested the City Commission to enter Executive Session to discuss property purchase matters.

Motion by Vice-Mayor Mapes seconded by Commissioner Comer to enter Executive Session to discuss property purchase matters at 6:28 p.m.

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

**No:** None.

Motion by Commissioner Ayers as supported by Commissioner Comer to reconvene the regular meeting at 6:49 p.m.

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

**No:** None.

Motion by Commissioner Comer as supported by Commissioner Dancer to adjourn the meeting at 6:49 p.m.

**Yes:** Ayers, 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