

**Alma, Michigan  
October 14, 2008**

Mayor Nyman called a regular meeting of the Alma City Commission to order at 6:08 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 Commissioner Mapes, seconded by Commissioner Comer to approve the minutes of the September 23, 2008 regular meeting as submitted.

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

**No:** None.

Motion by Commissioner Ayers, seconded by Commissioner Dancer to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda for payment: \$1,579.94 to Fortino, Plaxton, Moskal & Costanzo for September legal services rendered; \$107,565.00 to US Bank for interest for City of Alma Revenue Bond Water System Improvement Series 1995; Gemstone GO Bond 2006; Gemstone S/A Bond 2006; CIP Bond Series A 2005 – WWTP; and CIP Bond Series B 2005- Water; \$4,320.00 to Firstbank for interest for City of Alma GO Bond 2007 Series roads; S/A Bond 2000 Series roads; \$1,108.64 to National City Bank for interest due on Heather Lane right-of-way purchase installment loan.

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

**No:** None.

Motion by Commissioner Mapes, seconded by Commissioner Comer to approve the request to engage Fishbeck, Thomson, Carr & Huber in the amount of \$3,850 to perform filter coring per MDEQ sanitary survey requirements.

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

**No:** None.

Motion by Commissioner Ayers, seconded by Commissioner Mott to approve the request to purchase in the amount of \$1,650.00 from Vestaburg Sand & Gravel, LLC 300 cubic yards of Class II sand to restock yard inventory.

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

**No:** None.

Motion by Commissioner Legene, seconded by Commissioner Comer to approve the request to purchase one emergency power connection for well house #1 in the amount of \$15,542 to Pyramid Control Inc. Bovee Branch, for use by the Water Treatment Plant.

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

**No:** None.

Motion by Commissioner Mapes, seconded by Commissioner Ayers to receive the bids for the construction of the new Alma Transportation Facility and to award the contract to the low bidder of Graham Construction, Inc. for the bid amount of \$892,700.00.

**Yes:** Ayers, Comer, Dancer, Legene, Mapes, Mott, & Nyman.  
**No:** None.

Motion by Commissioner Legene, seconded by Commissioner Comer to adopt a resolution approving the sale of wood chips from the City of Alma Yard Waste site to LaNore Bark Co. at a cost of \$.50 (fifty cents) per ton.

**Yes:** Ayers, Comer, Dancer, Legene, Mapes, Mott, & Nyman.  
**No:** None.

Motion by Commissioner Ayers, seconded by Commissioner Mapes to adopt Ordinance #708 to amend Chapter 54 of the Ordinances of the City of Alma by the addition of Section 54-82 regulating overnight parking in municipal parking lots.

**Yes:** Ayers, Comer, Dancer, Legene, Mapes, Mott, & Nyman.  
**No:** None.

Motion by Commissioner Ayers, seconded by Commissioner Dancer to adopt Ordinance #709 mandating all dog owners walking their dog within the city limits of Alma clean up any dog feces left by their dogs off their premises within the city limits, and setting penalties for violation.

**Yes:** Ayers, Comer, Dancer, Legene, Mapes, Mott, & Nyman.  
**No:** None.

Motion by Commissioner Ayers, seconded by Commissioner Mapes to adopt an introductory resolution for Ordinance #710 to amend the zoning map of the City of Alma as it appears at Section 60-52 of the Ordinances of the City of Alma to rezone the premises commonly referred to as 525 N. State Street from R-3, Multiple Family District to BMR, Business and Multi-Residential District.

**Yes:** Ayers, Comer, Dancer, Legene, Mapes, Mott, & Nyman.  
**No:** None.

Motion by Commissioner Comer, seconded by Commissioner Mapes to adopt a resolution approving a Rural Transit Assistance Program (RTAP) Third Party Contract between the Michigan Public Transit Association and the City of Alma to provide RTAP grant funds commencing 10/108 through 9/30/09 and to authorize Mayor Nyman to execute the agreement on behalf of the City of Alma.

**Yes:** Ayers, Comer, Dancer, Legene, Mapes, Mott, & Nyman.  
**No:** None.

Motion by Commissioner Legene, seconded by Commissioner Comer to adopt a resolution approving MDOT Project Authorization 2002-0004/Z11/R1 extending the contract date until March 13, 2010 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 Mapes to receive the following reports and place them on file: Alma Police Department September reports; Alma Police Department amended August reports; Alma Police Department amended July reports; Alma Fire District September reports; Alma DART & Bus Depot September reports; Alma Downtown Development Authority minutes of August 14, 2008; September Investment Report; Alma Public Library Board meeting minutes of July 30, 2008; Friends of the Library meeting minutes of September 10, 2008.

**Yes:** Ayers, Comer, Dancer, Legene, Mapes, Mott, & Nyman.  
**No:** None.

Motion by Commissioner Comer, seconded by Commissioner Dancer to adopt a resolution ratifying the investment of the following City funds:

<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>
9/25/2008	3/26/2008	\$198,190.00	182	1.83%	\$1,809.89	Treasury Direct	T-bill
10/2/2008	4/2/2009	\$496,107.20	182	1.57%	\$3,892.80	Treasury Direct	T-bill
10/7/2008	7/15/2009	\$250,000.00	281	3.30%	\$6,439.58	Citizens Bank	CD
10/7/2008	9/2/2009	\$150,000	330	3.84%	\$5,280.00	Flagstar Bank	CD
10/7/2008	10/7/2009	\$150,000.00	365	3.00%	\$4,500.00	Chemical Bank	CD
10/7/2008	7/14/2009	\$100,000	280	4.29%	\$3,336.67	National City	CD
10/8/2008	8/26/2009	\$150,000.00	322	3.80%	\$5,098.33	Independent Bank	CD

**Yes:** Ayers, Comer, Dancer, Legene, Mapes, Mott, & Nyman.  
**No:** None.

Motion by Commissioner Ayers, seconded by Commissioner Dancer to approve Warrant No. 09-07 and to authorize the City Treasurer to issue checks in payment of all claims.

**Yes:** Ayers, Comer, Dancer, Legene, Mapes, Mott, & Nyman.  
**No:** None.

Motion by Commissioner Comer, seconded by Commissioner Mapes to receive the presentation on the Gratiot Community Airport by Aeric Ripley.

**Yes:** Ayers, Comer, Dancer, Legene, Mapes, Mott, & Nyman.  
**No:** None.

Commissioner Ayers wanted to thank the Alma Police and Fire Departments for their Department presentation at the last City Commission meeting on September 23, 2008. He also wanted the public to know that the Gratiot County Players recent production was excellent. The players do a wonderful job and everyone should attend their next performance.

Commissioner Mott thanked Aeric Ripley for his presentation of the Gratiot Community Airport and reminded everyone to get out and vote.

Commissioner Legene wanted to thank the Police and Fire Departments for their educational presentation on how they perform their jobs. He wanted to express that the Gratiot Community Airport is a vital asset for the County.

Commissioner Dancer also wanted to thank Aeric for his presentation and wanted everyone to know that the Alma Action Association is working hard on the "Come Home to Alma for the Holidays" celebration. A street parade will start out the activities on December 12, 2008.

City Attorney Fortino asked the public to get out to vote in the November 4<sup>th</sup> election, there are important races on the ballot.

City Manager Moore wanted the public to know that the Fred Meijer Hartland trail was officially opened this past weekend. It is a wonderful trail system. He wanted to thank the many private and public entities that made this trail possible.

Mayor Nyman concurred with the other Commissioners and the City Manager.

Lydia Rosalez of 306 Elmwood St. wanted to speak to the Commission about her sanitary sewer. She has found that during the reconstruction of her street that her sanitary sewer connection is not in the best condition. She wanted to ask the Commission to give her time to improve the sewer connection. After discussion by the Commissioners and questions asked of Ron Turner, Public Services Director; the Commission relayed to Mrs. Rosalez that they understood her dilemma but, because the construction project is in its final stages, it can not be stopped to undertake improving a connection that at the present time is not a problem. Mayor Nyman apologized that nothing more could be done for her and thanked her for coming to the Commission.

Motion by Commissioner Ayers, seconded by Commissioner Comer to adjourn the meeting at 7:08 p.m.

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

**No:** None.

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Melvin A. Nyman, Mayor

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Sheila Letourneau, Deputy City Clerk