

Alma, Michigan
October 28, 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 Commissioner Comer seconded by Vice-Mayor Mapes to approve the minutes of October 14, 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: \$64,011.25 to U.S. Bank NA for the Alma Public Library General Obligation bond payment; \$2,264.50 to Spartan Chassis for repairs and service for truck E-3 (Alma Fire District).

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

No: None.

Motion by Commissioner Comer seconded by Commissioner Ayers to approve the request for payment in the amount of \$4,478.57 to DLT Solutions, Inc. for one stand-alone AutoCAD license and two AutoCAD subscription renewals for use by the Engineering Department.

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

No: None.

Motion by Vice-Mayor Mapes seconded by Commissioner Dancer to approve the request to engage Wonsey Tree Service to perform stump removal throughout the City in the amount of \$5,054.81.

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

No: None.

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

Whereas, certain individuals give unselfishly of their time and talents to the citizens of the City of Alma and surrounding communities, and

Whereas, Quitman Moffett, better known as "Quip" is one such individual who joined the Alma Fire Department on May 10, 1973, and

Whereas, after serving 35 years, 4 months as a Certified Firefighter and Truck Engineer, Quip retired on September 30, 2008, and

Whereas, during his tenure with the department, Quip attended over 3,000 fires, was a member of the Michigan State Fireman's Association and became the first firefighter to be a certified Emergency Medical Technician, and

Whereas, also throughout the years, Quip has seen the evolution of many areas of firefighting, including better equipment and techniques, and participated in many firefighting competitions and parades, and

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved that the Alma City Commission and citizens of the Alma Fire District recognize and commend Quip for a “job well done” and thank him for his dedicated service as a City of Alma Firefighter over the past 35 years, 4 months, and

Be It Further Resolved that Mayor Nyman, members of the City Commission, City Staff and citizens of the City of Alma extend an expression of appreciation to Quip in the form of this Resolution of Appreciation and that this Resolution become a part of the official minutes of the City of Alma and that an original copy be presented to Quitman “Quip” Moffett.

Quip thanked his wife and family for their support over the past 35 years and thanked everyone for the opportunity to work with the Alma Fire Department, Alma Police Department and City of Alma

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 establishing the City of Alma Identity Theft Prevention Program.

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

No: None.

Motion by Commissioner Ayers seconded by Commissioner Dancer to adopt a resolution proclaiming Friday, October 31, 2008 as Halloween within the City of Alma and setting Trick or Treating hours between 5:30 and 7:30 p.m.

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

No: None.

Motion by Vice-Mayor Mapes seconded by Commissioner Comer to adopt a resolution approving Temporary Traffic Control Order #130 to install “No Parking 2 a.m. – 7 a.m. – November 1 – April 1” signs on Cedar Avenue, between W. Center Street and Mechanic Street.

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

No: None.

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

Whereas, the residents of the City of Alma, Pine River Township and Seville Township have long wanted a non-motorized trail connecting our communities; and,

Whereas, our medical community has been encouraging our residents to lead a more active life style by walking, running, and cycling more; and,

Whereas, the newly constructed section Fred Meijer Heartland Trail extends 10 miles from Alma to the west Gratiot County line; and,

Whereas, the Fred Meijer Heartland Trail provides recreational opportunities for children, adults, seniors and families; and,

Whereas, the Fred Meijer Heartland Trail is improving the local economy through increased tourism; and,

Whereas, the Fred Meijer Heartland Trail has attracted thousands of users even before the trail construction was completed; and,

Whereas, the construction of the Fred Meijer Heartland Trail has become a source of civic pride for residents of the City of Alma, and Pine River and Seville Townships; and,

Whereas, the generous contribution of the Meijer Foundation was instrumental in making the purchase, design and construction of the trail from Alma to the west Gratiot County line a reality; and,

Whereas, the leadership provided by the Meijer Foundation inspired hundreds of local citizens to participate in the organizing, planning and fund raising for the Fred Meijer Heartland Trail.

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, that the City of Alma, Pine River Township, Seville Township and Gratiot County with great sincerity express their thanks and gratitude to the Meijer Foundation for their generous contribution and leadership in assisting our communities in making one of our dreams come true.

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

No: None.

Resolution Declared Adopted.

Motion by Vice-Mayor Mapes seconded by Commissioner Ayers to adopt a resolution authorizing the execution of a Revised Section 5311 Capital Economic Development Fund – Category D contract with the Michigan Department of Transportation (#2002-0004/Z10/R2) revising the contract to extend the authorization term by one year (February 23, 2009 – February 23, 2010) to allow sufficient time to complete the project 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 Mott seconded by Commissioner Comer to adopt a resolution authorizing the execution of a Second Addendum to Purchase Agreement between the City of Alma and Sawruk Management, Inc. for the sale of city property located east of Jerome Road (former TPI property) in Pine River Township until October 31, 2009 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 Comer to adopt a resolution authorizing Change Order No. 1 between the City of Alma and C & R Electric LLC in the amount of \$53,500 for 12 additional streetlights and poles in the Central Business District.

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

No: None.

Motion by Vice-Mayor Mapes seconded by Commissioner Dancer to receive the following reports and place them on file: Alma Planning Commission meeting minutes of 7/14/2008 & 8/18/2008; Alma Downtown Development Authority meeting minutes of 9/11/2008; Alma Housing Commission meeting minutes of 9/23/2008; Brownfield Redevelopment Authority of Gratiot County and Economic Development Corporation of Gratiot County meeting minutes of 6/26/2008; September Financial Statements.

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

Motion by Commissioner Ayers seconded by Commissioner Legene to approve Warrant No. 09-08 and to authorize the City Treasurer to issue checks in payment of all claims.

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

Representative Opsommer presented a tribute to Lieutenant Kendra Overla for receiving the 2008 Young Careerist Award from the Alma Area Business Professional Woman. Kendra's accomplishments and community involvement were commended.

Representative Opsommer also presented a brief overview of the State of Michigan budget which went into effect on October 1, 2008. He also discussed pending legislation and the Great Lakes Energy Research Park. He commented that the GLERP is moving forward and on how well the entities work together within the county. Mr. Sawruk is moving forward and the project is progressing very well.

Commissioner Legene questioned Rep. Opsommer on the anticipated State's budget shortfall. He advised that this should be addressed by year-end.

Commissioner Mott thanked Representative Opsommer for addressing the audience, congratulated Kendra and Quip and commended the Fire and Police departments on the dedicated people.

Commissioner Legene congratulated Kendra and thanked the department for the great job they do. He also congratulated Quip Moffett.

Commissioner Dancer, Vice-Mayor Mapes, Commissioner Ayers and Commission Comer echoed their fellow commissioner's remarks.

City Clerk Gager also thanked and congratulated Kendra and Quip and reminded everyone to vote next Tuesday, November 4, 2008.

City Attorney Fortino stated that his office has a lot of involvement with the Police Department and that they are a very dedicated and professional department.

City Manager Moore said Quip will be missed. He has a great spirit and was a pleasure to work with.

Mayor Nyman agreed with the Commission's, Attorney's, and City Manager's remarks.

Motion by Vice-Mayor Mapes seconded by Commissioner Ayers to adjourn the meeting at 6:38 p.m.

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

Melvin A. Nyman, Mayor

Barbara A. Gager, City Clerk