

**Alma, Michigan
February 10, 2009**

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, Mott, & Nyman.

Absent: Dancer, Legene & Mapes.

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 as seconded by Commissioner Ayers to approve the minutes of the January 27, 2009 regular meeting.

Yes: Ayers, Comer, Mott, & Nyman.

No: None.

Motion by Commissioner Ayers as seconded by Commissioner Comer to receive a donation in the amount of \$2,000 from Alma College for the Alma Police & Fire Department professional development fund.

Yes: Ayers, Comer, Mott, & Nyman.

No: None.

Motion by Commissioner Mott as seconded by Commissioner Comer to receive the 2008 Business Improvement Award from the Alma Action Association in recognition of the Community Center demolition and Library parking lot expansion projects and the development of the Fred Meijer Heartland Trail.

Yes: Ayers, Comer, Mott, & Nyman.

No: None.

Motion by Commissioner Comer as seconded by Commissioner Ayers to approve the request for purchase in the amount of \$7,292 to Knapheide Truck Equipment for a new service body (truck box) for Unit #3070 for the Alma Fire Department.

Yes: Ayers, Comer, Mott, & Nyman.

No: None.

Motion by Commissioner Ayers as seconded by Commissioner Comer to approve the request to engage Soil & Materials Engineers, Inc. in the amount of \$10,800 for construction materials services needed for and during construction of the new transportation facility.

Yes: Ayers, Comer, Mott, & Nyman.

No: None.

Motion by Commissioner Mott as seconded by Commissioner Comer to adopt a resolution approving the Alma Highland Festival Committee's request to operate their entertainment tent until midnight on Friday, May 22, Saturday, May 23, and Sunday, May 24, 2009 pursuant to Ordinance No. 695.

Yes: Ayers, Comer, Mott, & Nyman.

No: None.

Motion by Commissioner Ayers as seconded by Commissioner Comer to adopt a resolution authorizing the following street closures in conjunction with 2009 Special Community Events:

Event	Date	Time	State Highway Closure	City Street Closure
Alma Highland Festival 5K Run	Saturday 05/23/09	8:15 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.	Superior-Pine to Wright	Center-Woodworth to Pine Additional local streets to be determined.
Highland Festival Parade	Saturday 05/23/09	9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Superior-Bridge to Wright Center –Woodworth to Pine Pine-Center to Superior Wright-Warwick to Superior	Michigan-Bridge to Superior Superior-Purdy to Wright Center-Woodworth to Pine Pine-Center to Superior
Alma H.S. Homecoming Parade	Friday 09/25/09	4:45 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Superior-Pine to Prospect	Pine-Superior to High School Downie-Park to Prospect Prospect-Wright Park to Superior
Alma College Homecoming Parade	Saturday 10/10/09	9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Wright-Downie to Superior Superior-Pine to Wright	Superior-Presbyterian Church
Downtown Christmas Celebration	Friday 12/11/09	5:15 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Superior to Park	Woodworth-Center to Downie

Yes: Ayers, Comer, Mott, & Nyman.

No: None.

Motion by Commissioner Mott as seconded by Commissioner Comer to adopt a resolution authorizing the placement of banners to identify community and special events as follows:

- Tartan Day banner across Superior Street between Gratiot and Woodworth from March 31, 2009 to April 20, 2009.
- Alma Highland Festival banner across Superior Street between Gratiot and Woodworth Avenues from April 20, 2009 through May 31, 2009.
- Alma Highland Festival Road Race banner across Superior at the corner of Philadelphia from May 15, 2009 through May 27, 2009.*
- Gratiot County Fair for Youth banner across Superior Street between Gratiot and Woodworth from July 25, 2009 through August 8, 2009.
- Lucky MacDuck banner across Superior Street between Gratiot and Woodworth Avenues from August 8, 2009 through September 14, 2009.
- Downtown holiday banner across Superior Street between Gratiot and Woodworth Avenues from November 11, 2009 to January 2, 2010.

* Does not require MDOT Approval.

Yes: Ayers, Comer, Mott, & Nyman.

No: None.

Motion by Commissioner Ayers as seconded by Commissioner Comer to adopt a resolution authorizing the Highland Festival Series of Races Committee to place temporary signage on the streetlight poles along Superior Street in the vicinity of the festival road races start/finish area contingent upon staff approval of the method used to attach the signage.

Yes: Ayers, Comer, Mott, & Nyman.

No: None.

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

WHEREAS, The City of Alma, working with the Friends of the Fred Meijer Heartland Trail, The Meijer Foundation, Pine River Township, Seville Township, Gratiot Road Commission, MDOT, and West Michigan Greenways, developed the former CSX rail bed into a paved trail surface now known as the Fred Meijer Heartland Trail in 2008; and

WHEREAS, By working together, the community was able to purchase and raise over \$1.6 million for development, a majority of the funding came from an MDOT Transportation Enhancement Grant to pave the 10 mile portion of the trail from downtown Alma to the Gratiot County line; and

WHEREAS, Part of the project included the development of a Trailhead parking lot in downtown Alma on Park Avenue; and

WHEREAS, Being that the City of Alma is the most populated, easily accessible from US127 and M46, and is the most eastern point of the Fred Meijer Heartland Trail, the Alma City Commission sees great potential for the trail, not only as community recreational asset but a tourist draw for the community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The City of Alma City Commission respectfully requests from MDOT directional recreational signage to be placed on the major entrances into the City and allow the City of Alma to install signs on the BR127 route in the downtown of Alma to guide motorists to the Trailhead parking lot on Park Avenue.

Yes: Ayers, Comer, Mott, & Nyman.

No: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

Motion by Commissioner Comer as seconded by Commissioner Ayers to adopt Ordinance No. 711 to amend Section 46-23(C) of the Ordinances of the City of Alma to provide the dates for residential yard waste collection amended from “April 1 through November 1” to the “first Monday of April through the fourth Monday of October”.

Yes: Ayers, Comer, Mott, & Nyman.

No: None.

Motion by Commissioner Ayers as seconded by Commissioner Comer to adopt a resolution approving Change Order #1 with Rowe Incorporated for an additional amount of \$24,425.00; for additional Engineering services provided for the Panther Parkway Construction project.

Yes: Ayers, Comer, Mott, & Nyman.

No: None.

Motion by Commissioner Comer as seconded by Commissioner Mott to receive the following reports and place them on file: Alma Police Department January reports; Alma Fire District reports; DART & Depot January reports; Alma Public Library Board meeting minutes of 11/18/08; Alma Planning Commission meeting minutes of 11/03/08; City Clerk Voter Registration & Elections 2008 annual report; Treasurer’s report for January 2008.

Yes: Ayers, Comer, Mott, & Nyman.

No: None.

Motion by Commissioner Mott as seconded by Commissioner Ayers to adopt a resolution appointing Delbert Hahn, Timothy Wysong and Tadd Godfrey as members to the 2009 Board of Review.

Yes: Ayers, Comer, Mott, & Nyman.

No: None.

Motion by Commissioner Ayers as seconded by Commissioner Comer 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>
1/29/09	1/29/10	\$500,000	365	2.19%	\$10,950.00	Flagstar	CDARS
1/28/09	1/05/10	\$150,000	342	1.11%	\$1,581.75	National City	CD
2/05/09	2/05/10	\$300,000	365	2.24%	\$6,720.00	Flagstar	CDARS
2/05/09	8/06/09	\$250,000	182	1.95%	\$2,450.82	Flagstar	CDARS

Yes: Ayers, Comer, Mott, & Nyman.

No: None.

Motion by Commissioner Ayers as seconded by Commissioner Mott to receive the presentation on the Mid-Michigan Area Cable Consortium by Ms. Jan Howard.

Yes: Ayers, Comer, Mott, & Nyman.

No: None.

Motion by Commissioner Comer as seconded by Commissioner Ayers to approve Warrant No. 09-15 and to authorize the City Treasurer to issue checks in payment of all claims.

Yes: Ayers, Comer, Mott, & Nyman.

No: None.

The City Commission wanted to thank Jan Howard for her presentation and compliment the staff of Mid Michigan Cable for doing a good job.

Commissioner Comer wanted to promote the "Business after Hours" meeting to be held Thursday night from 5 to 7 p.m. at Hometown Cellars in Ithaca.

Mayor Nyman wants to urge Congress to complete the Stimulus Bill or bailout. Things are getting worse and worse, real people are losing jobs. The package may not be perfect but Congress needs to stop wasting time.

Motion by Commissioner Ayers as seconded by Commissioner Comer to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Yes: Ayers, Comer, Mott, & Nyman.

No: None.

Melvin A. Nyman, Mayor

Sheila Letourneau, Deputy City Clerk