

Alma, Michigan
May 26, 2009

Mayor Nyman called a regular meeting of the Alma City Commission to order at 6:13 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 the May 12, 2009 regular meeting.

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

No: None.

Motion by Commissioner Legene seconded by Commissioner Dancer to receive the communication from Lieutenant Governor John Cherry offering his strong support of the City's request for funding of \$2.4 million to help implement the goals of the Great Lakes Energy Research Park.

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

No: None.

Motion by Commissioner Ayers seconded by Commissioner Comer to set a public hearing for Tuesday, June 23, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. to consider FY 2009 year-end budget adjustments.

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

No: None.

The City Commission discussed the three items on the Consent Agenda.

Vice-Mayor Mapes questioned the payment to Braman's Lock Service and whether it was a local bidder and if the process was opened to other bidders. He was advised that Mr. Braman is a county resident. Mr. Moore advised the project was not expected to be as costly as it was, but because of the fact that the locks at the municipal building had not been changed in many years, more locks had to be changed because of keys that could not be accounted for. This caused the project to grow. Vice-Mayor Mapes requested that in the future, a concerted effort be made to offer the opportunity to all city vendors.

Commissioner Legene questioned the payment to the Mid-Michigan Area Cable Consortium and what exactly is the City is getting for its money. Mr. Moore explained that the City receives access to cable channels 3 and 26 and access to the cable studios. Mr. Moore explained that if the city did not participate in the MMACC, he would recommend that the City explore web casting options. Vice-Mayor Mapes asked if the City would lose the local studio and cable channels? Mayor Nyman asked what would we lose if we dropped out of the consortium? Mr. Moore advised he would have City Attorney Fortino look into the franchise contract. The Commission asked if the City were to drop out of the consortium, would the local programs and events not be broadcast on channel 3? Mr. Moore advised he would look into it and have information for the next meeting. The City is committed until December 31, 2009 and if the City were to withdraw, we would need to advise the consortium by the end of June. Mr. Legene said that it seems that channel 3 mainly carries church services and past Highland Festivals. There is a lack of local programming and there is a need for public information and local affairs programming.

Mr. Mapes asked about the payment to the MML. Mr. Moore advised that they provide a great resource for the city and it is a very good investment.

Motion by Vice-Mayor Mapes seconded by Commissioner Dancer to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda for payment: \$5,477 to Michigan Municipal League for annual membership dues for July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010; \$9,429.06 to Mid-Michigan Area Cable Consortium for quarterly franchise fee payment; \$1,604.90 to Braman's Lock Service for new locks at the Municipal Building.

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

No: None.

Motion by Vice-Mayor Mapes seconded by Commissioner Comer to receive the bids for sanitary sewer inspection on W. Superior, Golfside, Prospect, & Pine, (in conjunction with the 2009-2010 Capital Improvement Program) and Fleming, Riverview, W. Center & Purdy due to sewer problems) and to award the contract to the low bidder, Downunder Municipal Services, Inc., Kalamazoo for the bid amount of \$4,639.04.

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

No: None.

Motion by Commissioner Ayers seconded by Vice-Mayor Mapes to approve a resolution adopting the following waste water rate schedule to become effective with all waste water bills mailed after July 1, 2009.

Minimum Charge: (Monthly)

Meter size:

<1 inch	\$12.89	2 inches	\$64.90
1 inch	18.67	3 inches	140.06
1.25 inches	26.14	4 inches	252.11
1.5 inches	35.94	6 inches	560.24
		8 inches	1,195.17

Consumption Charge:

(Price per 1,000 gallons) \$1.73

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

No: None.

Motion by Vice-Mayor Mapes seconded by Commissioner Comer to approve a resolution adopting an increase in the solid waste rate to \$19.70 per residence from \$18.75 per residence to become effective with all solid waste bills mailed after July 1, 2009.

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

No: None.

Motion by Commissioner Ayers seconded by Commissioner Dancer to approve a resolution adopting an increase in DART fares as follows: Senior rates: \$1.00; School age (through 12th grade): \$1.75; Adults (to age 65): \$2.00 (in town only) effective July 1, 2009.

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

No: None.

Motion by Vice-Mayor Mapes seconded by Commissioner Legene to approve a resolution adopting the Riverside Cemetery Municipal Policy effective July 1, 2009.

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

No: None.

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

Whereas, the City Manager prepared and submitted his recommendation for the Fiscal 2009-2010 annual budget and capital improvement plan to the Alma City Commission on April 14, 2009; 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 12, 2009 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, 2009 and ending June 30, 2010, are hereby appropriated on an activity basis as follows:

Economic Development	\$147,245
Downtown Maintenance	81,588
Contribution to DDA	6,000
Planning & Zoning	53,861
Police	1,331,935
Inspection Services	167,308
Cemetery	200,700
Municipal Building	130,664
Forestry	43,832
Contribution to Airport Authority	26,000
Street Lighting	126,171
Sidewalks	140,135
Parks and Recreation	195,365
Contribution to Alma Public Library	378,141
Contribution to Public Access TV	36,160
City Commission	41,692
Elections	22,583
City Clerk	44,588
City Manager	125,739
City Treasurer	60,694
Assessor	142,414
Transfers to Other Funds	<u>242,895</u>

Be It Further Resolved, General Fund revenues for the 2009-2010 fiscal year is estimated as follows:

Taxes	\$2,249,374
Licenses and Permits	141,850
Intergovernmental	1,171,682
Charges for Services	107,130
Fines and Forfeits	25,000
Interest	53,119
Other Revenues	3,250
Transfers from other Funds	<u>5,963</u>
Total Revenues	<u>\$3,757,368</u>

Be It Further Resolved, the City Commission hereby approves appropriations for the period July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010 for the amounts set forth below:

Major Street	427,876
Local Street	378,288
Fire Board	376,109
Housing Rehabilitation	25,130
Neighborhood Street Rehabilitation	422,133
State Street Plaza	57,696
Alma Transportation Services	586,092
Water Utility Fund	1,363,653
Wastewater Utility Fund	1,110,784
Solid Waste Disposal Fund	596,309
Administrative Services Internal Service Fund	657,438
Public works Internal Service Fund	1,761,062
Library Fund	848,821
Gratiot Community Airport Authority	177,534
Downtown Development Authority	43,599
Gratiot Area Solid Waste Authority	485,600

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

Plumb Well 2A to Water Plant	453,792
Watermain Replacement on Prospect Ave.	102,800
Sanitary sewer line replacement from south of Mid-Michigan railroad to Superior St., east of the Pine River	138,600
Replace Clarifier Drives at Wastewater Treatment Plant	85,000
Other Water Treatment Fund Capital Projects as listed in Budget document	207,100
Other Wastewater Treatment Plant Fund Capital Projects as listed in Budget Document	78,900
Two Lift Equipped Buses for DART	200,000

Street Rehabilitation Program:	
Pine Avenue from Walnut Street to Washington Street	
Prospect Street from Center Street to Ammi Street.	321,600
Rehabilitation of Runway 18/36 at Gratiot Community Airport	495,000
New Sidewalks:	
West side of Lincoln Avenue (north of the mill pond)	
Mechanic Street north	302,071
Equipment Replacement Internal Service Fund as listed in Budget document	253,500

Be It Further Resolved, that the City Commission does hereby levy a tax of 13.13 mills, for the period July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010, 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, 2009 to June 30, 2010, 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, 2009 to June 30, 2010, 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, 2009 to June 30, 2010, 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, 2009 to June 30, 2010, 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, 2009 through June 30, 2010, and all sums to be paid into the funds to which they belong.

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

No: None.

Resolution Declared Adopted.

Motion by Commissioner Ayers seconded by Commissioner Comer to adopt a resolution approving change order #1 with Soil & Material Engineers, Inc. in the amount of \$2,000 for additional work involved due to unusual soil conditions with the Transportation Center project.

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

No: None.

Motion by Vice-Mayor Mapes seconded by Commissioner Comer to adopt a resolution approving change order #1 with Rowe Inc. in the amount of \$3,400 for additional work associated with the design and construction engineering for the 2010 sanitary sewer project along the Pine River.

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

No: None.

Motion by Commissioner Ayers seconded by Commissioner Comer to receive the following report and place it on file: Alma Housing Commission meeting minutes of 4/28/09.

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

No: None.

Motion by Commissioner Legene seconded by Commissioner Mott to adopt a resolution approving the following appointments to various boards and commissions:

Appointee	Board/Commission	Term	Expires
Marcia Royer	Planning Commission	3 yrs.	5/01/12
James Wheeler	Planning Commission	3 yrs.	5/01/12
Ryan Pellerito	Planning Commission	3 yrs.	5/01/12
Kelvin Grant	Planning Commission	Unexpired 3 yrs.	5/01/11
Dale Greer	Zoning Board of Appeals	3 yrs.	5/01/12
David Justin	Zoning Board of Appeals	3 yrs.	5/01/12
Nick Piccolo	Zoning Board of Appeals	alternate	
Tadd Godfrey	Police & Fire Benefit Fund	3 yrs.	5/01/12
Roxann Harrington	Library Endowment Trust Fund	3 yrs.	2/01/12
Elizabeth VanDyke	Library Board	5 yrs.	6/01/14
Lisa Comer	DDA	4 yrs.	2/13/13
Carol Freed	DDA	4 yrs.	2/13/13
Tim Lowe	DDA	4 yrs.	2/13/13

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

No: None.

Abstain: Comer.

Motion by Commissioner Ayers 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>
5/6/2009	6/5/2009	\$100,000	30	0.25%	\$20.83	Comerica	CD
5/6/2009	6/11/2009	\$100,000	36	0.26%	\$26.00	Comerica	CD
5/21/2009	6/18/2009	\$200,000	28	0.29%	\$45.11	Flagstar	CDARS
5/21/2009	8/20/2009	\$200,000	91	0.53%	\$267.94	Flagstar	CDARS
5/21/2009	11/19/2009	\$250,000	182	1.07%	\$1,352.36	Flagstar	CDARS
5/21/2009	5/21/2010	\$450,000	365	1.60%	\$7,300.00	Flagstar	CDARS

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

No: None.

Motion by Commissioner Comer seconded by Vice-Mayor Mapes to approve Warrant No. 09-22 and to authorize the City Treasurer to issue checks in payment of all claims.

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

No: None.

Mayor Nyman advised that he would be absent for the June 9, 2009 meeting. He also congratulated Vice-Mayor Mapes on his 50th birthday on May 25th and City Manager Moore on his 25th wedding anniversary today.

Vice-Mayor Mapes thanked everyone who volunteers on the various boards and commissions and encouraged others to volunteer.

Commissioner Comer advised that the Highland Festival was a great event and advised that there will be steam engines coming to town the end of July.

Commissioner Mott thanked Aeris Ripley and the Alma Action Association for all their hard work with the festival.

Commissioner Legene also thanked everyone who serves on the boards and commissions. He also advised that the steam engines will be in town on July 23 – 26 and there will be opportunities to ride the trains.

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

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

No: None.

Melvin A. Nyman, Mayor

Barbara A. Gager, City Clerk