

Alma, Michigan
June 23, 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, Legene, Mapes, Mott, & Nyman.

Absent: Dancer.

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 Ayers as seconded by Commissioner Comer to approve the minutes of the June 9, 2009 regular meeting.

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

No: None.

A public hearing was held at 6:00 p.m. to consider FY 2009 year-end budget adjustments. City Finance Director Borle gave a brief overview of the adjustments. Following a brief discussion, the public hearing was closed.

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

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

No: None.

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

Whereas, the City Manager prepared and submitted his recommendation for the Fiscal 2008-2009 annual budget and capital improvement plan to the Alma City Commission on April 8, 2008; 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 13, 2008 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, 2008 and ending June 30, 2009, are hereby appropriated on an activity basis as follows:

	Original	Amended	Difference
Economic Development	\$146,666	256,666	110,000
Inspection Services	129,454		
Downtown Maintenance	75,472	90,472	15,000
Planning	46,990		
Police	1,325,507	1,355,507	30,000
Street Lighting	122,336	177,336	55,000

	Original	Amended	Difference
Parks and recreation	232,056		
Cemetery	216,698		
Municipal Building	184,064		
Forestry	146,205		
Contribution to Airport	30,000		
Sidewalks	94,290		
Public Access	33,690	36,790	3,100
City Commission	42,749		
Elections	35,063		
City Clerk	35,063		
City Manager	130,100		
City Treasurer	62,628		
Assessor	159,603		
Community Center	0		
Debt Service	47,218		
Transfers to Other Funds	312,619		
Transfers to Component Units	<u>343,044</u>		
Total Expenditures	<u>\$3,945,510</u>	<u>\$4,158,610</u>	<u>\$213,100</u>

Be It Further Resolved, General Fund revenues for the 2008-2009 fiscal year are estimated as follows:

	Original	Amended	Difference
Taxes	\$2,177,191		
Licenses and Permits	138,725		
Intergovernmental	1,195,824	1,184,513	(11,311)
Charges for Services	81,626		
Fines and Forfeits	25,200		
Interest	89,257		
Other Revenue	2,500		
Transfers In /Fund Balance	235,187	459,598	224,411
Total Revenues	<u>\$3,945,510</u>	<u>\$4,158,610</u>	<u>\$213,100</u>

Be It Further Resolved, the City Commission hereby approves appropriations for the period July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009 for the amounts set forth below:

	Original	Amended	Difference
Major Street	\$688,028		
Local Street	352,874	385,874	33,000
Fire Board	421,701		
2000 G.O. Street Construction Bonds	89,590		
2000 Warwick Dr S.A. Bonds	79,050		
Housing Rehabilitation	39,359	41,859	2,500

	Original	Amended	Difference
Neighborhood Street Rehab	383,138	393,138	10,000
State Street Plaza	60,166		
Alma Transportation Services	573,178	608,178	35,000
Water Utility Fund	1,265,568	1,276,568	10,000
Wastewater Utility Fund	1,096,472		
Solid Waste Disposal Fund	577,081		
Admin. Services Internal Svc Fund	753,178		
Building & Grounds Internal Svc. Fund	0		
Public Works Internal Svc. Fund	1,916,777		
Library Fund	875,619		
Airport Fund	189,735	199,735	10,000
Downtown Development Authority	45,614		
Solid Waste Authority	0	478,680	478,680

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

	Original	Amended	Difference
Transit Center & Street Construction	\$1,150,400		
Aeronautical survey for WAAS/GPS	130,000		
Plum Well 2A to WWTP	453,792		
Eastward St from Linwood to Elmwood	57,000		
Elmwood St from Superior to Rosedale	255,000		
ISF Equipment Replacement	362,000		
Water Treatment Fund Capital Projects	220,000		
Waste Water Treatment Fund Capital Projects	248,450		

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, 2008 through June 30, 2009.

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

No: None.

Resolution Declared Adopted.

A Public hearing to consider a P.A. 198 Tax Exemption Certificate for Alma Products Company at 2000 Michigan Avenue was held at 6:09 p.m.

Don Schurr, Greater Gratiot Development and Brad Boucher, Director of Engineering, Alma Products gave the Commission and audience a brief overview of the project. These capitol improvement projects will allow the company to add new products, increase operational capacity, improve process flow which will lower total

operational costs and save jobs. The proposed cost of the machinery, equipment, furniture and fixtures is estimated to be \$510,226.00. The schedule for start to finish of the equipment installation is from December 1, 2008 to December 31, 2009. Alma Products Company states that the number of existing jobs at this facility that will be retained as a result of this project is estimated to be six (6) and the number of new jobs at this facility expected to be created within 2 years of completion of the project is estimated at eight (25).

There being no further questions or comments, the public hearing was closed

Motion by Commissioner Mott seconded by Commissioner Legene to close the public hearing at 6:12 p.m.

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

No: None.

The following Preamble and Resolution was offered by Commissioner Legene seconded by Commissioner Mott:

Whereas, application has been made by Alma Products Company (38-4277468) to the City of Alma for an Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Certificate under P.A. 198, and

Whereas, on July 25, 1978 an Industrial Development District was established by the Alma City Commission, and

Whereas, the District is described as follows:

Commencing at the SW corner Lot 16, Block 20 of Old Fairgrounds Subdivision, then N on W line of said lot 161.5 feet to S line of alley intersecting Blocks 19 and 12 of Shadow Lawn Subdivision, then N 49° 28' E approximately 455 feet to middle of vacated lot designated as Texas Avenue in Shadow Lawn Replat. Then N 40° 32' W 136 feet along mid-line of said lot of Shadow Lawn Subdivision to the southerly line of Michigan Avenue. Then N 40° 28' E approximately 1,265 feet to NE corner of Lot 4, Block 6 of Shadow Lawn Subdivision, then south 1,385.4 feet to a point on the northerly right of way line of Williams Street. Then W along said line approximately 1,217.6 feet to point of beginning. Also Lot 9 of Alma Industrial Park Subdivision No. 1 and that portion lying between northern line of Lot 9 and the S row line of Michigan Avenue. Bounded on the W by the W line of Lot 9 extended to S line, Michigan Avenue row and on the E by centerline of Vermont Avenue extended from S line of Michigan Avenue to N line of said Lot 9. Except commencing at the northeasterly corner of Lot 1, Block 5, Shadow Lawn Subdivision then S 49° 28' W to NW corner of Lot 2, Block 5, Shadow Lawn Subdivision then S 40° 32' E, 65 feet, the N 49° 28' E to E line of Lot 1 Block 5, Shadow Lawn Subdivision then N 40° 32' W, 65 feet to point of the beginning.

Whereas, it appears that each legislative body which levies an ad valorem tax against the property above described has been notified and afforded an opportunity for hearing, and

Whereas, the Alma City Commission finds and determines that the granting of the Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificates previously granted and currently in force under Act 198 of P.A. 174 and Act 244 of P.A. 1978, shall not have the effect of substantially impeding the operation of the City of Alma or impairing the financial soundness of a taxing unit which levies ad valorem property taxes in the City of Alma.

Whereas, it appears that approval of the said Alma Products Company application for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate would be beneficial both to the taxpayer and to the general economic development of the community, and

Whereas, it appears that the said Alma Products Company has complied with Section 9 of Act 198 of the

Public Act 1974 in its entirety with regard to the Industrial Development District set for the above.

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, that the application of said Alma Products Company for an Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Certificate for the District be hereby approved, for a period of not more than seven (7) years after completion.

Be It Further Resolved that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the State Tax Commission forthwith.

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

No: None.

Resolution Declared Adopted.

Motion by Commissioner Ayers seconded by Commissioner Legene to adopt a resolution authorizing Mayor Nyman and City Clerk Gager to execute the PA 198 Tax Exemption Certificate Agreement on behalf of the City of Alma.

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

No: None.

Motion by Commissioner Legene seconded by Commissioner Comer to approve the request for purchase in the amount of \$5,900 to Gilbert Sales & Services, Inc. for one power washer and related accessories for use at the new Transportation facility.

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

No: None.

Motion by Vice-Mayor Mapes seconded by Commissioner Comer to approve the request for payment in the amount of \$224,599.00 to Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority for annual liability premium.

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

No: None.

Motion by Commissioner Ayers seconded by Commissioner Comer to approve the request for payment in the amount of \$11,812.50 to Synagro Central for additional sludge removal and application from the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

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

No: None.

Motion by Vice-Mayor Mapes seconded by Commissioner Legene to approve the request for purchase in the amount of \$1,558.45 to Hach Company for one multi-parameter dissolved oxygen meter for use at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

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

No: None.

Motion by Commissioner Ayers seconded by Vice-Mayor Mapes to approve the request for payment in the amount of \$3,550.00 to Twin City Landscape, Inc. for Noxious Weed cutting for 2009 Season.

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

No: None.

Motion by Commissioner Ayers seconded by Commissioner Comer to approve the request for purchase in the amount of \$1,604.00 to Kustom Signals, Inc. for one Raptor RP-1 Dual K-Bank Speed detection device for use by the Alma Police Department.

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

No: None.

Motion by Commissioner Mott seconded by Commissioner Comer to approve the request for purchase in the amount of \$5,375.00 to Watch Guard for one DV1 Modular In-car Video for by the Alma Police Department.

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

No: None.

Motion by Commissioner Comer seconded by Commissioner Ayers to approve the request for purchase in the amount of \$4,000.00 to Rowe, Inc. for professional services for an environmental survey of Euclid Baseball Field complex.

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

No: None.

Motion by Commissioner Mott seconded by Commissioner Legene to adopt a resolution authorizing the execution of a MDOT third-party contract #2007-0158/Z4 a third-party contract between the City of Alma and Holland Bus Company for the purchase of two (2) 23 foot, 15 passenger or 13+2 passenger buses with lifts for use by DART.

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

No: None.

Motion by Vice-Mayor Mapes seconded by Commissioner Comer to adopt a resolution authorizing the execution of a Joint Powers Agreement with Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority.

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

No: None.

Motion by Commissioner Ayers seconded by Commissioner Legene to receive the following reports and place them on file: Alma Police Department May reports; Gratiot County Central Dispatch Annual Report; May Financials; Alma Housing Board of Commissioners meeting of 5/27/09.

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

No: None.

Motion by Commissioner Ayers seconded by Commissioner Legene to approve Warrant No. 09-12 and to authorize the City Treasurer to issue checks in payment of all claims.

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

No: None.

Commissioner Mott reminded everyone about upcoming meetings on July 7 & 8, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. concerning the city-wide sewer problems. The meetings will be held at the Alma Public Library for all city residents.

Vice-Mayor Mapes thanked Alma Products for their investment in the community and echoed Commissioner Mott's comments regarding the sewer issue meetings.

Commissioner Comer reminded everyone of the trains coming into town July 23-26, 2009 and encouraged everyone to come and enjoy the experience.

Assistant City Manager Ripley and Mayor Nyman commented on the Alma Products expansion and the positive news it is for the community.

Motion by Commissioner Ayers seconded by Commissioner Comer to adjourn the meeting at 6:28 p.m.

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

No: None.

Melvin A. Nyman, Mayor

Barbara A. Gager, City Clerk