

**Alma, Michigan
July 14, 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, 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 June 23, 2009 regular meeting.

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: \$2,180.70 to Fortino, Plaxton, Moskal & Costanzo for June services rendered; \$2,105.08 to Hasselbring Clark for annual copy machine maintenance and supplies for the Municipal Building copy machine; \$4,739.98 to New World Systems for a one-year IBM AS 400 software maintenance agreement; \$13,738.00 to New World Systems for a one-year Police software maintenance agreement; \$1,765 to Delta College Police Academy for Police In-Service Training Consortium membership for 7/1/09 – 6/30/10.

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

No: None.

Motion by Vice-Mayor Mapes seconded by Commissioner Comer to approve the request to purchase in the amount of \$7,134.61 from First Telecommunications, Inc. one telephone system for the new transportation facility.

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

No: None.

Motion by Commissioner Legene seconded by Vice-Mayor Mapes to approve the request to engage Rowe Inc. in the amount of \$83,500.00 to perform engineering services for a Storm Water Separation Study.

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

No: None.

Motion by Commissioner Ayers seconded by Commissioner Dancer to approve the request for purchase in the amount of \$1,699.00 to iprepare.com for 100 CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) Field Operating Guides.

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

Motion by Commissioner Legene seconded by Commissioner Comer to approve the request for purchase in the amount of \$2,691.25 to CERT-KITS.com for CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) kits and related accessories.

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

Motion by Commissioner Comer seconded by Vice-Mayor Mapes to adopt a resolution casting a vote for Larry Nielsen, Incumbent, Manager, Village of Paw Paw as Trustee to the Michigan Municipal Workers' Compensation Fund for two-year terms beginning October 1, 2009.

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

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

Whereas, The City of Owosso is hosting Train Festival 2009 on July 23-26, 2009, where they will welcome eight steam engines, including the "Polar Express" engine, the 765 engine and the Southern Pacific 4449 engine from Portland, Oregon, and

Whereas, as part of the Festival, these three steam engine trains will come to Alma on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, July 23-26, 2009, and

Whereas, it is anticipated that the trains will be bringing hundreds of people to Alma where they will be spending several hours, and

Whereas, City of Alma is honored to welcome the trains and their passengers to our community and encourages everyone to participate in this fun event.

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved that Mayor Nyman and the City Commission does hereby proclaim July 23-26, 2009 as **Steam Engine Days** in the City of Alma.

Be It Further Resolved, that the City of Alma extends an invitation to the Steam Railroading Institute to make this an annual event.

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

Resolution Declared Adopted.

Motion by Commissioner Comer seconded by Vice-Mayor Mapes to adopt a resolution authorizing Alma College to place a hospitality tent on the north side of Superior Street, south of Alma College's Grant Ave. parking lot to be used as a welcoming stop for the visitors arriving in Alma on July 23-26, 2009 as part of the Steam Railroading Institute Train Festival.

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

Motion by Vice-Mayor Mapes seconded by Commissioner Comer to adopt a resolution approving an amendment to the City of Alma Park Reservation Policy adding the Highland Park-Library-south courtyard at a cost of \$25/resident and \$35/non-resident.

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

Motion by Commissioner Comer seconded by Commissioner Ayers to adopt a resolution approving a Charitable Gaming License for Kali's Cure for Paralysis Foundation, Inc. for the purpose of holding a fund raising raffle from July through December, 2009.

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

Motion by Commissioner Legene seconded by Commissioner Comer to adopt a resolution approving the Authorization for Change in Standard Street lighting Contract between the City of Alma and Consumers Energy for the placement of a streetlight at the intersection of Bridge Ave. and Willow Run.

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

Motion by Commissioner Comer seconded by Commissioner Dancer to adopt a resolution approving a basic and expanded basic cable service agreement between the City of Alma and Charter Communications and to authorize City Manager Phillip J. Moore to execute the agreement on behalf of the City of Alma.

Yes: Ayers, Comer, Dancer, Legene, Mapes, & Mott
No: Nyman.

Motion by Commissioner Ayers seconded by Commissioner Comer to adopt a resolution approving an amendment to the Michigan State Housing Development Authority Acquisition/Development/Resale grant agreement #MSC-2004-0767-MDC extending the grant term from 7/1/2004-6/30/2009 to 7/1/2004- 6/30/2010.

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

Motion by Commissioner Ayers seconded by Commissioner Dancer to receive the following reports and place them on file: Alma Zoning Board of Appeals meeting minutes of 5/28/2009; Alma Planning Commission meeting minutes of 6/1/2009; DART monthly reports for June; Alma Police Department reports for June; Alma Fire District report for June; Treasurer's report for June.

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

Motion by Vice-Mayor Mapes seconded by Commissioner Legene to approve Warrant No. 10-01 and to authorize the City Treasurer to issue checks in payment of all claims.

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

No: None.

Commissioners encouraged everyone to attend the steam engine days and thanked City staff for their excellent presentation at the neighborhood sanitary sewer meetings last week.

City Attorney Fortino commented that it is imperative that business and industry support Greater Gratiot Development.

City Manager Moore advised that tickets are still available for Rural Urban Days on Thursday. He also encouraged residents to cooperate with the upcoming Storm Water Separation Study.

Dennis Springstead, 736 N. State St. addressed the City Commission regarding the Storm Water Separation Study and encouraged the study to start with a home he owns on Gratiot Avenue.

Ray Borowicz, 901 Riverview Drive addressed the City Commission and thanked city staff for all their work and efforts regarding their quick response to the storm water problems.

Motion by Commissioner Comer seconded by Vice-Mayor Mapes to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

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

No: None.

Melvin A. Nyman, Mayor

Barbara A. Gager, City Clerk