

**Alma, Michigan
August 11, 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, Mott, & Nyman.

Absent: 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 seconded by Commissioner Dancer to approve the minutes of the July 28, 2009 regular meeting.

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

No: None.

Motion by Commissioner Mott seconded by Commissioner Comer to receive the communication from Mrs. Sally Vernon, 544 Fairlane Drive, Alma requesting permission to trim back overgrowth on the walking trails in Conservation Park and to develop a "single track" bicycle trail within Conservation Park and refer it to the Alma Parks Board.

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

No: None.

Motion by Commissioner Ayers seconded by Commissioner Dancer to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda for payment: \$4,680 to CitiTech Systems, Inc. for the annual software support maintenance agreement; \$3,028.75 to Fortino, Plaxton, Moskal & Costanzo for July services rendered.

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

No: None.

Motion by Commissioner Comer seconded by Commissioner Legene to approve the request to engage Robinson Electrical & Mechanical, Inc. in the amount of \$2,689.47 to provide material and labor to hook up new washer compactor unit at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

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

No: None.

Motion by Commissioner Ayers seconded by Commissioner Dancer to approve the request to extend the contract with Synagro Central, LLC for a one year extension for the removal and disposal of liquid sludge from the Wastewater Treatment Plant in the amount of \$36,000.

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

No: None.

Motion by Commissioner Comer seconded by Commissioner Ayers to approve the request for purchase in the amount of \$13,377 from System Specialties for one electro-hydraulic actuator valve for use by the Water Treatment Plant.

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

No: None.

Motion by Commissioner Mott seconded by Commissioner Legene to approve the request for purchase in the amount of \$3,911.40 from Mission Communications, LLC for annual alarm service for the Wastewater Treatment lift stations throughout the City and Arcada and Pine River townships.

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

No: None.

Motion by Commissioner Comer seconded by Commissioner Ayers to approve the request for purchase in the amount of \$3,038.40 from St. Regis Culvert, Inc. for 30 snow plow blades for use by the Public Works Division.

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

No: None.

Motion by Commissioner Dancer seconded by Commissioner Comer to approve the request for purchase in the amount of \$2,004 from Country Rocks for 120 cubic yards of playground mulch (fibar) for use at the various City playgrounds.

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

No: None.

Motion by Commissioner Comer seconded by Commissioner Dancer to approve the request for payment in the amount of \$3,000 to Terry's Cycle for 24 bike docks to be placed in downtown Alma.

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

No: None.

Motion by Commissioner Mott seconded by Commissioner Legene to reject the bids for wood refuse removal in the amount of \$950 and compost removal in the amount of \$19,575 from the City of Alma yard waste site from Big Chipper, Inc. from Grand Rapids.

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

No: None.

Mayor Nyman advised the public that the City has compost for free and is offering it to anyone who can use it.

Motion by Commissioner Comer seconded by Commissioner Dancer to adopt a resolution setting a fee of \$25.00 for the performance of marriage ceremonies by the Mayor or acting Mayor of the City of Alma.

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

No: None.

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

Whereas, the City of Alma has granted industrial facilities tax exemption certificates to Contech US, LLC, and its predecessors, and

Whereas, the City of Alma entered into agreements with Contech US, LLC, upon the occasion of the issuance of each such certificate, and

Whereas, one such Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Certificate was issued to Contech US, LLC on November 28, 2000 for a twelve year period under parcel number 29-51-951-718-00, and

Whereas, Contech US, LLC has defaulted by virtue of nonpayment of the 2008 industrial facility tax obligation issued on December 1, 2008 under parcel number 29-51-951-718-00 in the amount of \$477.24, and

Whereas, Contech US, LLC, has defaulted by discontinuing its business operations within the City of Alma and selling all of its assets,

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, the City of Alma requests that the State Tax Commission revoke the industrial exemption certificates identified in Exhibit A attached hereto.

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

No: None.

Resolution Declared Adopted.

Motion by Commissioner Ayers seconded by Commissioner Comer to adopt a resolution authorizing the execution of an Audit Engagement Letter between the City of Alma and Yeo & Yeo, P.C. for audit services for the year ended June 30, 2009.

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

No: None.

Motion by Commissioner Legene seconded by Commissioner Dancer 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/R3) revising the contract to add line items for maintenance equipment and for security and defense equipment, and adjust funding among the line items, 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 Comer seconded by Commissioner Dancer 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/Z7/R3) to add a line item for terminal and office facility equipment and adjust funding among a line item 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 Legene seconded by Commissioner Ayers to receive the following reports and place them on file: DART & Depot July reports; Alma Downtown Development Authority meeting minutes of June 4, 2009; Alma Zoning Board of Appeals meeting minutes of June 22, 2009.

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

No: None.

Motion by Commissioner Mott seconded by Commissioner Legene to adopt a resolution appointing Greg Mapes to the Greater Gratiot Development, Inc. Board of Directors for the period October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2010.

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

No: None.

Motion by Commissioner Comer seconded by Commissioner Dancer to receive the presentation by Matt Schooley, Alma Police Department on the City of Alma's Emergency Operations Plan.

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

No: None.

Motion by Commissioner Ayers seconded by Commissioner Comer to approve Warrant No. 10-03 and to authorize the City Treasurer to issue checks in payment of all claims.

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

No: None.

The City Commission thanked Matt Schooley for his presentation and hard work on the Emergency Operation Plan.

Commissioner Mott announced that Habitat for Humanity will be dedicating a home on W. Marshall on 8/23.

Commissioner Legene announced that Gratiot Community Airport will be hosting an open house the weekend of 8/22 & 8/23.

City Attorney announced that the Gratiot County United Way Road Rally will be held on September 17, 2009.

Motion by Commissioner Comer seconded by Commissioner Ayers to adjourn the meeting at 6:48 p.m.

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

No: None.

Melvin A. Nyman, Mayor

Barbara A. Gager, City Clerk