

**Alma, Michigan
October 13, 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, Dancer, Legene, Mapes, Mott, & Nyman.

Absent: Comer.

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 Legene seconded by Commissioner Ayers to approve the minutes of the September 22, 2009 regular meeting.

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

No: None.

Motion by Vice-Mayor Mapes seconded by Commissioner Legene to receive and approve the request from Commissioner Lisa Comer for a leave of absence from the City Commission until 12/18/09 due to a school schedule conflict.

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

No: None.

Motion by Commissioner Ayers seconded by Commissioner Dancer to receive and approve the request from Commissioner Michael Legene for an excused absence for the meeting of 10/27/09.

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

No: None.

Motion by Vice-Mayor Mapes seconded by Commissioner Ayers to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda for payment: \$1,851.60 to Fortino, Plaxton, Moskal & Costanzo for September legal services rendered; \$4,062.50 to Delta Consulting Services, Inc. for appraisal services rendered for the IAC tax appeal; \$99,510.00 to US Bank for interest for City of Gemstone GO Bond 2006; Gemstone S/A Bond 2006; CIP Bond Series A 2005 – WWTP; and CIP Bond Series B 2005- Water; \$1,819.26 to Central Asphalt, Inc. for 37.14 tons of asphalt-top mix for use on various street projects.

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

No: None.

Motion by Vice-Mayor Mapes seconded by Commissioner Dancer to approve the request for payment in the amount of \$2,012.07 from Michigan CAT for repairs to Unit 217 (dump truck) high pressure supply pump.

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

No: None.

Motion by Commissioner Ayers seconded by Commissioner Dancer to approve the request for payment in the amount of \$10,000 to Mid Michigan Kennels for a dual purpose narcotics K9, including 5 week handlers course, all leads and harnesses.

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

No: None.

Motion by Commissioner Legene seconded by Commissioner Mott to approve the request for payment in the amount of \$1,864.90 to Elite K9 for one American aluminum insert and related accessories to secure the police K9 in the patrol vehicle.

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

No: None.

Motion by Commissioner Ayers seconded by Commissioner Dancer to receive the bids for Well 2A cleaning and maintenance and to award the project to the low bidder Peerless Midwest, Inc., Ionia in the amount of \$15,393.00.

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

No: None.

Motion by Vice-Mayor Mapes seconded by Commissioner Ayers to receive the bids for the purchase of 45 trees as part of the Consumers Energy grant for Panther Parkway and to award the project to the low bidder, Kluck's Nursery, Inc., Saginaw in the amount of \$3,396.00.

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

No: None.

Motion by Commissioner Ayers seconded by Vice-Mayor Mapes to receive the following reports and place them on file: Alma Police Department September reports; Alma Fire District September reports; Alma DART & Bus Depot September reports; Treasurer's September report; September Financial Statements.

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

No: None.

Motion by Commissioner Ayers seconded by Vice-Mayor Mapes 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>
10/07/09	10/07/10	\$250,000	365	1.75%	\$4,375.00	Chemical Bank	CD
10/07/09	11/04/09	\$200,000	28	0.31%	\$47.56	Commercial Bank	CDARS
10/07/09	01/06/10	\$200,000	91	0.41%	\$204.44	Commercial Bank	CDARS
10/07/09	10/06/10	\$200,000	364	0.86%	\$1,715.29	Commercial Bank	CDARS

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

No: None.

Motion by Commissioner Mott seconded by Commissioner Legene to approve Warrant No. 10-07 and to authorize the City Treasurer to issue checks in payment of all claims.

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

No: None.

Vice-Mayor Mapes thanked Consumers Energy Company for the tree grant.

City Clerk Gager reminded everyone of the upcoming City Election on November 3, 2009.

City Manager Moore presented Mayor Nyman with a resolution he brought back from Hagenow, Germany.

The German delegation will be visiting Alma next May and he encouraged anyone who is interested to join the Gratiot County delegation in visiting Hagenow the next time they make the trip.

Mayor Nyman thanked Hagenow for the resolution and commended City Manager Moore for making the trip on his own time and at his own expense for the benefit of the City.

Larry Hughes, 1214 Michigan Avenue, addressed the City Commission and audience regarding the weeds growing in City streets and around town. His main project now is to start a Historical Society in Alma and make saving the Ammi Wright House it's top priority. He may be reached at 989-854-1782

Motion by Commissioner Ayers seconded by Vice-Mayor Mapes to adjourn the meeting to enter Executive Session to discuss privileged and confidential correspondence from City Attorney at 6:27 p.m.

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

No: None.

Motion by Commissioner Ayers as seconded by Vice-Mayor Mapes to reconvene the regular meeting at 7:15 p.m.

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

No: None.

Motion by Commissioner Ayers as seconded by Commissioner Legene to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

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

No: None.

Melvin A. Nyman, Mayor

Barbara A. Gager, City Clerk