Mayor Greg Mapes called a regular meeting of the Alma City Commission to order at 6:00 p.m. The virtual meeting was held via Zoom.com and livestreamed through the City of Alma’s YouTube channel. A quorum of the Commission was present via Zoom for the meeting.

Mayor Mapes led those present in a recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America.

**Roll Call**

Present: Roger Allman, Roxann Harrington, Greg Mapes, Larry Mott, Nick Piccolo, Michelle Pitts, and Audra Stahl.

Absent: none.

Motion by Commissioner Allman, seconded by Commissioner Piccolo, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried with a roll call vote.

Yes: Allman, Harrington, Mapes, Mott, Piccolo, Pitts, and Stahl.

No: none.

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Commissioner Mott, seconded by Vice-Mayor Harrington, to approve minutes of the regular meeting and the budget review session of April 28, 2020 as presented. Motion carried with a roll call vote.

Yes: Allman, Harrington, Mapes, Mott, Piccolo, Pitts, and Stahl.

No: none.

**Hearings**

Motion by Commissioner Piccolo, seconded by Commissioner Allman, to open a public hearing to review the proposed FY 2021 Annual City Budget and related property tax millage rates. Motion carried with a roll call vote.

Yes: Allman, Harrington, Mapes, Mott, Piccolo, Pitts, and Stahl.

No: none.

Pursuant to Section 6.3 of the Alma City Charter, the City Commission is required to hold a public hearing to provide interested individuals an opportunity to provide input in the review process. The proposed budget was introduced at the regular meeting of April 14, 2020.

City Manager Matt Schooley explained that the proposed millage leves are the same as last year: General Fund millage of 14.4060; a Transportation millage of .9604; a Voted Street millage of 2.500; Voted Library millage of 1.5; Library millage of .5 and a DDA millage within the district of 1.9716. These millage rates will have no changes from the millage rates used for FY 2020.

Schooley noted that the proposed budget was developed on the assumption of these millages, but changes are being made to accommodate expected loss of revenue due to the COVID-19 pandemic. An additional budget review session is scheduled for May 21, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

Mayor Mapes called for questions from City Commissioners, staff, and members of the public. No questions or comments were offered.
Motion by Commissioner Allman, seconded by Vice-Mayor Harrington, to close the public hearing for review of the proposed FY 2021 Annual City Budget at 6:07 p.m. Motion carried with a roll call vote.

Yes: Allman, Harrington, Mapes, Mott, Piccolo, Pitts, and Stahl.
No: none.

Requests for Purchase

2020-00072 Motion by Vice-Mayor Harrington, seconded by Commissioner Allman, to adopt a resolution approving a request for purchase in the amount of $242,384.00 to Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority for renewal of the City’s liability and property insurance coverage for July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

Resolution declared adopted.

Yes: Allman, Harrington, Mapes, Mott, Piccolo, Pitts, and Stahl.
No: none.

Agreements

2020-00073 Assessing Agreement with City of St. Louis

Motion by Vice-Mayor Harrington, seconded by Commissioner Allman, to approve a resolution authorizing the execution of an Agreement with the City of St. Louis for Property Assessment Administration to be administered by the City of Alma Assessor which will list, appraise, and maintain a complete set of records for all real and personal property, subject to ad valorem taxation, specific taxes, and in-lieu-of tax agreements within the Corporate limits of the City of St. Louis. Contract duration is May 1, 2020 through April 30, 2021.

Resolution declared adopted.

Yes: Allman, Harrington, Mapes, Mott, Piccolo, Pitts, and Stahl.
No: none.

2020-00074 Approval of Planned Unit Development Agreement for 1425 Michigan Avenue

Motion by Commissioner Pitts, seconded by Commissioner Allman, to adopt a resolution approving the Final PUD (Planned Unit Development) Plan for 1425 Michigan Avenue (29-51-354-269-00) and authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute an agreement for the 1425 Michigan Avenue Planned Unit Development on behalf of the City of Alma.

Resolution declared adopted.

Yes: Allman, Harrington, Mapes, Mott, Piccolo, Pitts, and Stahl.
No: none.

Reports

Motion by Commissioner Piccolo, seconded by Commissioner Pitts, to adopt a resolution to receive the following reports: Alma Transit April 2020 Report, Alma Police Department Report for April 2020, and Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of May 4, 2020. Motion carried with a roll call vote.

Yes: Allman, Harrington, Mapes, Mott, Piccolo, Pitts, and Stahl.
No: none.
The City Manager’s report was pulled at Matt Schooley’s request to hold additional discussion about downtown restaurants. He said when they re-open, they will be opening at reduced capacity. He asked for Commissioners’ thoughts on how to support them and other downtown business owners as things start to re-open. He said there has been some discussion about closing one of the side streets for picnic tables to provide additional seating, as well as blocking off parking spaces to provide more usable space.

Commissioners agreed the City’s goal should be to help accommodate as much as possible and think creatively to come up with solutions. Commissioner Stahl expressed concerns about keeping the areas clean and sanitized. Schooley said that would have to be part of the overall plan. He encouraged everyone to brainstorm and pass on ideas to him, so we can be sure to help local businesses succeed as we come out of the stay home order.

Motion by Commissioner Piccolo, seconded by Commissioner Allman, to adopt a resolution to receive the City Manager’s report for May 12, 2020, as presented. Motion carried with a roll call vote.

Yes: Allman, Harrington, Mapes, Mott, Piccolo, Pitts, and Stahl.
No: none.

Appropriations
2020-00075 Motion by Vice-Mayor Harrington, seconded by Commissioner Allman, to adopt a resolution approving Warrant No. 20-21 and authorizing the City Treasurer to issue checks in payment of all claims.

Resolution declared adopted.
Yes: Allman, Harrington, Mapes, Mott, Piccolo, Pitts, and Stahl.
No: none.

Commissioner Comments
Commissioner Allman said he had been receiving questions about yard/garage sales. Schooley said those cannot be held until the stay home order is lifted.

Commissioner Stahl said the Mobile Food Pantry will be at the Pine Avenue Elementary School on May 27, 2020 from 4-6 p.m. The Baby Pantry will also be there. She asked for help spreading the word for folks in need.

Commissioner Allman spoke about the Community Café. He said in the first two weeks they were serving, they provided 50 meals a week, and in the last two weeks, they have provided 150 meals per week.

Vice-Mayor Harrington let everyone know that kindergarten registration is available online.

Commissioner Pitts thanked those who had attended the Farmer’s Market over the weekend.

All Commissioners urged everyone to help take care of each other and stay safe.

Mayor Mapes offered his appreciation to members of the community for following stay home orders and helping to keep coronavirus case numbers down in our area and pulling together to get through.

Invitation to Public
There were no public comments.
Motion by Commissioner Piccolo, seconded by Commissioner Allman, to adjourn the meeting at 6:32 p.m. Motion carried with a roll call vote.

Yes: Allman, Harrington, Mapes, Mott, Piccolo, Pitts, and Stahl.
No: none.

Gregory S. Mapes, Mayor, City of Alma

Sara Anderson, City Clerk, City of Alma

May 26, 2020
Date of Approval