

Vice-Mayor Harrington called a regular meeting of the Alma City Commission to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Alma Municipal Building. A quorum of the Commission was present.

Roll Call

Present: Roger Allman, Sonia Gibson, Roxann Harrington, Michelle Pitts, and Danny Wernick.
Absent: Andrew Bare and Greg Mapes.

2026-0231 Motion by Commissioner Pitts, seconded by Commissioner Gibson, to approve the agenda, as amended with deletion of the work session and addition of two other items. Motion carried.

Yes: Allman, Gibson, Harrington, Pitts, and Wernick.
No: none.
Absent: Bare and Mapes.

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

Approval of Minutes

2026-0232 Motion by Commissioner Wernick, seconded by Commissioner Allman, to approve minutes of the September 22, 2026, regular meeting, as presented. Motion carried.

Yes: Allman, Gibson, Harrington, Pitts, and Wernick.
No: none.
Absent: Bare and Mapes.

Requests for Purchase

2026-0233 Motion by Commissioner Allman, seconded by Commissioner Pitts, to approve a request for purchase to Fishbeck, in the amount of \$102,800.00, for engineering services on the Washington Avenue Utility and Road Reconstruction project.

Yes: Allman, Gibson, Harrington, Pitts, and Wernick.
No: none.
Absent: Bare and Mapes.
Resolution declared adopted.

2026-0234 Motion by Commissioner Pitts, seconded by Commissioner Wernick, to approve a request for purchase to Crawford Contracting, in the amount of \$231,520.00, based on SRF rates, for replacement of a failing watermain on Liberty Street, between Court and Euclid Avenues, also to approve the related budget amendment and authorize the Mayor to execute related documents.

Yes: Allman, Gibson, Harrington, Pitts, and Wernick.
No: none.
Absent: Bare and Mapes.
Resolution declared adopted.

Resolutions

2026-0235 Motion by Commissioner Pitts, seconded by Commissioner Wernick, to ratify investment of the following City funds:

Investment Date	Maturity Date	Amount	Interest Rate	Bank	Type
9/30/2026	5/31/2028	\$250,000	4.75%	Fifth Third Securities	US Treasury
9/30/2026	8/31/2028	\$150,000	4.80%	Fifth Third Securities	US Treasury
10/6/2026	10/5/2028	\$250,000	4.09%	Commercial Bank	CD

Yes: Allman, Gibson, Harrington, Pitts, and Wernick.
No: none.
Absent: Bare and Mapes.
Resolution declared adopted.

2026-0236 **Motion by Commissioner Pitts, seconded by Commissioner Wernick, to adopt a resolution to approve 2026 Tax Rate Requests (L-4029) for the City of Alma and Alma Downtown Development Authority, as amended.**

Yes: **Allman, Gibson, Harrington, Pitts, and Wernick.**
No: **none.**
Absent: **Bare and Mapes.**
Resolution declared adopted.

Reports

2026-0237 **Motion by Commissioner Pitts, seconded by Commissioner Allman, to receive the following reports:** Gratiot Area Water Authority September 11, 2026 Draft Meeting Minutes, Gratiot Area Solid Waste Authority September 22, 2026 Draft Meeting Minutes, Downtown Development Authority September 30, 2026 Draft Meeting Minutes, Planning Commission October 5, 2026 Draft Meeting Minutes, September 2026 Building Permits Report, Alma Police Department September 2026 Report, Alma Transit September 2026 Report, and Finance September 2026 Report. **Motion carried.**

Yes: **Allman, Gibson, Harrington, Pitts, and Wernick.**
No: **none.**
Absent: **Bare and Mapes.**

2026-0238 **Motion by Commissioner Pitts, seconded by Commissioner Wernick, to receive the City Manager's Newsletter. Following the City Manager's brief review of items in the newsletter, the motion to receive carried.**

Yes: **Allman, Gibson, Harrington, Pitts, and Wernick.**
No: **none.**
Absent: **Bare and Mapes.**

New Business

2026-0239 **Motion by Commissioner Allman, seconded by Commissioner Wernick, to adopt a resolution to approve Granger Waste Services' request for a fuel surcharge, pursuant to the Compensation section of page SP-8 of the Solid Waste and Recyclables Contract dated February 23, 2022, based on published diesel fuel rates and a benchmark of \$5.00 per gallon, and contingent upon approval by the City of St. Louis.**

Yes: **Allman, Gibson, Harrington, and Wernick.**
No: **none.**
Absent: **Bare and Mapes.**
Abstain: **Pitts.**
Resolution declared adopted.

Appropriations

2026-0240 **Motion by Commissioner Pitts, seconded by Commissioner Allman, to adopt a resolution approving Warrant No. 27-07 and authorizing the City Treasurer to issue checks in payment of all claims.**

Yes: **Allman, Gibson, Harrington, Pitts, and Wernick.**
No: **none.**
Absent: **Bare and Mapes.**
Resolution declared adopted.

Commissioner Comments

Commissioners Allman presented a proposal for an Alma-specific tartan. He provided background information and asked the group if the designer could be encouraged to move forward with the idea. Commissioners present agreed with gathering more information.

City Manager Ripley told the group the Work Session would be rescheduled for a different meeting.

Invitation to Public

No comments were received.

Adjournment

**Motion by Commissioner Allman, seconded by Commissioner Gibson, to adjourn the meeting at 6:29 p.m.
Motion carried.**

Yes: Allman, Gibson, Harrington, Pitts, and Wernick.

No: none.

Absent: Bare and Mapes.

Sara Anderson, City Clerk, City of Alma

Roxann Fatchett-Harrington, Vice-Mayor, City of Alma

Date of Approval

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