

**City of Alma  
Planning Commission Minutes  
January 5, 2026**

Planning Commission Chair Heather Therrien called a regular meeting of the Alma Planning Commission to order at 6:00 p.m. at the Alma Municipal Building. A quorum of the Planning Commission was present.

Present: Josh Cromer, Justin Fonley, Jessica Gilkins, David Justin, Greg Mapes, Michelle Pitts, Tim Rath (arrived after roll call), and Heather Therrien.  
Absent: Ellen Richter.

Chairperson Therrien led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States.

*Approval of Minutes*

**Motion by Justin, seconded by Cromer, to approve the minutes of November 3, 2025, as presented. Motion carried.**

**Yes: Cromer, Fonley, Gilkins, Justin, Mapes, Pitts, and Therrien.  
No: none.  
Absent: Rath and Richter.**

Planning Commission Member Rath arrived at 6:02 p.m.

*Election of Officers*

**Motion by Pitts, seconded by Cromer, to nominate and elect Heather Therrien for the position of Chairperson. Motion carried.**

**Yes: Cromer, Fonley, Gilkins, Justin, Mapes, Pitts, Rath, and Therrien.  
No: none.  
Absent: Richter.**

Therrien accepted the position, noting her wish that the group consider another member for the next term.

**Motion by Pitts, seconded by Cromer, to nominate and elect Justin Fonley for the position of Vice-Chairperson. Motion carried.**

**Yes: Cromer, Fonley, Gilkins, Justin, Mapes, Pitts, Rath, and Therrien.  
No: none.  
Absent: Richter.**

Fonley accepted the position.

**Motion by Pitts, seconded by Cromer, to nominate and elect Jessica Gilkins for the position of Secretary. Motion carried.**

**Yes: Cromer, Fonley, Gilkins, Justin, Mapes, Pitts, Rath, and Therrien.  
No: none.  
Absent: Richter.**

Gilkins accepted the position.

*Gratiot County-Wide Master Plan Public Hearing*

**Motion by Justin, seconded by Rath, to set a public hearing for February 2, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at the Alma Municipal Building, to provide an opportunity for residents and interested citizens to be heard regarding the proposed Gratiot County-Wide Master Plan, to be adopted as the City of Alma Master Plan. Motion carried.**

**Yes: Cromer, Fonley, Gilkins, Justin, Mapes, Pitts, Rath, and Therrien.  
No: none.  
Absent: Richter.**

*Other Business*

No other business was offered.

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*Invitation to Public*

No members of the public were present.

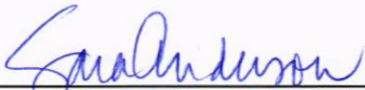
*Adjourn*

**Motion by Justin, seconded by Pitts, to adjourn the meeting at 6:07 p.m. Motion carried.**

**Yes: Cromer, Fonley, Gilkins, Justin, Mapes, Pitts, Rath, and Therrien.**

**No: none.**

**Absent: Richter.**

  
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Sara Anderson, Alma City Clerk

Date of Approval: February 2, 2026