

A regular meeting of the Alma Downtown Development Authority (ADDA) was held at the Alma Municipal Building at 6:00 p.m.

Authority members present: Joe Ahern, Nancy Gallagher, Ken Kline, Donna Kolar, Greg Mapes, Brent Moeggenborg, Andy Shafley, and Katie Tobias.

Authority members absent: Stacey Ensz and Canyon Platt.

Chairperson Moeggenborg called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. A quorum of the Authority was present.

Motion by Mapes, seconded by Tobias, to approve minutes of the meeting of July 23, 2025, as presented. Motion carried.

Yes: Ahern, Gallagher, Kline, Kolar, Mapes, Moeggenborg, Shafley, and Tobias.

No: none.

Absent: Ensz and Platt.

Discussion on Parking Lots 1 and 6

City Manager Aeris Ripley opened the discussion with photos of each lot's current condition and an update from a discussion with a local contractor. Ripley said the contractor had offered an estimate of the cost of a "mill and fill" on Lot 1, but also said they couldn't offer guarantees. The group discussed past issues with water drainage and possibilities for management, including connecting downspouts directly to the storm main, or providing channels, or structures such as raised sidewalks or "humps", to direct water run-off. Ripley indicated he intends to hold public meetings to include local merchants and members of the community in the discussion. Moeggenborg suggested presenting options to the City Commission and letting them make the choice between complete reconstruction or surface repair. Mapes reminded everyone of the cost of complete reconstruction versus surface repair. Ripley said if they opted for complete reconstruction, it likely couldn't be accomplished in time for the upcoming construction season.

The group moved on to discussion regarding the condition of Lot 6 and talked at length about the semi-truck traffic behind the hardware store. Kline asked if a timeline could be presented for a meeting with merchants, and Mapes again suggested tying directly into storm sewers. Ripley said he didn't want to burden the general fund but also did not want to leave a mess for someone else to have to fix. Kline said public meetings might bring in some suggestions or at least help to provide ownership in the project. Gallagher agreed, saying public meetings could provide full disclosure of the reality of the situation.

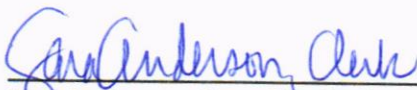
Discussion continued about managing water running off of business roofs during rain events. Ripley said he could speak with engineers regarding suggestions for managing drainage and indicated a special assessment may be an option if he could show direct benefit.

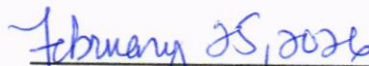
Discussion turned briefly to bicycles on sidewalks in the downtown area and resulting issues.

Other Business

No other business was presented.

Motion by Shafley, seconded by Kline, to adjourn the meeting at 6:48 p.m. Motion carried with all ayes.


Sara Anderson, Alma City Clerk


Date of Approval