

A re-scheduled 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, Ken Kline, Donna Kolar, Brent Moeggenborg, Andy Shafley, and Katie Tobias.

Authority members absent: Stacey Enszt, Nancy Gallagher, Greg Mapes, and Canyon Platt.

City Manager Ripley addressed the group present at 6:00 p.m. which included Members Kline, Kolar, Moeggenborg, Shafley, and Tobias. A quorum was not present.

The group discussed the trial balance, status of the tree removal project, and updates on the downtown street light replacement project, downtown stump removal, and the Prospect building demolition.

Member Ahern arrived at 6:05 p.m. and a quorum was attained. Discussion followed regarding the proposed rail project.

The meeting was officially called to order at 6:13 p.m.

Motion by Kline, seconded by Tobias, to approve meeting minutes of March 25, 2026, as corrected. Motion carried.

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

No: none.

Absent: Enszt, Gallagher, Mapes, and Platt.

Alma DDA Trial Balance Report

Ripley reviewed the current trial balance report, noting the balance would change with payment to DPW for work on downtown trees. Brief discussion followed regarding the tree project.

Motion by Kline, seconded by Ahern, to receive the Trial Balance Report. Motion carried with all ayes.

Social District Management and Maintenance Plan

Ripley provided an update on the downtown social district plan and indicated he had the final piece in place, and it would be ready for administrative approval by the City Commission. He provided a map of the proposed district and highlights of the proposed Management and Maintenance Plan, including permitted and prohibited conduct, public safety oversight, waste management, hours of operation, and a proposed logo for cups to be used by licensed merchants in the district. Discussion followed regarding use of the cups and expected benefits of the district for the community.

Ripley told the group the plan would likely be presented for consideration to the City Commission at their second meeting in October.

Motion by Shafley, seconded by Kline, to acknowledge review of the proposed Social District Management and Maintenance Plan by the Alma Downtown Development Authority. Motion carried with all ayes.

Discussion returned to the tree replacement project and plans for the unused tree boxes. Ripley noted two of the new trees didn't survive and will be replaced. Ahern suggested benches in some of the unused tree boxes. Tobias asked about restrictions for e-bikes on downtown sidewalks. Ripley said the State of Michigan is working on statewide laws to address problems. Kolar spoke about an e-bike accident that occurred in front of her place of business. Additional discussion followed about issues with e-bikes downtown.

No other business was offered, and no members of the public were present.

Motion by Shafley, seconded by Ahern, to adjourn the meeting at 6:53 p.m. Motion carried with all ayes.

Sara Anderson, Alma City Clerk

Date of Approval

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