

March 9, 2009 Special Meeting Minutes

ALLIANCE CITY COUNCIL

SPECIAL MEETING, MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2009

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The Alliance City Council met in a Special Meeting, March 9, 2009 at 5:00 p.m., at the Library/Learning Center, 1750 Sweetwater Avenue. A notice of meeting was published in the Alliance Times Herald on March 3, 2009. The notice stated the date, hour and place of the meeting, that the meeting was open to the public, and that an agenda of the meeting, kept continuously current, was available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk in City Hall.

Present at the meeting were Mayor Yeager, Council members Kusek, Benzel, Feldges, and Rowley. Also present were City Manager Caskie, City Attorney Miller, and City Clerk Jines. Representing the Box Butte County Commissioners were members Brixius, Toedtli, and Weston. Box Butte County staff members were County Attorney Hutchinson and County Clerk McDuffy.

The Special Meeting began with Mayor Yeager making the Open Meetings Law announcement and indicating the required posting was on the south wall of the room.

- The first item for discussion between the City Council and the County Commissioners was the Law Enforcement Center Agreement. The following points were addressed and/or will be researched for a future meeting.

- The exact cost of utilities (electric and gas) and what is be paid. Both agencies would like to see the total bills.
- Responsibility for the upkeep and maintenance of the building
- Prisoner costs. Who is responsible for what expenses and the lack of State reimbursement.

- The next matter discussed was the Law Enforcement Communications and Reverse 911. The following points were addressed and/or will be researched for a future meeting.

- Consolidation of the dispatching duties with either the County, City, or an independent agency taking responsibility. Sheriff Mowry stated she opposed any consolidation efforts.
- Differences in dispatcher responsibilities between departments such as E-911

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calls and prisoner care

- The Village of Hemingford's needs to be included in decision making process
- Funding requirements for Reverse 911 services
- Sources of financial support for E-911 services (land lines vs. cell phones)

• Planning and Zoning Services were the next matter before the Council and Commissioners. The following points were addressed and/or will be researched for a future meeting.

- The need for an Airport Zoning Board
- An Interlocal Agreement between the City and the County for the services of Community Development Director Houck

• The next item on the Joint Meeting agenda was Sweetwater Avenue improvements. The following points were addressed and/or will be researched for a future meeting.

- Prescriptive easement questions
- Chip seal versus the need for drainage/some curb and gutter does exist and getting the job done right the first time
- Property owner involvement, deeds which had been submitted to property owners were not returned to the City
- Status of the property currently for sale, and the need for additional property abutting this property
- The needs of Box Butte General Hospital
- Responsibilities of each legislative body

• Items for future meetings and discussions were the last matters before the Boards. The groups decided they would like to meeting again in approximately six months. In addition to the review of the above items, they would also like to discuss tourism issues such as the Carhenge signs.

• Mayor Yeager stated, "there being no further business to come before the Alliance City Council, the meeting is adjourned at 6:25 p.m."

Ralph Yeager, Mayor

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Linda S. Jines, City Clerk