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ALLIANCE CITY COUNCIL

SPECIAL MEETING, THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 2009

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COUNTY OF BOX BUTTE) §
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CITY OF ALLIANCE)

The Alliance City Council met in a Special Meeting, April 16, 2009 at 4:00 p.m., at the Knight Museum and Sandhills Center, 908 Yellowstone Avenue. A notice of meeting was published in the Alliance Times Herald on April 9, 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

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 matter before Council was a presentation by Olsson and Associates giving an update on water issues. The presentation was made by Mike Milius and Gary Gerhard of Olsson & Associates and Alliance Water Superintendent Mike Hulquist. The following is an outline of the presentation:

Current Project Update

Bidding of Treatment Equipment
Bidding of Well Replacement/Treatment System Installation
Testhole Program
Treatment Plant Buildings
 6th and Elkhorn
 18th and Colorado
 Burnham and Emerson

New Water Production Developments

High Arsenic Level from West Well Field
West Well Field Layout
West Well Field Well Screen Locations
West Well Field Evaluation
West Well Field Recommendations
Loss of In-Town Wells
 Water Restrictions Outlined in Municipal Code

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Load Management Options

Production
 Summer Pumping Impacts
 Interim Contingency Plan

Project Funding

Current Project Budget is \$6,388,134
 Treatment Equipment – Bid Package #1
 New Wells/Treatment Buildings – Bid Package #2
 Test Hole Programs
 SCADA System Improvements
 Grand Avenue Water Main Replacement
 Engineering
 Elkhorn Tank Repainting
 Drinking Water Stimulus Project
 24.5% Grant
 3% Effective Rate
 \$841,249 Prior to Federal Fiscal Year Will Be At 4.5% Rate

State Loan
 Bond Anticipation Notes

Fluoridation Update
 Airport Water System

Following the presentation no action was taken.

- The next matter discussed was the repair options of the 16th Street and Box Butte Avenue Tennis Courts. Cultural and Leisure Services Director Chuck Carbert provided the following information for Council's consideration and review:

[Following is a summary of our research to repair the deteriorating Sudman Park tennis courts.

Currently the court has approximately 550' of major cracks, 100' of minor cracks, numerous areas of small surface cracks, "bird baths", and the surface material is peeling up in areas. Crack repairs have been attempted over the years with foam filler and sealer with little success. The cracks continue to widen. The net posts are also heaving up from the ground.

In 2001 Simons Contracting applied a 1 1/2" asphalt overlay to an asphalt base of 4-7" and A-1 Track and Tennis then applied two coats of California Products Corporation Plexipave Acrylic Color Coating. The cracks we see today began appearing about one year after the work. Theory's for the problems include an initial inadequate base, water leaking from the old pool undermining the base, and the use of street grade heavy equipment during the 2001 overlay undermining the base. We attempted to get Simons rep. to view courts before we solicited bids and he eventually came to town after bids were mailed.

Staff has researched three overlay systems for court repair due to our \$100,000 budget.

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Rhino Court System: A plastic removable overlay with distributor in Rapid City. Received sample and good lip service from rep. but no bid received. This system for small private courts?

Premier System: A foam overlay with 25 year warranty. Contractor prepares surface by filling cracks and leveling then overlaying foam material, sealing only perimeter allowing the overlay to float over surface. System is designed for courts with our problems. An acrylic playing surface is then applied and must be reapplied every 5-10 years; this should be done to all courts.

Five contractors received our bid specs. with three returning proposals ranging from \$107,480 to \$115,500. Premier Court distributes a packet with reference letters and contacts. We contacted three entities in Colorado with Premier courts with varying replies:

“Good product, good company. Surface had cracks before mat applied. Edge came undone with wind raising mat so had to resurface. Slow surface, older folks like, youth don’t.” Cortez, applied 2003

“Not pleased with product. Repatched seams, dead spots, ends peeling up, system buckled, getting it resurfaced. All repairs are covered by warranty. Old court was cracked and wavy. Love the cushioned surface.” Telluride, applied 2004

“Horrible luck! Real Nightmare! Redone four times, fighting with insurance, can’t determine whose fault, product or installation.” Windsor, applied 1997

Received input from four additional entities in Nevada, Missouri, Maryland and Colorado:

“Good surface, very happy. Did two courts then a couple years later two more. Covered old cracks well and surface is easy on knees and joints.” Boulder City, NV applied 2006

“Five years and still overjoyed. Best thing since sliced bread.” Rolla, MO applied 2003

“Very pleased. More people want to play on this court due to softness. Youth want a faster surface. Had an additional court surfaced that was in bad shape a few years later that didn’t work out as well. Users were dissatisfied.” Rockville, MD applied 2002

“Pretty pleased with courts, some dead spot complaints, edge coming up is main problem. Plan to resurface additional courts with Premier. Did not like contractor’s employees.” Colorado Springs, CO applied 2006

Asphalt System: Same as applied in 2001. Four bids solicited. No bids received. Simons would not bid due to not being able to warrant telegraphing of the current cracks

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through the new asphalt. One contractor replied by e-mail with a proposal to repair cracks, net posts and apply playing surface for \$38,450 with a 10 year guarantee.

Should we attempt a Premier court resurfacing? \$100,000+

Should we start over with a new base and asphalt surface? *\$135,000*

Should we start over with a new base and post tension concrete slab surface? \$250,000

Should we attempt crack and net post repair, and new playing surface only? \$40,000]

City Council discussed options with Dr. Bob Stout and Rich Stickney, representatives of the tennis community. Following the discussion, City Manager Caskie reported that Gary Gerhard of Olsson and Associates will be doing a Preliminary Report to give Council options. This matter will be brought back before Council at a future date.

- Mayor Yeager stated, “there being no further business to come before the Alliance City Council, the meeting is adjourned at 5:55 p.m.”

Ralph Yeager, Mayor

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Linda S. Jines, City Clerk