

**ALLIANCE, NEBRASKA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
School Board Meeting Room
1604 Sweetwater Avenue
September 3, 2009 - 7:00 p.m.
AGENDA**

- **Call to Order**
- **Open Meetings Act Announcement**

For the public's reference a copy of the Open Meetings Law has been posted on the north wall of this room in the audience area. This posting complies with the requirements of the Nebraska Legislature.
- **Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**

A. Consent Calendar

B. Ordinance No. 2647 – First Reading

Final Plat of the Subdivision of Block 1, Hereford Addition

Before Council is the first reading of Ordinance No. 2647 which will approve the Final Plat of the Subdivision of Block 1, Hereford Addition. The property is located on the northwest corner of 3rd Street and Howard Street. The plat will consist of three proposed commercial/industrial lots. The Alliance Planning Commission at their regular meeting, August 11, 2009 recommended approval of the Final Plat. Copies of Community Developer's Report, Application, and Planning Commission Minutes have been provided for Council's review. The property owner, Judy Paradeis is requesting Council consider waiving three readings of the ordinance.

C. Public Hearing – Resolution No. 09-99

Property Tax Approval

Now is the date, time, and place to conduct a Public Hearing on the 2009 property tax request. Enclosed for Council's review is the Box Butte County Assessor's determination of taxable value which has been set at \$338,471,804. The City of Alliance is requesting \$1,207,169.98 which will require a levy of \$0.356700.

Ordinance No. 2648 – First Reading

Additional 1% for Budgeted Restricted Funds

Ordinance No. 2648 will allow the City of Alliance with a 75% affirmative vote by Council to exceed the Allowable Growth and Basic Allowable Growth for the 2009-2010 Fiscal Year Budget by 1%. This does not increase the 2009-2010 Fiscal Year Budget; it allows us to increase the unused budget authority for use in future years. Staff is recommending Council waive three readings of this ordinance.

Ordinance No. 2649 – First Reading

Classification and Compensation Plans

This Ordinance will adopt the Classification and Compensation Plans which will be incorporated in our FY 2010 budget. Several adjustments have been proposed to the Classification Plan: the addition of a City Treasurer's position at a Pay Grade 106, the addition of a Fleet Maintenance Worker at a Pay Grade 214, a change of positions within the administrative offices by removing the Deputy City Clerk and adding an Executive Secretary/City Manager at a pay grade 215; a correction to the Parks Foreman pay grade and the removal of the classifications Mechanic,

Irrigation Technician, Transportation Mechanic, and Airport Manager. The Compensation Plan includes five categories: Exempt, Non-Exempt, Police Bargaining Unit, Communications Bargaining Unit, and Fire Employees. The Compensation Plan reflects a 2% cost of living adjustment; if approved. All wage adjustments will be made effective October 3, 2009. Staff is recommending the statutory required reading of this ordinance on three separate dates be waived.

Resolution No. 09-100 – Authorized Strength

Resolution No. 09-100 provides direction to the City Manager for the hiring of City employees by adopting the Total Authorized Strength document. The document lists the number of employees by department.

Ordinance No. 2645 – Third Reading Appropriations (Budget)

Ordinance No. 2645 is before Council for final reading. A list of proposed amendments has been prepared for Council’s consideration. The list includes Council suggested changes that were not included for consideration at the last meeting.

D. Resolution No. 09-101 – Grant Submittal Authorization for Box Butte Avenue Streetscape

Resolution No. 09-101 will authorize staff to submit a grant application in the amount of \$89,109 to the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality for the Box Butte Avenue Streetscape project. The grant is for street furniture partially made out of recycled plastic. The grant requires a minimum of 25% matching funds either in money or in in-kind services. The recycled plastic furniture has been used in other locations around the City without problems.

E. Resolution No. 09-102 – Grant Submittal Authorization for the Knight Museum and Sandhills Center

Resolution No. 09-102 will authorize staff to submit an application to the Nebraska Department of Economic Development for \$200,000. The application is from the Local Civic, Cultural, and Convention Center Finance Fund and will be used for the Knight Museum and Sandhills Center for exhibit fabrication and installation.

F. Board Appointments

The City of Alliance is in receipt of a Letter of Interest from Travis Hawk to serve as the School Representative on the Police Citizen Advisory Board for a term expiring December 30, 2010. Jay Weisgerber has also submitted a Letter of Interest for the vacancy expiring February 28, 2011 on the Park and Tree Board. Copies of their applications have been made part of the Council packet for your review.

The City currently has additional vacancies on the Board of Adjustment, A-2 Downtown Improvement Board, Economic Development Plan Application Review and Citizen Advisory Boards, Housing Authority, Youth Member of the Library Board, and the Planning Commission.

▪ **Adjournment**

Respectfully submitted,

Linda S. Jines
City Clerk