

**ALLIANCE, NEBRASKA  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
School Board Meeting Room  
1604 Sweetwater Avenue  
September 24, 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. Proclamations**

RC&D Week – September 20-26, 2009  
YMCA Arts Week – October 5-11, 2009  
Public Power Week – October 4-10, 2009  
Domestic Violence Awareness Month – October

**C. Comprehensive Plan Presentation**

Community Development Director Rick Houck will make a presentation to Council on the proposed 2009 Comprehensive Development Plan. An outline of his Power Point Presentation has been made part of your packet for review.

**Ordinance No. 2650 – First Reading  
Comprehensive Plan Adoption**

Ordinance No. 2650 is before Council on first reading. This Ordinance will adopt a new Comprehensive Development Plan. Staff is recommending Council conduct a Public Hearing regarding the Plan at their next meeting, October 8, 2009, prior to the second reading.

**D. Ordinance No. 2644 – First Reading  
Municipal Code Amendment – Tree Surgeon Licensing Requirements**

Ordinance No. 2644 is before Council on first reading. This ordinance will amend the Alliance Municipal Code with regard to Tree Surgeon's Permits. Staff is proposing two separate classifications for licensing and permitting: a Nursery – Greenhouse Permit and a Tree Surgeon's License. The Nursery – Greenhouse Permit will be required for the sale of trees and shrubbery within the City of Alliance. A Tree Surgeon's License will be required for those who plant, spray, prune, trim or otherwise provide maintenance for trees and shrubbery. The Tree Surgeon's License requires general liability coverage and review of acceptable tree trade abilities. The ordinance proposes the implementation of the revised processes take effect with the new calendar year.

**E. Ordinance No. 2651 – First Reading  
Municipal Code Amendment – Dog Regulations**

Ordinance No. 2651 is before Council on first reading and will amend the Alliance Municipal Code at Chapter 6, Section 511 regarding dog regulations. This ordinance will add new language which will allow dogs within the fenced area of the new dog park to be unleashed.

**Ordinance No. 2652 – First Reading  
Municipal Code Amendment – Dog Park Establishment and Regulations**

Ordinance No. 2652 is before Council on first reading and will add a Section in Chapter 7 of the Alliance Municipal Code establishing a dog park and creating regulations for use of the dog park.

**F. Resolution No. 09-103 – Agreement with the Nebraska Department of Roads**

Resolution No. 09-103 will approve an Agreement with the Nebraska Department of Roads for Project No. RD-385-4(1033). The project consist of resurfacing the existing highway beginning at the north corporate limits and extending south to near Country Club Road and will also include shoulder widening at West 10<sup>th</sup> Street.

**G. Resolution No. 09-104 – Interlocal Agreement with Pine Ridge Mutual Aid Association**

Resolution No. 09-104 will renew our Interlocal Agreement with the Pine Ride Mutual Aid Association. The agreement allows for the eleven associated fire departments to cooperatively provide fire prevention, fire extinguishment, volunteer rescue services, and disaster assistance.

**H. Resolution No. 09-105 – City Council Meeting Time Change for October**

This resolution will change the time of our regular meeting on Thursday, October 8, 2009 from 7:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

**I. Resolution No. 09-106 – Personnel Policies**

Resolution No. 09-106 is the first of a series in updating the City of Alliance Employee Personnel Manual. Staff is in the process of reviewing and updating the entire manual. Each section of the manual as it is being reviewed will be presented to Council using the current language with the proposed updates being reflected using highlights and strikeouts. It is staff's intent to present updates to Council on a monthly basis. The first series includes thirteen sections which are identified within the resolution.

**J. Resolution No. 09-107 - Encumbrance Listing**

Resolution No. 09-107 will approve encumbering the attached listing of outstanding purchase orders as of September 24, 2009. The Finance Department is preparing a complete listing which will be distributed with claims to Council members on Thursday morning.

**K. Resolution No. 09-108 – Health Insurance Contract**

Staff will be meeting with representatives of the Third Party Administrator (Regional Care, Inc.) on Tuesday to finalize our health insurance coverage renewal. A resolution will be prepared following our meeting authorizing the renewal of coverage with the associated rates. It is anticipated to have this information distributed to Council prior to the meeting.

**L. Resolution No. 09-109 – Skid Steer Purchase**

Resolution No. 09-109 will authorize the purchase of a 2009 Bobcat S250 Skid Steer from Hamilton Equipment Co. of Lincoln, NE in the amount of \$29,615.00. This piece of equipment will be used at the Alliance Landfill. Included with this resolution are two memorandums from Larry Heinrich providing details of this purchase.

⊕ Items added to the agenda 24 hours prior to the meeting.

**M. Discussion and Direction – Time of Use and Interval (Smart) Meters & Meter Installed Surge Protection**

Electric Superintendent Larry Heinrich has put together a report explaining Time of Use Meters and Interval (Smart) Meters which has been made part of the Council packet for discussion. Staff is looking for direction regarding the future use of these types of meters.

Another area for discussion with relation to electric service is meter installed whole house surge protection. Electric Superintendent Heinrich has also prepared a report detailing a program for the City to offer the meter socket surge adaptors. The Meter Socket Surge Protection Program would allow homeowners to lease from the City the equipment at an established monthly fee for a determined amount of time. The installation of the device would be included as part of the program package. The recommending lease period is two years.

**N. Conflict Claim of Councilman Fred Feldges - \$494.69**

Councilman Feldges represented the City of Alliance at the Nebraska Diplomats Convention held in Lincoln, NE.

▪ **Adjournment**

Respectfully submitted,

Linda S. Jines  
City Clerk