

August 20, 2009 Special Meeting Minutes

# ALLIANCE CITY COUNCIL

SPECIAL MEETING, THURSDAY, AUGUST 20, 2009

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CITY OF ALLIANCE             )

The Alliance City Council met in a Special Meeting, August 20, 2009 at 4:00 p.m., at the Knight Museum and Sandhills Center, 904 Yellowstone Avenue. A notice of meeting was published in the Alliance Times Herald on August 13, 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, Rowley, Benzel, and Feldges. Also present were City Manager Caskie, Administrative Assistant to the City Manager Smith, 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.

- Museum Director Thomas introduced Lonnie Swartz and Justin Lyon from Design Minds. Design Minds is a company that has been in existence for ten years and has completed approximately fifty projects of this size.

Mr. Swartz and Mr. Lyons informed Council of the goals they established while designing the layout of the Museum.

- ◆ The displays be interpretive
- ◆ The displays be based on people shaping the land and vice versa
- ◆ The displays be educational
- ◆ The need to work with the building
- ◆ Exhibit flexibility to allow new stories to be told

The next step is to secure a fabricator for the exhibits. The target date for opening is early 2010.

Design Minds gave a Power Point presentation and the proposed design and layout.

City Manager Caskie informed Council that the City currently has a Request for Qualifications out to determine bidders for the fabrication.

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- Mayor Yeager stated, “there being no further business to come before the Alliance City Council, the meeting is adjourned at 5:10 p.m.”

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Ralph Yeager, Mayor

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Linda S. Jines, City Clerk