

**ALLIANCE, NEBRASKA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
School Board Meeting Room
1604 Sweetwater Avenue
April 8, 2010 - 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. Audit Presentation

Terry Galloway from Almquist Maltzahn Galloway & Luth, Certified Public Accountants will appear before Council to give a presentation on the Financial Statements and Supplementary Information for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009. Copies of the audit were previously distributed to Council for review and consideration.

**C. Ordinance No. 2660 – First Reading
Annexation**

Ordinance No. 2660 is before Council on first reading. This Ordinance will annex property identified as Lot 4, Block 2, Fullerton & Hurley Commercial Tracts which is located on the northwest corner of 10th Street and U.S. Highway 385. The annexation request has been petitioned by the landowners to allow for the construction of a commercial office building and to connect to the City of Alliance utilities. The Alliance Planning Commission has recommended approval of the annexation at their regular meeting March 9, 2010.

D. Resolution No. 10-37 – Free Landfill Days

Resolution No. 10-37 will authorize free landfill fees to all City of Alliance residential refuse customers between April 19 through 24, 2010, with the exception of construction and demolition materials. This program is being co-sponsored by the City of Alliance and Keep Alliance Beautiful. Residents that are unable to haul their materials to the landfill will be able to contact Keep Alliance Beautiful and make arrangements for a vehicle to be brought to their home for transportation purposes. Loading arrangements are the responsibility of the resident.

E. Resolution No. 10-38 - Request of BRAN for Park Use and Concession Areas

This resolution will authorize the use of Central Park and the fountain area to be used for camping on the evening of June 6, 2010. The request is being made to host the Bike Ride Across Nebraska (BRAN) event which will have approximately 700 participants and support members. The request also includes the closure of 9th Street between Sweetwater and Niobrara Avenue for a twenty-four hour period beginning at 9:00 a.m. June 6, 2010. The Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the event and supplying the necessary insurance coverage.

F. Resolution No. 10-39 – Memorandum of Understanding with Box Butte County Commissioners for Zoning and Subdivision Services

Resolution No. 10-39 will authorize approval of the Memorandum of Understanding with the Box Butte County Commissioners for zoning and subdivision services. These services will be provided by the Community Development Director. The Agreement will be effective upon approval and may be terminated with ninety (90) days notice. Box Butte County agrees to pay \$10,000 annually for these services plus reasonable and necessary expenses, travel reimbursement and an additional hourly fee for special projects.

G. Resolution No. 10-40 – Medical Advisor Agreement for Ambulance Service

This resolution will authorize staff to enter into an Agreement with Dr. Mark Chu for medical director service to the City of Alliance Fire Department. The agreement is for a period of one year and may be extended for one year period through April, 2016 if acceptable to both parties. The fee for such services will be \$2,500.00 paid annually to Dr. Chu. By entering into this Agreement the Alliance Fire Department will be in compliance with State Statutes.

H. Resolutions No. 10-41 and 10-42 – Agreements with Nebraska Department of Roads

Resolution No. 10-41 will rescind prior City Council action to approve an Agreement with the Nebraska Department of Roads for improvements to Potash Avenue between 2nd Street and Kansas Street. The action was taken on March 5, 2009 with the passage of Resolution No. 09-27. The request to rescind Resolution No. 29-27 is being made by the Department of Roads as new policies have been put in place which will pertain to this project.

Resolution No. 10-42 will authorize staff to enter into a new Agreement with the Nebraska Department of Roads using the new policies for improvements to Potash Avenue between 2nd Street and Kansas Avenue. The improvements will include milling existing asphalt 2” and overlay with 2” of asphaltic concrete from 2nd Street to Kansas Street along Potash Avenue, the intersection of 2nd Street and Potash Avenue will be reconstructed with concrete, replacing deteriorating curb and gutter as well as replacing gravel returns with concrete through the entire limits, and improvements to the storm sewer system at the BNSF underpass.

I. Resolution No. 10-43 – Council Contingency Authorization for Outdoor Warning Sirens

This resolution will authorize the use of City Council Contingency Fund in the amount of \$20,400 for the purchase and installation of an outdoor warning siren. Currently the central part of the City is without outdoor warning siren coverage. The area has been left vulnerable since the removal of the siren at the Central School Building. A map has been included in Council’s packet indicating the coverage area of existing sirens and the proposed new siren.

J. Resolution No. 10-44 – Council Contingency Authorization for Veterans Cemetery Dedication

Resolution No. 10-44 will authorize the use of up to \$4,000.00 for expenses involved with the Veterans Cemetery Dedication and Opening Ceremony. The funds will be expended from the City Council Contingency Fund to help offset the costs associated with this event.

K. Resolution No. 10-45 – Third Quarter CIP/CEP Authorization

This request will approve \$1,035,020 in the Capital Improvement and Capital Equipment Plans funding. By adopting the resolution, Council will fund several projects including a lift station and bathroom, scraper elevator, engineering and design fees for the streetscape project, 25th Street mill and overlay, downtown alley replacement, kitchen equipment at the Knight Museum, a bat wing mower, new computers, office equipment, windows and doors, improvements to the electrical distribution and transmission system, radar units, and an overhead door. Although these projects will be started in the third quarter some may be paid for in future quarters.

L. Resolution No. 10-46 – MEAN Alternate Board Representative Selection

Resolution No. 10-46 will name Acting City Manager Larry Miller as the alternate representative to the MEAN Board of Directors, NMPP Members' Council, and the MEAN Management Committee. These appointments are for three year terms. This action is required due to the resignation of former City Manager Pam Caskie.

M. Board Resignation and Appointment

Travis Hawk the School Representative has resigned from the Police Advisory Board. Mr. Hawk's term was scheduled to expire on December 30, 2010.

The City of Alliance is in receipt of an application from Anna M. Sutton to serve on the Alliance Park and Tree Board. The City currently has two vacancies on this board with terms expiring in February, 2013. A copy of the application is included for Council's review.

The City has several vacancies on our various Boards which need to be filled:

Board of Adjustment (2)

Board of Health (1) – Physician

A-2 Downtown Improvement Board (1) - Business on Box Butte Ave. 1st to 5th Streets

Economic Development Plan Application Review Board (1) – Citizen

Economic Development Plan Citizen Advisory Board (5-10) – Must be registered voters with at least one member having an accounting, banking, or finance background

Housing Authority (1)

Library Board Ex-officio teen member (1)

Upcoming - Museum Board (3) – terms will be expiring May 31, 2010

Planning Commission (1)

Police Advisory Board (1) – School Representative

N. Executive Session – Personnel Matter

▪ **Adjournment**

Respectfully submitted,

Linda S. Jines
City Clerk