

**ALLIANCE, NEBRASKA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
School Board Meeting Room
1604 Sweetwater Avenue
April 22, 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. Proclamation

Arbor Day –April 30, 2010

National Drinking Water Week – May 2-8, 2010

Electric Safety Month - May

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

Ordinance No. 2660 is before Council on second 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. The ordinance is being amended to reflect a corrected legal description.

D. Resolution No. 10-49 – Liquor License Additional Premises for Nick's Gas & Liquor

Resolution No. 10-49 will grant approval of enlarging the area on the Class D Liquor License of Nick's Gas & Liquor located at 224 East 3rd Street, Alliance. Nick's Gas & Liquor is adding a 34' x 20' addition to the west side of their building.

E. Resolution No. 10-50 – Relocation Financial Assistance to the Alliance Rifle Club

Resolution No. 10-50 if approved will reauthorize the use of the remaining \$6,265.75 from the Community Betterment Fund for relocation expenses of the Alliance Rifle Club. The goal of this action is to clear the site buffer area of the Veteran's Cemetery. Council at their regular meeting, June 4, 2009 adopted Resolution No. 09-75 authorizing the use of \$10,000 for this purpose which had to be used prior to the end of the fiscal year. Staff is requesting Council's re-approval to allow additional expenses up to July 20, 2010. It is anticipated the additional funds will be used to remove the dirt berm which contains metals. Guy Hielscher, representing the Alliance Rifle Club will be in attendance to answer questions of Council.

F. Resolution No. 10-51 – Replacement Postage Meter

This resolution will authorize staff to enter into an Agreement with Francotyp-Postalia to lease an Ultimail 95 Mailing System. Our current postage meter experienced a major part failure which will be very costly to repair. As a result of this failure, staff is recommending entering into a new lease which will be in the City’s best financial interest. Staff did solicit quotes for this equipment as outlined in the Procurement Policy and two companies responded. After evaluating both proposals staff is recommending Francotyp-Postalia to provide the equipment using a sixty month lease.

G. Resolution No. 10-52 – Museum Rental and Use Policy Amendments

Resolution No. 10-52 will update the Museum Rental and Use Policy to revise our current rate schedule and include the equipment the City now has available. Now that the Knight Museum and Sandhills Center is fully operational staff is proposing these updates to fit within our current operations. The proposed changes in the policy are shown using the strike-out and highlighting method for Council’s convenience.

H. Resolution No. 10-53 – Golf Course Contingency Fund and Fund Balance Authorization

Resolution No. 10-53 will authorize staff to utilize \$14,000 from the Golf Course Contingency Fund and \$33,535 from Fund Balance for the Golf Course Irrigation Well Project. The City had budgeted \$90,000 for this project. Cultural and Leisure Services Director Brown has provided a history outline of the project for Council’s review which has been included in your packet.

I. Resolution No. 10-54 – Skid Steer Loader Replacement and Use of Street Contingency Funds Authorization

If approved, Resolution No. 10-54 will authorize staff to replace the Skid Steer Loader and snow blower attachment with a purchase from Sandburg Implement of Gering, NE in the amount of \$32,700. This proposed replacement is necessary due to the theft of the original equipment from a vendor which was performing repairs. The insurance company has reimbursed the City \$19,448 for our stolen equipment and staff is proposing the use of Street Contingency Funds in the amount of \$13,252 for the remaining funding necessary.

J. Resolution No. 10-55 – Alley Improvement and Maintenance & Repair Program

This resolution will adopt the Alliance Stewardship Alley Program as outlined in the Council packet. The program will allow residents to participate in a program to upgrade their alleys through a neighborhood cooperative agreement. The program will require residents to remove all obstructions within the alley and financially participate in the upgrade of the alley. The program will be offered on a first come first serve basis. Public Facilities Director Eric Lenz will be present at the meeting to answer any questions Council may have regarding the proposed program. Council will also need to fill in the blanks of the resolution within the motion.

K. Resolution No. 10-56 – Understanding the Requirements of LARM

Resolution No. 10-56 will authorize the City to make an application for membership in the League Association of Risk Management (LARM). The City of Alliance is currently re-bidding our property and liability insurance coverage. LARM provides a self-insurance pool which provides an alternative means for the City to protect against loss for City property. By securing information for both types of coverage we hope to determine what will best fit the needs of the City.

L. Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and First Quarter Financial Report Presentations

Finance Director Benton has prepared the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) and the First Quarter Financial Report for Council's acceptance. Due to a personal conflict Mr. Benton is unable to attend the Council meeting and Assistant to the City Manager Smith will be making the presentations in his absence.

M. Approval of General Contractor's License

Council is requested to approve the General Contractor's application of Ralph Yeager dba Yeager Construction.

▪ **Adjournment**

Respectfully submitted,

Linda S. Jines
City Clerk