

**ALLIANCE, NEBRASKA  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
School Board Meeting Room  
1604 Sweetwater Avenue  
May 19, 2011 - 7:00 p.m.  
AGENDA**

- **Call to Order**
  - **Roll Call**
  - **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. New Employee Introductions**  
Tad Prella – Parks Maintenance Worker I
- B. Consent Calendar**
- C. Conflict Claim**  
Councilman Trent Benzel - \$62.99
- D. Presentation of West Plains Grain  
Resolution No. 11-65**  
Representatives of West Plains Grain will address Council with an update on their project. Resolution No. 11-65 is before Council and will instruct staff to forward the study prepared by Stahr and Associates declaring the property blighted and substandard, and the proposed Redevelopment Contract to the Alliance Planning Commission for their review. Following the Planning Commission's review a public hearing date will be established for City Council to determine if the property should be declared blighted and substandard and if the Redevelopment Contract should be approved.
- E. City Manager's Report**
- F. Public Hearing - Ordinance No. 2679 – First Reading  
Municipal Code Amendment – Zoning Text Change**  
Now is the date, time and place to conduct a public hearing on the proposed language change within Chapter 10 (Zoning Regulations) of the Alliance Municipal Code regarding the permitted uses of abandoned churches or school buildings within a residential zoning designation. The new language being recommended will allow abandoned churches or school buildings to be used for indoor storage provided a conditional use is granted. Ordinance No. 2679 is before Council on first reading and will adopt the proposed language changes recommended by the Alliance Planning Commission.
- G. Resolution No. 11-66 – Naming of the Dog Park**  
Resolution No. 11-66 will formally adopt a name for the dog park which is located at 16<sup>th</sup> Street and Box Butte Avenue. The Alliance Dog Owners Group (ADOG) has narrowed down the entries from the Dog Park Naming Contest to fifteen for Council's consideration.
- H. Resolution No. 11-67 – Museum Admission Fees Summary Report**  
This resolution will continue to allow free admission to the Knight Museum and Sandhills Center.

† Added by addendum to agenda 24 hours prior to the meeting

**I. Resolution No. 11-68 – Allowance for meals for Joint Meetings**

Resolution No. 11-68 formally grants permission for the City to use public funds to pay for meals of Councilmembers when attending joint meetings between governmental bodies as authorized by the Nebraska State Statutes. In addition, the resolution formally establishes the expenditure of public funds for meals at one recognition dinner each year held for elected and appointed officials, employees and volunteers of the local government.

**J. Resolution No. 11-69 – Acceptance of Homeland Security Grant Contract**

Resolution No. 11-69 will accept the Homeland Security Grant in the amount of \$193,450 which will be used to purchase a new computer system for the Alliance Police Department. This grant does not required a match from the City of Alliance.

**K. Resolution No. 11-70 – Meeting Date Changes for June**

This resolution will change the regular meeting dates for the month of June from the 2<sup>nd</sup> and the 16<sup>th</sup> to new meeting dates of Thursday, June 9, 2011 and Tuesday, June 21, 2011.

**L. Resolution No. 11-71 – Concrete Rehabilitation Bid Award**

Resolution No. 11-71 will award the Concrete Rehabilitation Project to K.L. Wood and Company of Alliance, NE in an amount not to exceed \$237,000.00 for the repair and rehabilitation of streets, alleys, curb and gutter, and sidewalks at the unit prices within their bid.

**M. Presentation – Airport Operations - Public Facilities Director Eric Lenz**

**N. Board Appointments**

The City of Alliance is in receipt of a Letter of Interest from Monte J. Weisgerber to serve on the Alliance Park and Tree Board. The City currently has two vacancies on this Board with a terms expiring February 28, 2013 and February 28, 2014.

The City has also received three Letters of Interest for two vacancies on the Museum Board. Museum Board appointments are made by the Mayor and must be approved by the Council. The two vacancies are for five year terms expiring May 31, 2016. The applicants are Tom Price, Ellen Christensen, and Heather Hauptman.

Copies of the applications and an updated Board listing have been made part of the Council packet for your review.

**O. Recap Actions**

▪ **Adjournment**

Respectfully submitted,

Linda S. Jines  
City Clerk