

**ALLIANCE, NEBRASKA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
School Board Meeting Room
1604 Sweetwater Avenue
February 16, 2012 - 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. Introduction of New Employees**
Spencer Rowley – Public Safety Dispatcher
- B. Consent Calendar**
- C. Proclamation**
Gambling Awareness Month
FFA Week
- D. Request of the Alliance Park Foundation – Sandy McCarthy
Laing Lake Fountain**
The Alliance Park Foundation would like donate to the City all the materials for the placement of a large water fountain with lights on the east side of Laing Lake. There wish would be to have the installation to be at the City's expense.
- E. Request of Box Butte Development Corporation – Kristi Ellstrom
Community Development Block Grant Application Approval for Downtown Revitalization**
Box Butte Development Corporation is requesting permission to submit a grant on behalf of the City of Alliance for Downtown Revitalization. The grant is through the Nebraska Department of Economic Development and has two phases. The maximum grant amount for Phase I – the pre-development phase is \$30,000 per community. The maximum grant amount for Phase II – which is project implementation, is \$350,000 per community. Each Phase requires a 25% match of which no more than one-half of the total project match may be in-kind source contributions.
- F. Presentation – Visitors' Bureau Report**
- G. City Manager's Report**
- H. Ordinance No. 2698 – First Reading
Municipal Code Amendment – Fireworks Discharge on City Property**
Ordinance No. 2698 is before Council on first reading. This ordinance will amend the Alliance Municipal Code regarding fireworks regulations. The primary changes include: requiring permission of owner for discharging fireworks on someone's property, no longer allowing discharge of July 5th, and allowing the use of fireworks on New Year's.

**I. Public Hearing – One & Six Year Street Improvement Plan
Resolution No. 12-12**

Now is the time, date, and place to conduct a Public Hearing on the City of Alliance Street Improvement One and Six Year Plan. The One Year Plan includes five projects:

1. Construction for the concrete/asphalt overlay of Potash Avenue, Second Street to Kansas Avenue;
2. Construction for the asphalt of Emerson Avenue, 18th to 31st Streets;
3. Reconstruction for the concrete of 10th Street, Box Butte to Flack Avenues to include the development and construction of the pedestrian and bicycle trail along 10th Street between Sweetwater and Meadowlark Avenues;
4. Box Butte Avenue Historic Lighting Streetscape Project including all work associated with historical street lighting, sidewalk, curb and gutter rehabilitation and planting bed and irrigation development;
5. Construction of Sweetwater Avenue between 18th and 25th Streets.

Included in the Six Year Plan are six projects:

1. Those listed above;
2. The concrete/asphalt of 3rd Street - Black Hills Avenue to Howard Avenue.

Resolution No. 12-12 will grant approval of the Plan and authorize submittal to the State of Nebraska Board of Public Roads, Classifications and Standards. The Alliance Planning Commission will be reviewing the plans at their regular meeting, February 14, 2012. A copy of their minutes will be made available at the meeting for Council's review.

J. Resolution No. 12-13 – Designating the Nebraska Public Agency Investment Trust (NPAIT) as a Depository

Resolution No. 12-13 will authorize staff the use of the Nebraska Public Agency Investment Trust (NPAIT) for investment purposes. NPAIT is an approved depository for Nebraska municipalities and an alternative to bank deposits. Present rates are not favorable for liquid funds; however, the term rates are competitive.

K. Resolution No. 12-14 – Meeting Date Changes

This resolution will change the City Council meeting dates for the month of March and the second meeting in April, 2012. The March 1st meeting will be changed to March 8th; the March 15th meeting will be changed to March 22nd; and the April 19th meeting will be changed to April 16th.

L. Resolution No. 12-16 – Vehicle Bid Awards

Resolution No. 12-16 is before Council and will authorize the purchase of several vehicles for the City fleet and authorize the transfer of operating funds to capital funds for two of the purchases. The vehicles being purchased are two police cruisers, three pickups, one each for the Electric, Water/Sewer, and Parks Departments, and a travel car. The Parks' pick-up and the travel car will be funded as a result of the transfer of funds from operating to capital which is fully outlined within the narrative prepared by City Manager Cox.

M. Board Resignation and Appointments

The City of Alliance is in receipt of the resignation of Maria Swenson from the Alliance Housing Authority. Ms. Swenson's term would have expired December 31, 2016.

Both Mr. James Joule and Mr. Virgil Hatch have requested to be re-appointed to the Alliance Park and Tree Board for three year terms expiring February 28, 2015. Copies of their requests have been made part of the Council's packet for your consideration.

The City of Alliance currently has vacancies on the Board of Adjustment, A-1 and A-2 Downtown Improvement Boards, the Economic Development Plan Citizen Advisory Board, Housing Authority, and the Planning Commission. Anyone interested in serving on these Boards should contact the City Clerk's Office. Information on all of the City Boards is also available on our web site, www.cityofalliance.net.

N. Recap Actions

▪ **Adjournment**

Respectfully submitted,

Linda S. Jines
City Clerk