

**ALLIANCE, NEBRASKA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
School Board Meeting Room
1604 Sweetwater Avenue
March 8, 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**
Brent Kusek – Promotion to GIS Analyst
- B. Consent Calendar**
- C. Proclamation**
Girl Scout Week – March 11–17, 2012
- D. City Manager's Report**
- E. Presentation by Deb Dopheide of Keep Alliance Beautiful**
Deb Dopheide, Executive Director of Keep Alliance Beautiful will be in attendance to present an Executive Summary of the past quarter activities of the organization and her future plans for 2012.
- F. Resolution No. 12-19 – Agreement for the Sale of Real Estate
Ordinance No. 2699 – First Reading
Sale of Lots in Lakefield Addition to Shaun Houchin**
Resolution No. 12-19 has been prepared for Council's consideration and will authorize the Mayor to enter into an Agreement for the Sale of Real Estate with Shaun Houchin. Mr. Houchin desires to purchase two residential lots in Lakefield Addition for the construction of speculation homes. The purchase price for the property was determined using the Uniform Pricing Schedule previously adopted by Council.
Ordinance No. 2699 is before Council for first reading. Mr. Houchin has requested the waiving of three readings as there is a thirty day remonstrance period and he would like to begin construction as soon as possible. Copies of the Agreement for Sale of Real Estate and a location map have been made a part of the packet for Council's review.
- G. Ordinance No. 2700 – First Reading
Municipal Code Amendment – Abatement or Removal of Accumulation of Grass, Weeds, and Litter**
Council has before them Ordinance No. 2700 on first reading. This ordinance will amend the Alliance Municipal Code by clearly defining the process for the abatement or removal of accumulated grass, weeds, and litter.
- H. Ordinance No. 2701 – First Reading
Municipal Code Amendment – Abatement of General Public Nuisances**
Ordinance No. 2701 is before Council on first reading and will amend the Alliance Municipal Code at Chapter 8, Article 4. The proposed amendment defines the procedure for the abatement of general public nuisances.

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

I. Resolution No. 12-17 - Alliance Housing Authority PILOT Payment Waiver Request

The Alliance Housing Authority is requesting the waiver of Payments In Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) which amounts to \$1,431.43 for the City's portion. Nebraska Statutes provide for the payment of in lieu of taxes to assist with the cost of providing public safety, rescue, and emergency services or roads and street construction or maintenance which is provided by the City. A copy of the request has been included for Council's review. Resolution No. 12-17 is now before Council and will approve the waiver request.

J. Resolution No. 12-18 – Library Policies

Resolution No. 12-18 will authorize an amendment to the Alliance Public Library Policies with regard to the use of the meeting rooms. The proposed amendment will modify the availability of the meeting rooms to normal business hours of the library and college. This change is being made to more effectively protect the building from damage.

K. Resolution No. 12-20 – Firearms Purchase

This resolution will authorize the purchase of 22 Glock 22 Gen4 .40 cal. handguns from Jack's Uniforms & Equipment of South Sioux City, NE. The new guns are priced at \$409.00 each for a total of \$8,998.00. Jack's Uniforms & Equipment is offering a trade-in allowance of \$275.00 each for 23 handguns currently in the Alliance Police Department, for a total of \$6,325.00. The total net purchase price after the trade-in allowance will be \$2,673.00. The amount budgeted for this purchase was \$10,500.00.

L. Resolution No. 12-21 – Laing Lake Fountain Donation

The Alliance Parks Foundation would like to donate to the City of Alliance a water fountain to be placed within the east side of Laing Lake. The fountain will serve two purposes, the first improving the aesthetics of the area, the second to provide aeration within the lake. Staff had expressed concerns with the type of fountain to be used and both the Foundation and staff are agreeable to the alternate fountain being proposed. Resolution No. 12-21 accepts the donation of the Alliance Parks Foundation for the alternate fountain which is propeller driven and includes the installation expenses.

M. Board Appointment

The City is in receipt of a Letter of Interest from Steven Stackenwalt to serve on the Alliance Planning Commission to fill one of our four vacancies. Currently there are terms expiring December 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013. A copy of his information sheet has been made part of the Council's packet for your consideration.

The City of Alliance also 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