

**ALLIANCE, NEBRASKA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
School Board Meeting Room
1604 Sweetwater Avenue
April 5, 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**
Tanner Littlejohn – Water/Sewer Maintenance Worker I
Tarrah Johnson – Administrative Secretary for Community Development
- B. Consent Calendar**
- C. Conflict Claim of Councilman Benzel**
Council is being requested to approve the travel expenses of Councilman Benzel for attendance at the Nebraska League of Municipalities Mid-Winter Conference in the amount of \$429.00.
- D. General Contractor License of Ralph Yeager**
Councilman Yeager is applying for a General Contractor license. As these types of licenses are generally approved within the Consent Calendar which poses a conflict for Councilman Yeager; Council is being asked to consider the license separately.
- E. Presentation – ACE Revenue Return**
The City of Alliance is pleased to announce a revenue return of \$11,928.59 from ACE (Public Alliance for Community Energy) of which the City of Alliance is a member community for the not-for-profit, community-owned natural gas supplier. ACE was formed to provide competition in the Choice Gas program in helping natural gas customers get the lowest price possible and keeping money in Nebraska. ACE currently serves 28,000 customers. An Alliance ACE Board member will be in attendance to present the City with a Revenue Return Check. The City Manager will be presenting our recommendation for the use of these funds which will enhance the quality of life for our youth.
- F. City Manager's Report**
- G. Keep Alliance Beautiful Presentation/Request**
Deb Dopheide, Executive Director of Keep Alliance Beautiful would like to address Council to discuss three upcoming projects and to request the City's participation. The first project proposed is the Household Hazardous Waste Collection which will be held on April 20, 2012 with the City being requested to pay one half of the advertising. The second project is for a landfill amnesty week between May 1st and 5th. The third project is for a County-wide Cleanup on May 5, 2012.

**H. Ordinance No. 2702 – First Reading
Municipal Code Amendment - Traffic Improvements**

Council is requested to consider parking improvements in the area of the fountain and the football stadium. Staff is suggesting that a two hour parking limitation be implemented for a half block on the north side of 10th Street and the east side of Niobrara Avenue in front of the fountain for viewing purposes. For safety purposes staff would like to encourage Council to restrict parking on the south side of 12th Street between Niobrara and Sweetwater Avenues as well as on Sweetwater Avenue between 10th and 14th Streets. Although the current request as written is to restrict the west side of Sweetwater Avenue from 10th to 14th Streets, staff is recommending obtaining additional feedback from neighbors in the area as to the preference to restricting parking on the east or the west side of Sweetwater Avenue from 10th to 14th Streets. Allowing parking on both sides of the streets during major events does not provide sufficient room for emergency vehicles to travel. Ordinance No. 2702 has been prepared to include these recommendations.

**I. Ordinance No. 2700 – Third Reading
Municipal Code Amendment – Abatement or Removal of Accumulation of Grass, Weeds, and Litter**

Council has before them Ordinance No. 2700 on third 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.

**J. Ordinance No. 2701 – Third Reading
Municipal Code Amendment – Abatement of General Public Nuisances**

Ordinance No. 2701 is before Council on third 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.

K. Resolution No. 12–25 – Janitorial Contracts

Resolution No. 12-25 will award contracts to Service Maxx of Alliance, NE for janitorial services at the Municipal Airport, Knight Museum and Sandhills Center, Library/Learning Center, Police Department and Administrative Annex, and the Utility Facility. The contracts will be effective May 1, 2012 with the exception of the Utility Facility which will begin October 1, 2012.

L. Resolution Nos. 12-26 and 12-27 - LB840 Applications of Box Butte Development Corporation

The Economic Development Plan Application Review Committee (EDPARC) is meeting on Tuesday, April 3, 2012 to consider several applications for the use of LB840 monies. Your Council packet includes a resolution for each of the projects with the amount of financial assistance left blank. Staff will be sending Council supplemental information on Wednesday, April 4, 2012 which will incorporate the recommendation of the Program Administrator (City Manager) based on information received from the EDPARC. It is also staff's intention to have the recommended Economic Development Assistance Agreement for each of the projects prepared for Council consideration at your next regular meeting on Monday, April 16, 2012 which will be held in the Meeting Rooms of the Learning Center beginning at 7:00 p.m.

M. Resolution No. 12-28 – LB840 Application of Crossman Trailer, Inc.

Same description as Item L.

N. Resolution No. 12-29 – LB840 Application of Bolinger's Gym

Same description as Item L.

O. Board Appointments

The City of Alliance has received interest from the following individuals to serve on Boards:

Doug Wilson	Alliance Planning Commission (term expiring 12/31/14)
Marci Buck	Alliance Planning Commission (term expiring 12/31/14) or either A-1 or A -2 Downtown Improvement Board (term expiring 10/31/13)
Alan Cornish	Golf Course Advisory Board (term expiring 12/31/14)

Staff is recommending the City Council authorize the use of a Community Garden Advisory Committee on a temporary basis for this growing season. We currently have a volunteer to head this committee and would suggest the appointment of four additional interested individuals.

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, Golf Course Advisory Board, Housing Authority, and the Planning Commission. There are also terms which will be expiring on the Museum Board in May and the Library Board in June. 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.

P. Recap Actions

Reminder – Next meeting will be Monday, April 16, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room of the Library Learning Center.

▪ Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Linda S. Jines
City Clerk