

**ALLIANCE, NEBRASKA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
School Board Meeting Room
1604 Sweetwater Avenue
September 6, 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**
Serena Kubo
- B. Consent Calendar**
- C. City Manager's Report**
- D. Ordinance No. 2713 – First Reading
Sewer Rates**
Ordinance No. 2713 is before Council on first reading and will increase the City's sewer rates an additional 1% and provide for an automatic 1% annual adjustment. This is being done to have our sewer rates adjusted in the same manner as our other utility rates, as the sewer rates were not adjusted last year.
- E. Public Hearing – Resolution No. 12-75
Property Tax Approval**
Now is the date, time, and place to conduct a Public Hearing on the 2012 property tax request. Enclosed for Council's review is the Box Butte County Assessor's determination of taxable value which has been set at \$376,786,766.00. The City of Alliance has determined the mill levy at \$0.379790, which corresponds to \$1,431,000.00.
- F. Ordinance No. 2714 – First Reading
Additional 1% for Budgeted Restricted Funds**
Ordinance No. 2714 will allow the City of Alliance with a 75% affirmative vote by Council to exceed the Allowable Growth and Basic Allowable Growth for the 2012-2013 Fiscal Year Budget by 1%. This does not increase the 2012-2013 Fiscal Year Budget; it allows us to increase the unused budget authority for use in future years. Staff is recommending Council waive three readings of this ordinance.
- G. Ordinance No. 2709 – Third Reading
Appropriations (Budget)**
Ordinance No. 2709 is before Council on third reading. The Ordinance will approve the Appropriations Bill (budget) for fiscal year 2012-2013 and reflects all amendments which have been previously approved by Council.

H. Ordinance No. 2710 – Third Reading

Preliminary Plat – Lots 2A and 3A, Block 1, Starlite Addition, a Subdivision of Parts of Lots 2 and 3, Block 1, Starlite Addition

Ordinance No. 2710 is before Council on third reading. This Ordinance will approve the Preliminary Plat of Lots 2A and 3A, Block 1, Starlite Addition, a Subdivision of Parts of Lots 2 and 3, Block 1, Starlite Addition to the City of Alliance, Box Butte County, Nebraska. The property is located in the 700 block of Flack Avenue. The request is being made by HODGI, LLC and is being proposed to allow for the construction of a new retail store. The Alliance Planning Commission recommended approval of the Preliminary Plat at their regular meeting, July 10, 2012.

I. Ordinance No. 2711 – Third Reading

Rezoning Request for Dollar General Property from RP-3 which is the equivalent of R-1A Single Family Residential to C-3 Highway Commercial

The Evangelical Lutheran Good Samaritan Society is requesting to change Lot 3A, Block 1, Starlite Addition, a Subdivision of Parts of Lots 2 and 3, Block 1, Starlite Addition to the City of Alliance from RP-3 Planned Single Family Residential to C-3 Highway Commercial. The property is commonly addressed as 711 Flack Avenue. The Alliance Planning Commission at their Regular Meeting, July 10, 2012 recommended approval of the rezoning. Ordinance No. 2711 has been prepared for Council’s consideration and is before you for third reading.

[Council makes a motion and votes to adjourn the September 6, 2012 City Council Meeting at _____ p.m. in order to conduct the Alliance Community Development Agency meeting]

[Agency makes a motion to convene the September 6, 2012 Alliance Community Development Agency meeting at _____ p.m. and votes.]

J. Alliance Community Development Agency Consideration of Redevelopment Contract

The Alliance City Council acting as the Alliance Community Development Agency will consider the proposed Redevelopment Contract submitted by West Plains, LLC. This action is being done pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §18-2119 (1).

[Agency makes a motion to adjourn the September 6, 2012 Alliance Community Development Agency meeting at _____ p.m. and votes.]

[Council makes a motion to re-convene the September 6, 2012 City Council Meeting at _____ p.m. and votes.]

K. Resolution No. 12-76 – Approval of West Plains, LLC Redevelopment Contract and Bond Resolution

L. Resolution No. 12-77 – Electric RICE Rule

Resolution No. 12-77 will award the bid for the turn-key solution for the NESHAP Rice Rule for the Electric Department. The Rice Rule requires us to make modifications to our generation units in order to continue our Agreement with MNPP/MEAN. The City received two bids for this project with the lowest, responsible and responsive bidder being NMC CAT Power Systems of Omaha, NE in the amount of \$109,680.00. The amount budgeted for this item is \$100,000.00; however, the overage will be absorbed with savings from other capital projects.

M. Resolution No. 12-78 – Scada Bid Award

This resolution will award the upgrade to our Smart Grid Data Acquisition & Control System (SCADA) to Telescada in the amount of \$65,680.00. This upgrade to our existing system will allow us to monitor substations and related equipment and to actually control the equipment from a remote location. Sufficient funds were budgeted for this project.

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

N. Resolution No. 12-79 – EMS Collections

Resolution No. 12-79 will authorize staff to amend our ambulance billing Contract with EMS Billing Services, Inc. to allow for our unpaid accounts to be forwarded to the collection agency of Americans Account and Advisors (AAA). The resolution will also authorize \$83,897.61 to be written off for the purposes of complying with normal accounting principles; however, these accounts will be turned over to AAA for potential collection.

O. Resolution No. 12-80 – On-line Banking for Utility Bills

Resolution No. 12-80 will authorize staff to enter into an Agreement with Payment Services Network, Inc. for online billing and payments services for our utilities. This service will allow our utility customers to have the option of using online billing and payment options, with the customer paying the per transaction fees.

P. Board Appointment

The City is in receipt of a letter of interest from Marlene Mischnick to fill the unexpired vacancy to May 31, 2014 on the Alliance Museum Board. A copy of her application has been included in the packet.

The City of Alliance continues to have 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 Park and Tree Board. 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.

Q. Recap Actions

▪ **Adjournment**

Respectfully submitted,

Linda S. Jines
City Clerk