

**ALLIANCE, NEBRASKA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
School Board Meeting Room
1604 Sweetwater Avenue
November 15, 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. Consent Calendar**
- B. City Manager's Report**
- C. Ordinance No. 2719 – First Reading**
Adoption of the City Council's 2013 Meeting Calendar
- Ordinance No. 2719 is before Council on first reading and will adopt the proposed City Council 2013 Meeting Schedule. The proposed calendar follows the standard first and third Thursday of each month with the exception of July and August. The request to alter the July schedule to the second and fourth Thursday is due to the 4th of July holiday and our annual community celebration of Heritage Days. The recommendation to alter August to the second and fourth Thursday will allow us to continue with the every other week pattern due to the fact August has five Thursdays.
- D. Ordinance No. 2718 – Second Reading**
Easement Reduction in Lakefield Addition
- Ordinance No. 2718 is before Council on second reading. This ordinance will reduce the size of a utility easement between Lots 10 and 11, Block 5, Lakefield Addition. The easement is currently used for a street light service and staff does not have a problem with the size reduction.
- E. Resolution No. 12-90 – Public Safety Fund Contingency Request**
- Resolution No. 12-90 will authorize the use of Public Safety Tax Contingency Funds in the amount of \$19,980.00 for the repair of the Fire Department's breathing air cascade system which has experienced a critical failure. The resolution also authorizes entering into a contract with Centennial Fire and Safety Equipment, LLC to perform the repair services.
- F. Resolution No. 12-91 – Water SCADA and Antennas Bid Award**
- This resolution will authorize the purchase of 17 Scada radios and associated equipment from HOA Solutions Inc. in the amount of \$32,853.47. The City issued three sets of bid documents with only one response. This purchase will replace equipment that is 26 years old and cannot support the technology necessary. The recommended purchase is within the authorized budget authority.
- G. Resolution No. 12-92 – Mower & Snow Attachment Bid Award**
- Resolution No. 12-92 will authorize the purchase of a mower, hard cab, and snow broom attachment from 21st Century Equipment of Alliance, NE in the amount of \$24,900.00. The City issued four invitations to bid and received three responses. The recommended purchase is within the authorized budget authority.

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

H. Resolution No. 12-93 – Cody Substation Construction Contract

Resolution No. 12-93 will award the final construction phase of the Cody Substation Upgrade to IES Commercial Inc., of Holdrege, Nebraska in the amount of \$193,395.00. The City received two bids for the Cody Substation switchgear installation and feeder upgrades and our engineers are recommending the award, which is within the authorized budget authority.

I. Resolution No. 12-94 – Employee Required Health Insurance Premiums

This resolution will maintain the current level of health insurance premiums from employees for the 2013 Plan Year.

J. Resolution No. 12-95 – Flexible Benefit Account (Section 125) Debit Cards & Associated Documents

Resolution No. 12-95 will authorize the City to establish a “collateral account” for the purpose of allowing employees enrolled in the City’s Select Flex benefit program the use of a prepaid benefits card to provide immediate access to their funds for medical purposes.

K. Resolution No. 12-96 – Electric Production Cost Adjustment

This resolution will authorize the City Manager to implement a Production Cost Adjustment of up to \$0.01 per kWh to our electric rates until such time as the Electric Rate Study, which is currently underway is completed and reviewed.

L. Community Development Agency Discussion

M. Board Vacancies

Patricia D. Johnston has expressed an interest to fill the vacancy on the A-1 Downtown Improvement Board for a term which will expire October 31, 2013.

Marcia Buck has expressed an interest to fill the vacancy on the A-2 Downtown Improvement Board for a term which will expire October 31, 2013.

The City is also in receipt of the resignation of Melba Dickenson from the Library Board. Mrs. Dickenson’s term does not end until June 30, 2016.

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, regular member of the Library Board and a Youth Representative on the Library Board, and the Park and Tree Board. Starting in January, we will need appointments or re-appointments for the Board of Adjustment, Housing Authority, Planning Commission and Policy Advisory Board (which will need to be representatives of the schools, Hispanic community, senior citizens, and religious community). 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

O. Closed Session

Pursuant to Section 84-1410 Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska 1943, that Council finds it necessary to enter into a closed session to discuss contract negotiations.

▪ Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Linda S. Jines
City Clerk

