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ALLIANCE CITY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING, THURSDAY, JANUARY 3, 2013

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COUNTY OF BOX BUTTE) §
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CITY OF ALLIANCE)

The Alliance City Council met in a Regular Meeting, January 3, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board of Education Meeting Room, 1604 Sweetwater Avenue. A notice of meeting was published in the Alliance Times Herald on December 27, 2012. The notice stated the date, hour and place of the meeting, that the meeting was open to the public, and that an agenda of the meeting, kept continuously current, was available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk in City Hall; provided the Council could modify the agenda at the meeting if it determined an emergency so required. A similar notice, together with a copy of the agenda, also had been delivered to each of the City Council Members. An agenda, kept continuously current, was available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk during regular business hours from the publication of the notice to the time of the meeting.

Mayor Feldges opened the January 3, 2013 Regular Meeting of the Alliance, Nebraska City Council at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Feldges, Council Members Benzel, Lewis, and Seiler. Also present were City Manager Cox, City Attorney Olsen, and City Clerk Jines.

- Mayor Feldges read the Open Meetings Act Announcement.
- The first item before Council was to excuse Councilman Yeager's absence.

A motion was made by Councilman Benzel, seconded by Councilman Lewis to excuse Councilman Yeager, as he is out of town.

Roll call vote with the following results:

Voting Aye: Benzel, Lewis, Feldges, Seiler.

Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

- The next matter on the Council's agenda was the Consent Calendar. Councilman Benzel made a motion, which was seconded by Councilman Lewis to approve the Consent Calendar as follows:

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CONSENT CALENDAR – JANUARY 3, 2013

1. Approval: Minutes of the Regular Meeting, December 20, 2012.
2. Approval: Payroll and Employer Taxes for the period December 8, 2012 through December 21, 2012 inclusive: \$172,652.96 and \$12,244.83 respectively.
3. Approval: Claims against the following funds for the period December 13, 2012 through December 27, 2012: General, General Debt Service, Trust and Agency, Street, Electric, Refuse Collection and Disposal, Sanitary Sewer, Water, Golf Course, Downtown Improvement Districts, R.S.V.P., Keno, and Capital Improvement; \$607,938.50.
4. Approval: Update the roster of the Alliance Volunteer Fire Department by removing Derek Reyes and Kevin Ylander as both have resigned their membership.
5. Approval: The issuance of the \$75,000 loan payment to Box Butte Development Corporation as part of their Economic Development Assistance Agreement. The funds will be released upon receipt of an executed Promissory Note and Deed of Trust.
6. Approval: Issuance of a Cemetery Certificate to Judy D. Swesey for the West One Half (W1/2) of Lot Thirty-five (35), Section Ten (10), Block Twenty (20), Third Addition to the Alliance Cemetery.

NOTE: City Manager Cox has reviewed these expenditures and to the best of his knowledge confirms that they are within budgeted appropriations to this point in the fiscal year.

Chelsie Herian, Executive Director of Box Butte Development Corporation appeared before Council and answered questions regarding the Economic Development Assistance Agreement Loan.

Roll call vote with the following results:

Voting Aye: Benzel, Lewis, Feldges, Seiler.

Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

- The Council presented the following Proclamation to TeamMates Coordinatinator Julie Bottger and Board Member Dave Ocken declaring January as National Mentoring Month in Alliance.

PROCLAMATION

Whereas, The citizens of Alliance recognize that our success depends on helping every child succeed in school and reach their full potential in life, and realize that young people need a

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solid foundation of support that will help them become well-educated, confident, and productive citizens; and

Whereas, Mentoring is a proven, effective strategy that helps children and young adults by matching them with a caring, responsible adult who can provide guidance and direction, and build their confidence; and

Whereas, Mentors build character, encourage success, boost confidence, lift expectation, and inspire young people to do their best, serving as friends, role models, teachers, and sources of stability and support during a critical time in a child's life; and

Whereas, Research shows that mentoring has beneficial and long-term effects on youth by increasing their academic engagement and decreasing the likelihood of substance abuse and other risky behaviors; and

Whereas, Mentoring strengthens our City's economies and social well-being by helping young people fulfill their potential while helping maintain healthy families and promoting more vibrant communities; and

Whereas, Every day residents of Alliance are making a profound difference in the lives of our young people by serving as mentors, supported by many private and public sector organizations that offer mentoring opportunities for youth; and

Whereas, Hundreds of Alliance's children are in need of a caring adult mentor in their lives, and closing the mentoring gap will take more investment, partnerships, and volunteers ready to make a difference in a child's life; and

Whereas, National Mentoring Month is an opportunity to raise public awareness of the importance of mentoring, recognize the dedicated individuals who serve mentors, and encourage more citizens to help build a brighter future for Alliance's youth through mentoring;

Now, Therefore, I, Fred Feldges, Mayor of Alliance proclaim January 2013 as National Mentoring Month, and call upon the people of the Alliance to recognize the importance of mentoring, to look for opportunities to serve as mentors in their communities, and to observe this month with appropriate activities and programs.

- A Tourism Report was presented to the Alliance City Council by Kevin Howard and the following items were covered:

- Signage
 - Wayfinding signs
 - Kansas Street and airport area
- Advertising
 - Brochures
 - Racks in town
 - Racks in Western Nebraska

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- Racks on I-80 (Laramie to North Platte)
- Racks on I-90 Focus Centers
- Billboards on I-80
 - Ogallala westbound
 - Cheyenne/Pine Bluffs eastbound
- Print
 - WNTC: Journey/WestNebraska.com
 - Nebraska Travel Guide
 - AAA Midwest Traveler
 - History Channel Magazine
 - Nebraska Life
- Websites
 - Calendar of Events
 - KnightMuseum.com
 - SallowsMilitaryMuseum.com
 - FlyAllianceNE.com
 - Social Media buttons

- Building the Best Hometown in America Community Pride
 - Local ads to promote shopping, local events, and to keep people in town and appreciative of what we have to offer
 - Return on investment
- Red Carpet Service Excellence
 - Training, May of 2013
- West Entryway Pilot Project
- City Manager Cox provided a review of the 2013 Major Projects which follows:

2013 MAJOR PROJECTS
Year-At-A-Glance

Employee Awards Banquet	January 11
125-Year Stetson, Stillettos & Steam Engines Gala	January 26
Codification	Dec 2012 – Jan 2013
Code Red (“Reverse 911”) Software Implementation	Jan-Feb, 2013
Telephone System	March
Beehive Software Implementation	Spring
Municipal Hall Front Step Replacement	Spring
Water Well Replacement or Alternatives Discussion	Spring
Strategic Planning	Spring
Leadership Team Retreat	Feb
Council Retreat	Mar
Community Forum	Apr
Staff-Council Followup	May

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Library Roof	May
Year 2 Service Excellence OASIS Projects	June
Budget	Jun-Aug
Airport State Fly-In	Aug 17
Streetscape	Spring -Summer
Phase 1	July (complete before Heritage Days)
Phase 2	Sept (begin after Heritage Days)
125-Year Fall Festival	Fall
West-Way Entryway Beautification Pilot Project	Fall
Utility Office Improvements	Fall
Electric System Improvements/Substation	
Street Projects	
Potash	July
Emerson	July
E 10 th Street	Sept 2014
Meadowlark Trail	Sept 2014

- Resolution No. 13-01 which awards the replacement of the Police Department alarm panel to the Nebraska Safety & Fire of North Platte, NE in the amount of \$22,798.00. City Manager provided the following background information:

[The proposed resolution will replace the panel used to receive alarm activations at our police station.

Currently, our panel is inoperable following a power surge in October. The cost of the system is \$22,798, while we had \$21,000 set aside in the budget. Chief Kiss is recommending that the overage be covered by postponing a \$4000 copier purchase.

This resolution would authorize the purchase of the replacement alarm panel from Nebraska Safety & Fire (North Platte, NE).]

A motion was made by Councilman Benzel, seconded by Councilman Lewis to approve Resolution No. 13-01 which follows in its entirety:

RESOLUTION NO. 13-01

WHEREAS, The City of Alliance Police Department had on their capital improvements for this fiscal year, the replacement of the alarm monitoring panel; and

WHEREAS, The City of Alliance sent out two Invitations to Bid and received bids from both vendors; and

WHEREAS, Staff is recommending the bid of Nebraska Safety and Fire in the amount of Twenty-two Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety-eight and no/100ths Dollars (\$22,798.00); and

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WHEREAS, The Alliance Police Department has budgeted \$21,000.00 in capital for the Support Services Division of the Police Department for this item and is requesting the transfer of \$1,798.00 in operating from the Administrative Division of the Police Department. This transfer request will result in deferring a proposed copier purchase to next fiscal year.

WHEREAS, Council believes that it is in the best interest of the City to approve this purchase.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and City Council of Alliance, Nebraska, that the Mayor be and hereby is authorized to enter into a contract for the purchase of the alarm monitoring panel for the Police Department in the amount of Twenty-two Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety-eight and no/100ths Dollars (\$22,798.00) from Nebraska Safety and Fire of North Platte, Nebraska.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the purchase will be funded from Account No. 01-31-33-59-950 (capital account) and will require a transfer in the amount of \$1,798.00 from Account No. 01-31-31-45-541 (operating account).

Police Chief Kiss and Executive Secretary Liptack answered questions of Council regarding the proposed purchase and the affect it will have on current users.

Roll call vote for Resolution No. 13-01 with the following results:

Voting Aye: Benzel, Lewis, Seiler, Feldges.

Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

- The final item on Council's agenda was the announcement of Board vacancies. The City of Alliance continues to have vacancies on various boards. The public was notified if anyone is interested in serving on these Boards or would like further information, they may contact the City Clerk's Office

- Mayor Feldges stated, "there being no further business to come before the Alliance City Council, the meeting is adjourned at 8:08 p.m."

(SEAL)

Fred Feldges, Mayor

Linda S. Jines, City Clerk