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ALLIANCE CITY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING, THURSDAY, JANUARY 17, 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 17, 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 January 10, 2013. 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 17, 2013 Regular Meeting of the Alliance, Nebraska City Council at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Feldges, Council Members Benzel, Lewis, Yeager, and Seiler. Also present were City Manager Cox, City Attorney Ediger, and City Clerk Jines.

- Mayor Feldges read the Open Meetings Act Announcement.
- The first 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:

CONSENT CALENDAR – JANUARY 17, 2013

1. Approval: Minutes of the Regular Meeting, January 3, 2013.
2. Approval: Payroll and Employer Taxes for the period December 22, 2012 through January 4, 2013 inclusive: \$186,192.51 and \$13,118.07 respectively.
3. Approval: Claims against the following funds for the period December 26, 2012 through January 10, 2013: 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; \$293,228.78.

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4. Approval: The annual filing of the Nebraska Department of Roads Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards Reports for submittal. The filing also certifies that the minimum standards of design, construction, and maintenance of roads, streets, and highways under their authority have been met. All tax revenues, including State, County, and Municipal tax revenues, as well as highway-user revenue allocations for roads, streets, and highways, has been expended in accordance with approved plans and standards and the rules and regulations of the Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards for the period beginning October 1, 2011 and ending September 30, 2012.
5. Approval: The 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.
6. Approval: The issuance of the following Contractor Licenses:

Tree Surgeon	Sterling L. Stinson dba Stinson's Services Glenn Patrone dba Patrone's Landscaping & Tree Care Howard Jensen dba J & C Lawn Service Bob Malone dba Pests Go, LLC
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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.

Councilman Yeager made an inquiry regarding the payment to Tritle Plumbing for a curb stop repair at 1107 Grand Avenue. City Manager Cox stated he would research the matter and report back to Council.

Roll call vote with the following results:

Voting Aye: Benzel, Lewis, Feldges, Yeager, Seiler.

Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

- The Council presented two Proclamations: the first declaring the week of January 27, 2013 as Catholic Schools Week, the second declaring the month of January as National Radon Action Month.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, The Week of January 27, 2013 is National Catholic Schools Week; and

WHEREAS, St. Agnes Academy has been part of Nebraska since September 8, 1908, and therefore, has been part of our community for over 100 years, and St. Agnes Academy has helped to make our town a loving community; and

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WHEREAS, St. Agnes prepares its students not only with fine academic training, but also with spiritual values that will make them good citizens able to contribute to their community and become the leaders of the future.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Alliance, Nebraska, does hereby proclaim the week of January 27, 2013 through February 2, 2013 as

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Alliance to be affixed on this 17th day of January in the year of the Lord Two Thousand Thirteen.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Radon is a naturally occurring radioactive gas released in rock, soil, and water that can accumulate to dangerous levels inside homes, schools, and other buildings;

WHEREAS, Radon cannot be seen, has no odor, and the only way a family can know if their house has an elevated radon levels is if they test for it; and

WHEREAS, The City of Alliance has high levels of radon with more than 50 percent of the homes tested having elevated radon levels; and

WHEREAS, Radon is the leading cause of lung cancer among non-smokers; and

WHEREAS, The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has designated January as National Radon Action Month.

NOW THEREFORE, the Mayor and City Council of Alliance, NE do hereby proclaim January 2013 as Official Radon Action Month in recognition of the importance of testing homes for radon and I urge every member of the community to test their homes by contacting the Panhandle Public Health District at 308-487-3600 ext 107 to request a free radon test kit.

- City Manager Cox provided his report which follows in outline form:
 - The 125th Birthday Celebration will kick off with a Gala on Saturday, January 26, 2013 and tickets are still available.
 - As part of the 125th Birthday Celebration there will be a Fall Festival the weekend of October 12th which I am co-chairing. We are currently pursuing a marching band parade.
 - Finance Director Waggener presented the dashboards.
 - The City did visit with the Rural Fire Board as suggested by Council and they were agreeable to the joint purchase of the Cascade Breathing Air System. The unit has been ordered.

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- City staff recently met and discussed the potential Carhenge acquisition and identified twelve issues which are currently being researched.
 - There were two Request for Proposals received for providing the Essential Air Service Contract to Alliance: Great Lakes and Sovereign Air, Inc. Comments are due to the FAA no later than February 5th.
 - Reviewed upcoming agenda items.
 - Asked Council to review their calendars for a date to conduct a Strategic Planning Retreat between City Council and the Leadership Team and suggested either March 25th or 28th.
- A Public Hearing and the first reading of Ordinance No. 2720 was the next agenda item before Council. This Public Hearing was conducted for the Rezoning Application of Peltz Companies for approximately 2.92 acres located on the north side of East 12th Street and west of 1200 Flack Avenue, to C-3 (Highway Commercial) from R-3 (Multi-Family Residential). City Manager Cox provided the following background information:

[The City is in receipt of a recommendation from the Planning Commission to approve a request by Peltz Companies to rezone approximately 3 acres of a 10-acre parcel from R-3 (Multi-family residential) to C-3 (Highway Commercial) shown outlined in yellow in the image on the left.

The stated purpose of the rezone is for the installation of storage units. However, once rezoned, any listed C-3 use may be allowed.

At the time of the Planning Commission hearing on December 11, there were a number who provided negative responses. The reasons stated by those opposed included traffic (impacting neighborhood and children), noise, junk, cost of the assessment for paving, the entryway not be off of Potash.

Those responses are included in your packet.

Planning Commission approved a recommendation to Council that stipulated the following:

1. The property be rezoned to "C-3;"
2. City not allow or grant access from Potash or from East 12th Street without prior review and approval of the Council;
3. Any outdoor storage be screened from view of the highway and from residential areas]

Mayor Feldges stated "now is the date, time, and place to conduct a Public Hearing to hear support, oppositions, criticism, suggestions, or observations of the taxpayers relating to the Rezoning Application of Peltz Companies.

The Public Hearing opened at 7:29 p.m.

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Marlin Johnson, City of Alliance Planner, was the first to give testimony to the City Council. Mr. Johnson read his staff report on the matter and answered any questions brought to him by Council members or audience members.

Terry Peltz, 2817 Laramie Avenue, was the next individual to speak. Mr. Peltz of Peltz Companies stated his company is trying to enlarge their C-3 (Commercial Highway) area so they may add storage. Mr. Peltz did say that the area would be completely fenced off and there could be an access gate for emergency personnel use only. Also the only access to the property would be via Flack Avenue to ensure no increased traffic on Potash Avenue.

Hearing no further testimony in favor of this matter, we heard from Mr. Robin Rust whom is against rezoning the property.

Robin Rust, 1210 Potash Avenue expressed his concerns about wanting to maintain the R-3 buffer zone. He also stated he liked his neighborhood as it is quiet and would not enjoy how the scenic view of the property would lessen the value of his property.

No further testimony was offered and the Public Hearing was closed at 8:11 p.m.

A motion was made by Councilman Lewis, seconded by Councilman Seiler to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2720. City Clerk Jines read the Ordinance by title which follows in its entirety.

ORDINANCE NO. 2720

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALLIANCE, NEBRASKA, DEALING WITH ZONING, AMENDING THE DISTRICT ZONING MAP TO SHOW THAT A TRACT OF LAND SITUATED IN THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 25, TOWNSHIP 25 NORTH, RANGE 48 WEST OF THE 6TH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, BOX BUTTE COUNTY, NEBRASKA, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF BLOCK 1, WHEELER SUBDIVISION, AS PLATTED IN THE CITY OF ALLIANCE, NEBRASKA; THENCE, ON THE WEST LINE OF SAID BLOCK 1 AND THE TRUE NORTHERLY EXTENSION, N01°02'37"E FOR A DISTANCE OF 708.58 FEET; THENCE, PARALLEL WITH THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 25, N89°35'10"W FOR A DISTANCE OF 179.70 FEET; THENCE, PARALLEL WITH THE CENTERLINE OF POTASH AVENUE, AS PLATTED, S01°03'05"W TO THE NORTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF 12TH STREET, AS DESCRIBED IN MISCELLANEOUS BOOK 53, PAGES 618 THRU 620, BEING A DISTANCE OF 708.81 FEET; THENCE, ALONG SAID NORTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY, S89°39'25"E FOR A DISTANCE OF 179.80 FEET TO THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING AN AREA OF 2.92 ACRES, MORE OR LESS; TO THE CITY OF ALLIANCE, BOX BUTTE COUNTY, NEBRASKA, IS NOW INCLUDED AS A C-3 HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL DISTRICT FROM A R-3 MULTI- FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT, AND REPEALING PRIOR SECTIONS.

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BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALLIANCE, NEBRASKA:

SECTION 1. Section 10-302 of the Alliance Municipal Code is amended to provide as follows:

10-302. DISTRICT MAP ADOPTED

Boundaries of the districts, as enumerated in Article 3 of these regulations, are hereby established as shown on a map prepared for that purpose, which map is hereby designated as the Zoning District Map; and said map, and all the notations, references and information shown thereon is hereby made as much a part of these regulations as if the same were set forth in full herein. The City Planning Commission shall keep on file in their offices an authentic copy of said map, and all changes, amendments, or additions thereto.

When definite distances in feet are not shown on the Zoning District Map, the district boundaries are intended to be along existing street, alley or platted lot lines, or extensions of the same, and if the exact location of such lines is not clear, it shall be determined by the Building Inspector, due consideration being given to location as indicated by the scale of the Zoning District Map.

This is to certify that the Zoning District Map described in the Alliance Municipal Code, passed this ____ day of February, 2013, is now the official Zoning District Map.

SECTION 2. Previously existing Section 10-302, and all ordinances, parts of ordinances, resolutions, and policies of the City of Alliance in conflict with the revisions set forth herein are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its approval, passage, and publication according to law.

Roll call vote on Ordinance No. 2720 with the following results:

Voting Aye: Benzel, Lewis, Feldges.

Voting Nay: Seiler, Yeager.

Motion carried.

- Resolution Nos. 13-02, 13-03, and 13-04 which authorize the City of Alliance to enter into the funding Agreements with the Chamber of Commerce, Keep Alliance Beautiful, and Box Butte Development Corporation were the next items discussed by Council. The Agreement will authorize the City to make an annual contribution to each of these Organizations that will be paid in quarterly installments. City Manager Cox provided the following background information:

[This year, the City has requested service organizations sign a standardized Agreement for Contribution in return for receiving City of Alliance taxpayer

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funds. Both Chief Financial Officer Randy Waggener and I felt strongly that we should have this in place.

As such draft agreements were sent out to the following organizations:

Box Butte Development Corporation (\$75,000)
Keep Alliance Beautiful (\$24,000)
Alliance Chamber of Commerce (\$10,000)
Heartland Expressway (\$3,396.40)
Panhandle Area Development District "PADD" (6,581.30)

There has been much discussion back-and-forth with these agencies to arrive at the versions included.

Unfortunately, we have not yet arrived at an agreement with PADD. A PADD representative recently contacted the City and proposed that they take their concerns around the chain-of-command. I resisted their attempt at doing so, and they did visit with me. Yet, during that recent conversation, I did persist with their representative that if PADD wishes to receive City of Alliance funding that this agreement is required, but that we'd be happy to work with them on tweaking the language to address their concerns, yet appropriately represent the terms of agreement.

It is my understanding the Heartland Expressway will soon be taking up the matter.]

Resolution No. 13-02 authorizes the City of Alliance to make an annual contribution to the Chamber of Commerce in the amount of \$10,000 to be paid in quarterly installments.

A motion was made by Councilman Yeager, seconded by Councilman Benzel to approve Resolution No. 13-02 which follows in its entirety:

RESOLUTION NO. 13-02

WHEREAS, The City of Alliance desires to enter into an Agreement for Contribution with the Chamber of Commerce for the promotion of Alliance and the improvement of the quality of life for all its citizens; and

WHEREAS, The Chamber of Commerce has requested financial support from the City of Alliance to permit the Chamber of Commerce to implement its program; and

WHEREAS, The Agreement provides that the City shall make an annual contribution to the Chamber of Commerce in the amount of \$10,000.00 to be paid in quarterly installments; and

WHEREAS, The City of Alliance believes that participating in the funding of the Chamber of Commerce is in the best interest of the citizens of Alliance.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Alliance, Nebraska, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into the Agreement for Contribution with the Chamber of Commerce.

Roll call vote for Resolution No. 13-02 with the following results:

Voting Aye: Benzel, Lewis, Seiler, Feldges, Yeager.

Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

Resolution No. 13-03 authorizes the City of Alliance to make an annual contribution to Keep Alliance Beautiful in the amount of \$24,000 to be paid in quarterly installments.

A motion was made by Councilman Yeager, seconded by Councilman Lewis to approve Resolution No. 13-03 which follows in its entirety:

RESOLUTION NO. 13-03

WHEREAS, The City of Alliance desires to enter into an Agreement for Contribution with Keep Alliance Beautiful for the beautification of Alliance and the improvement of the quality of life for all its citizens; and

WHEREAS, Keep Alliance Beautiful has requested financial support from the City of Alliance to permit Keep Alliance Beautiful to implement its program; and

WHEREAS, The Agreement provides that the City shall make an annual contribution to Keep Alliance Beautiful in the amount of \$24,000.00 to be paid in quarterly installments; and

WHEREAS, The City of Alliance believes that participating in the funding of Keep Alliance Beautiful is in the best interest of the citizens of Alliance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Alliance, Nebraska, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into the Agreement for Contribution with Keep Alliance Beautiful.

Roll call vote for Resolution No. 13-03 with the following results:

Voting Aye: Benzel, Lewis, Seiler, Feldges, Yeager.

Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

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Resolution No. 13-04 authorizes the City of Alliance to make an annual contribution to Box Butte Development Corporation in the amount of \$75,000 to be paid in quarterly installments.

A motion was made by Councilman Lewis, seconded by Councilman Benzel to approve Resolution No. 13-04 which follows in its entirety:

RESOLUTION NO. 13-04

WHEREAS, The City of Alliance desires to enter into an Agreement for Contribution with Box Butte Development Corporation for the promotion of economic growth of Alliance and the improvement of the quality of life for all its citizens; and

WHEREAS, Box Butte Development Corporation has requested financial support from the City of Alliance to permit Box Butte Development Corporation to implement its program; and

WHEREAS, The Agreement provides that the City shall make an annual contribution to Box Butte Development Corporation in the amount of \$75,000.00 to be paid in quarterly installments; and

WHEREAS, The City of Alliance believes that participating in the funding of Box Butte Development Corporation is in the best interest of the citizens of Alliance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Alliance, Nebraska, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into the Agreement for Contribution with Box Butte Development Corporation.

Roll call vote for Resolution No. 13-04 with the following results:

Voting Aye: Benzel, Lewis, Seiler, Feldges.

Voting Nay: Yeager.

Motion carried.

- The next matter before Council was Resolution No. 13-05, authorizing Keep Alliance Beautiful to submit a Grant Application with the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality for Scrap Tire Collection Site Cleanup on the City's behalf. City Manger Cox provided the following background information:

[The enclosed resolution will approve, at the request of Keep Alliance Beautiful, the City to apply for a grant from the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality. The purpose of the NDEQ grant is to clean up scrap tires. With a total amount of \$59,820 requested, the cleanup grant would pay for the collection and redistribution of approximately 500 tons of passenger, semi, implement and tractor tires and will include both Box Butte and Sheridan Counties.]

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Deb Dopheide 424 Toluca Avenue, Keep Alliance Beautiful Executive Director, presented to Council the process of the grant application and what would be completed if the application were approved.

A motion was made by Councilman Benzel, seconded by Councilman Lewis to approve Resolution No. 13-05 which follows in its entirety:

RESOLUTION NO. 13-05

WHEREAS, The City of Alliance desires to have Keep Alliance Beautiful prepare a Grant Application with the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality (NDEQ) for Scrap Tire Collection Site Cleanup for Political Subdivisions; and

WHEREAS, The application will be in the name of the City of Alliance and under the City of Alliance tax identification; and

WHEREAS, City Council believes that participating in the Scrap Tire Collection Site Cleanup for Political Subdivisions is in the best interest of the citizens of Alliance and Box Butte County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Alliance, Nebraska, that Keep Alliance Beautiful is authorized to prepare a Grant Application for Scrap Tire Collection Site Cleanup for Political Subdivisions with the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality on behalf of the City of Alliance.

Roll call vote for Resolution No. 13-05 with the following results:

Voting Aye: Benzel, Lewis, Seiler, Feldges, Yeager.

Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

- Resolution No. 13-06 was the next item for Council's consideration which will authorize the City of Alliance to enter into a Delegation Agreement with the Public Alliance for Community Energy for the purchase of natural gas for the next three years for municipal operations. City Manager Cox provided the following background information:

[Staff is recommending the approval of the 3-year term agreement with ACE (Public Alliance for Community Energy) which delegates to them the authority to lock in natural gas rates. Present rates are low and expectations are that rates will soon be trending upward.

This is the first year that we have had this on the agenda as we usually just sign a one-year agreement and we are currently proposing three years.]

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A motion was made by Councilman Lewis, seconded by Councilman Benzel to approve Resolution No. 13-06 which follows in its entirety:

RESOLUTION NO. 13-06

WHEREAS, The City of Alliance is a member of the Public Alliance for Community Energy (ACE); and

WHEREAS, The City of Alliance desires to enter into a Delegation Agreement with the Public Alliance for Community Energy (ACE) for the purchase of natural gas for the next three years for municipal operations. The Agreement will allow ACE to lock-in on some very low natural gas rates for our municipal operations which are expected to begin trending upward in the near future; and

WHEREAS, City Council believes that participating in the Delegation Agreement with the Public Alliance for Community Energy (ACE) is in the best interest of the citizens of Alliance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Alliance, Nebraska, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into the Delegation Agreement with the Public Alliance for Community Energy (ACE) for the purchase of natural gas for the next three years for municipal operations.

Roll call vote for Resolution No. 13-06 with the following results:

Voting Aye: Benzel, Lewis, Seiler, Feldges, Yeager.

Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

- Discussion and Review of the Proposed Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for the Regional Law Enforcement Center with Box Butte County was the next Agenda item discussed by Council.

This Agreement has been negotiated between Attorney Terry Curtiss whom is representing Box Butte County and the City of Alliance's legal counsel. It is anticipated this will be placed on the January 22, 2013 Box Butte County Commissioner's agenda for approval and once accepted, a legislative document will be brought before the City Council for final approval.

City Manager Cox provided the following background information:

[Included in your packet is a red-line version of the Law Enforcement Agreement. This document takes into account the items discussed at the joint meeting. The City will send the entire bill to the County. The County will pay the entire bill and then invoice the City for its new share: 30% of all electric bills; 30% of

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all water, sewer and solid waste (sanitation) bills. Also, the City's share of the natural gas bills will be 25%.

The two items below represent the largest changes to the Agreement. Those are changes that we believe are feasible and reasonable.

Electrical Billing. *As long as the City supplies electricity to the Center, the City shall bill for electricity based on the lowest rate in effect under the City electrical rate schedules which have potential application to the Center, as determined by the electrical usage at the Center. The rate applied to the Center may change from time to time as the City comprehensively reviews and modifies its rate structure, classes and philosophy. The City shall not otherwise unilaterally change only the rates applicable to the Center except as required to apply the lowest effective rate as provided for in this paragraph. The rate being applied shall be reviewed at the end of June and December of each year during the term of this Agreement and a report issued to the County Clerk and City Manager. If the report indicates that in order for the Center to be receiving the lowest rate as described above, the rate shall be changed appropriately and applied prospectively to the next review date. No changes will be made to the preceding six month billing cycle notwithstanding the fact that a lower rate might have been applied given actual usage during the term. The initial rate shall be based on a review of the usage for past billings beginning with July 2012.*

Billing Procedure. *All amounts payable by one party to the other (to include utility billings) shall be paid as soon as reasonably possible following receipt of the applicable invoice or billing, recognizing that by law, all claims must be approved by the respective governing bodies of the parties at a regularly scheduled meeting. The billed party shall schedule payment at the next meeting that it can be scheduled as a claim, considering the date of receipt and the time required by the Clerk of the governing body for an item to be included on a meeting agenda.*

It is my understanding that the County's Attorney, Terry Curtiss, is going to recommend approval to the County Commission at their next meeting on January 22.

Although no formal action is being requested of Council at this time, we did feel that a general discussion would be helpful. The purpose of us discussing on January 17 is that if there were any other items, that we would have enough time following City Council to address prior to the County Commission meeting on 1/22. If all goes well, we could have a final document, approved and signed by the County Commission in front of City County for its February 7 meeting.]

Rick Ediger, City Attorney provided an overview of the proposed Agreement and answered questions of Council.

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No additional action was taken.

- City Council's next agenda item was the Political Subdivision Tort Claim from Michael Sorensen. The Council was requested to acknowledge receipt and take no action on the claim at that time.

A motion was made by Councilman Lewis, which was seconded by Councilman Seiler, to acknowledge the receipt of the Subdivision Political Tort Claim from Michael Sorensen.

Roll call vote with the following results:

Voting Aye: Benzel, Lewis, Seiler, Feldges, Yeager.

Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

- Board Appointments were the next items on the Agenda.

A motion was made by Councilman Seiler, which was seconded by Councilman Lewis to appoint Thomas Lucas to serve as the religious representative on the Police Advisory Board for a term which will expire December 31, 2014.

Roll call vote with the following results:

Voting Aye: Yeager, Lewis, Feldges, Seiler, Benzel.

Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Seiler, which was seconded by Councilman Lewis to appoint Lupe Cox to serve as the Hispanic representative on the Police Advisory Board for a term which will expire December 31, 2014.

Roll call vote with the following results:

Voting Aye: Yeager, Lewis, Benzel, Seiler, Feldges.

Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

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A motion was made by Councilman Seiler, which was seconded by Councilman Benzel to reappoint Patrick Jones to serve as the school representative to the Police Advisory Board for a term which will expire December 31, 2014.

Roll call vote with the following results:

Voting Aye: Yeager, Benzel, Feldges, Lewis, Seiler.

Voting Nay: None.

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.

- The final item on Council's Agenda was a closed session for contract negotiations.

Councilman Lewis moved pursuant to Section 84-1410 Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska 1943, that the Alliance City Council hold a closed session for the purpose of contract negotiations. The motion was seconded by Councilman Benzel.

Roll call vote with the following results:

Voting Aye: Feldges, Seiler, Yeager, Benzel, Lewis.

Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

Mayor Feldges stated "the motion having passed by an affirmative vote of the members of the City Council, the Council shall hold a closed session for the purpose of, and only for the purpose of, contract negotiations." The closed session began at 9:15 p.m. with the following individuals requested to stay: City Manager Cox, Cultural & Leisure Services Director Brown, Finance Director Waggener and City Clerk Jines. The closed session concluded at 10:17 p.m.

- Mayor Feldges stated, "there being no further business to come before the Alliance City Council, the meeting is adjourned at 10:20 p.m."

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Fred Feldges, Mayor

Linda S. Jines, City Clerk

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