

**ALLIANCE, NEBRASKA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Knight Museum and Sandhills Center
908 Yellowstone Avenue
September 4, 2013 - 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. Autumn on the Bricks Presentation**

Resolution No. 13-91 – Parade Request for Autumn on the Bricks
Resolution No. 13-92 – Jaycees Beer Garden
Resolution No. 13-93 – Street Closures
- C. Resolution Nos. 13-90, 13-94 and 13-95**
Appointment of Responsible Charge for Nebraska Department of Roads Projects

These resolutions will authorize the City of Alliance to enter into an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Scottsbluff to provide “Responsible Charge” services for our street federal-aid projects that are in process. The projects include South Potash Avenue and Emerson Avenue which were recently completed and require finalized paperwork, and the 10th Street project which is scheduled for next year.
- D. City Manager's Report**
- E. Public Hearing – Resolution No. 13-87**
Property Tax Approval

Now is the date, time and place to conduct a Public Hearing on the 2013 property tax request. Enclosed for Council's review is the Box Butte County Assessor's determination of taxable value which has been set at \$390,837,078. The City of Alliance has determined the mill levy at \$0.379160, which corresponds to \$1,398,000 in property tax revenue for the City.
- F. Ordinance No. 2738 – First Reading**
Additional 1% for Budgeted Restricted Funds

Ordinance No. 2738 will allow the City of Alliance with a 75% affirmative vote by Council to exceed the Allowable Growth and Basic Allowable Growth for the 2013-2014 Fiscal Year Budget by 1%. This does not increase the 2013-2014 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. 2739 – First Reading
Classification and Compensation Plans**

This Ordinance will adopt the Classification and Compensation Plans which will be incorporated in our FY 2014 budget. The Classification Plan has several adjustments which have been identified in the attached memorandum. The Compensation Plan includes five categories: Exempt, Non-Exempt, Police Bargaining Unit, Communications Bargaining Unit, and Fire Employees and reflect a 1.7% cost of living adjustment. All wage adjustments will be made effective October 11, 2013. Staff is recommending the statutory required reading of this ordinance on three separate dates be waived.

H. Resolution No. 13-88 – Authorized Strength

Resolution No. 13-88 provides direction to the City Manager for the hiring of City employees by adopting the Total Authorized Strength document. The document lists the number of employees by department.

**I. Ordinance No. 2735 – Third Reading
Appropriations (Budget)**

Ordinance No. 2735 is before Council for third reading. This ordinance presents to Council the 2013-2014 proposed budget. The proposed budget contains anticipated and estimated revenues and expenses for the next fiscal year. This ordinance has been modified to reflect three proposed amendments which will move three ongoing projects, which will not be completed in this fiscal year to next year. Staff is recommending Council approve the ordinance as amended.

**J. Ordinance No. 2740 – First Reading
Water Rates**

Ordinance No. 2740 is before Council on first reading and will amend the Alliance Municipal Code with regard to water rate revisions. The Ordinance will incorporate the rates that were recommended by Staff utilizing Scenario 3.

**K. Ordinance No. 2736 – Second Reading
Electric Rates**

Ordinance No. 2736 is before Council on second reading and will amend the Alliance Municipal Code with regard to electric rate revisions. The Ordinance will incorporate the rates that were recommended from the Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska (MEAN) rate study which was recently completed. The proposal provides for two adjustments the first being effective October 1, 2013 which includes the removal of the PCA, and the second effective April 1, 2014.

**L. Ordinance No. 2737 – Second Reading
Refuse Rates**

Ordinance No. 2737 is before Council on second reading and will amend the Alliance Municipal Code with regard to refuse rate revisions. The Ordinance will incorporate the rates that were recommended from the Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska (MEAN) rate study which was recently completed.

M. Resolution No. 13-89 – Golf Administrator Contract Renewal

Resolution No. 13-89 will renew the Golf Administrator Contract with Doug Dietrich. The Agreement contains some modifications from the previous version which was approved in March of this year which are outlined in the narrative. The Agreement provides for an automatic annual renewal unless terminated in writing sixty days prior to September 30th.

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

N. Board Vacancies

The City of Alliance has received applications from Terri L. Friesen and Lori Mazanec to serve on the Economic Development Plan Citizen Advisory Board which currently has several vacancies with terms expiring December 31, 2016. Copies of their applications have been made part of the packet for your consideration. Rebecca Reed was a member of this Board but is no longer available to serve as she has moved away from the community.

The City of Alliance continues to have vacancies on the Board of Adjustment, Community Garden Advisory Board, Economic Development Plan Application Review Board and the Economic Development Plan Citizen Advisory Boards. 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.

O. Recap Actions

▪ Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Linda S. Jines
City Clerk