

February 26, 2015 Special Meeting Minutes

ALLIANCE CITY COUNCIL

SPECIAL MEETING, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2015

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The Alliance City Council met in a Special Joint Meeting, February 26, 2015 at 7:00 a.m., at the Knight Museum and Sandhills Center, 908 Yellowstone Avenue, Alliance. A notice of meeting was published in the Alliance Times Herald on February 19, 2015. 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 the Municipal Building.

Present at the meeting were Mayor Yeager, Council Members Feldges, Jones and Korber-Gonzalez. Also present were City Manager Cox, City Attorney Olsen, Assistant City Manager Waggener, and City Clerk Jines. Representing the Box Butte County Commissioners were members Hashman, Lore and McGinnis; as well as County Clerk Messersmith.

The Special Meeting began with Mayor Yeager and Chairman Hashman opening the meeting for their respective Boards. Chairman Hashman made the Open Meetings Law announcement and indicated the required posting was displayed on the stand against the north wall of the room.

- The meeting began with a discussion regarding the Pictometry Mapping Program that Box Butte County recently purchased. The program provides aerial photography and detailed mapping which will include two fly over sessions for imaging. The first imaging fly over will take place in April, with the second to be determined but a few years into the future. The program has a cost of \$34,000 per year for six years. This purchase will allow Box Butte County to meet their requirement for reviewing improvements within the County without having to personally visit each facility/site. The County entered into the agreement as they believe it will be a cost savings in personnel and transportation for their organization. The company providing this service also has an interior option at an additional cost. Box Butte County feels that the City of Alliance could also benefit from this Program. The County is proposing a cost share of 50% between the entities and is requesting the City’s consideration for funding during their next budget process.

Community Development Director Kusek prepared a short summary of his understanding of the Pictometry Mapping Program and how it may be utilized by the City which follows:

[Pictometry is offering to sell the City and County orthophotography and oblique aerial photography. They capture the imagery in 9” resolution in what they call Community sections and 3” resolution in Neighborhood sections. The 3” resolution is typically done for areas that are developed such as the City of Alliance.

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The imagery available from Pictometry could be used by several City departments. Community Development could use the high resolution imagery to find or document improvements made to property without the proper permitting. It would also help during consultation with contractors to have a high resolution image available of the property to look at as part of the development discussion. The imagery also offers the ability to measure a structures footprint, height, and width without having to leave the office.

GIS could integrate the imagery into ArcMap and use it as a base on which to add other layers and generate maps. Once imported into the Arc, the images can be used to discern between paving types and in some instances help confirm the location of items such as hydrants, light poles, power poles, etc. GIS is currently using 1 meter resolution imagery taken in 2012 and becomes very grainy when zoomed in. There are approximately 39 inches per meter so the Neighborhood imagery would be a large step up in accuracy.

Police and Fire could use the imagery to scout a site before arriving. The oblique images are taken along all sides of the building and as such could be used to determine potential hazards that are there before arriving. This would allow them to plan ahead and mitigate the hazard with other equipment or approaching the site from different directions.]

- The next item before the Boards was an update on County zoning issues. The Commissioners requested an updated version of the Two Mile Extraterritorial Jurisdiction Map. City staff presented a copy to them at the meeting. They also reported they were currently seeking applications for a new Zoning Administrator.

- Box Butte County provided an update on the status on the following road improvements:

Veterans Cemetery Road CR57

Box Butte County Road Superintendent Barb Keegan stated the project is scheduled for construction in 2016 and the Agreement with the State of Nebraska has been approved and forwarded as required.

West Nance Road (25th Street)

It was reported this project is on the One and Six Year Road Plan for the County and will require between 8" and 10" of concrete when redone. The County stated they would like the City's participation in this project.

- The next item addressed was sidewalk improvements in front of the Courthouse. The Commissioners requested if they could add the improvements to the next phase of the City's Streetscape bidding process. City Manager Cox stated that is not an option at this point due to the next phase of the Streetscape having already been defined and which is receiving Nebraska Department of Road funding. However, the City will be happy to have a copy of the sidewalk plans from our engineering firm delivered to the County to assist them with their bid procedure.

- The County Commissioners requested the City to review the size of parking stalls surrounding the Courthouse to accommodate four door pickups. The City's Public Works Director Ron Perry reported that the current length of the spaces was sufficient; however the width may need to be

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modified for the diagonal spaces in front of the Courthouse. The parallel parking appeared to be adequate but he would review and report back to City Manager Cox.

- Hospital security was the next matter that the Commissioners wanted to discuss. Chairman Hashman requested the City consider providing the law enforcement services to the facility as the County only has one officer on the night shift and they were concerned with response time. Alliance Police Lt. Ken Hart stated the Alliance Police Department does respond to any emergency situation until the Sheriff's Department is able to arrive. He reported in the past there were more cooperative efforts between the Departments which have been discontinued.

Trent Benzel, 149 West 21st Street, addressed the Boards and suggested that the hospital property be annexed into the City.

Both Boards requested researching the possibility of entering into a written Interlocal Agreement identifying law enforcement joint efforts to enhance efficiencies for both Departments. In addition, they would like the issues involved with annexing the hospital into the City limits identified.

- The next matter before the Boards was an update on the efforts to consolidate Communications/Dispatching for both law enforcement agencies. Chairman Hashman stated he had no new information or research to provide to the Boards. The County is willing to take over this responsibility.

In order to move forward, both Boards agreed to form a Task Force consisting of the Box Butte County Sheriff or her representative, the Alliance Police Chief or his representative, Box Butte County Commissioner Hashman, Alliance City Council Members Korber-Gonzalez and Jones, Box Butte County Senior Dispatcher Brown, Alliance Dispatch Supervisor Dahlberg and City Finance Director Waggener. The Task Force will review the pros and cons to consolidation and identify the steps necessary to move forward. Their first meeting will be held on March 17, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. at the Knight Museum and Sandhills Center. Members of the group were requested to tour the current facility and basement of the Slagle Meeting which is being proposed for the new location prior to their meeting. It was also suggested that the financial information for communications/dispatching from both governmental agencies be provided to the group.

- City Councilman Jones urged all present to contact our legislative representatives and those serving on the Appropriations Committee for support of LB 633 which deals with State Aid to municipalities and counties. He also urged support of LB 580 which will adopt the Redistricting Act. The hearing on this bill is tomorrow and it is urgent that contact with legislative representatives be done quickly in order to provide input.

- The last item on the agenda was public comment time. Rachel Lewis, 2638 Cheyenne Lane, Alliance addressed the Boards to comment on the public transit service. She voiced her desire to have the program overseen by one of the governmental bodies to provide staff which is accountable and to ensure transparency.

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- The City of Alliance will host the next meeting on April 23, 2015 at 7:00 a.m. at the Knight Museum and Sandhills Center.
- The meeting adjourned at 9:07 a.m.

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Ralph Yeager, Mayor



Linda S. Jines, City Clerk