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ALLIANCE, NEBRASKA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
School Board Meeting Room
1604 Sweetwater Avenue
April 7, 2015 - 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. Introduction of New Employees**
Eric Bignell – Landfill Baler Operator Clerk
Mike Miller – Landfill Operator
- B. Consent Calendar**
Approval of Minutes, Payroll and Claims
Cemetery Certificates Issuance
Contractor Licenses Issuance
Alliance Berean Church Park Use Request
RSVP Continuation Grant Application
- C. Proclamations**
Mayors Day of Recognition for National Volunteer Service – April 7, 2015
National Public Safety Telecommunications Week – April 12-18, 2015
- D. City Manager's Report**
- E. Request of Evert Smith**
Mr. Evert Smith has requested to address Council to discuss City water and sewer line conditions south of 3rd Street.
- F. ACE Presentation and Proclamation**
The City of Alliance will accept a Membership Distribution check from ACE (Public Alliance for Community Energy) in the amount of \$13,249.00. Staff is proposing these funds be utilized to provide improvements to our Park system. The council is also encouraging the Citizens of Alliance to select ACE as their natural gas supplier during the Choice Gas selection period which begins April 10 and runs through April 23, 2015.
- G. Ordinance No. 2770 –Second Reading**
Municipal Code Amendment – Downtown Improvement Funding Uses
Ordinance No. 2770 will amend the Alliance Municipal Code with regard to the A-1 Downtown Improvement Board's ability to expend their funds and will now make direct reference to the Nebraska State Statute promotion authorization.
- Resolution No. 15-19 – Authorization for Use of Downtown Improvement Funds**
This resolution will authorize the expenditure of \$5,000 from the A-1 Downtown Improvement District funds for participation in the Annie Creek Productions Summer Concert Series.

**H. Ordinance No. 2771 – Second Reading
Classification Plan Update**

Ordinance No. 2771 is before Council on second reading and will amend the City of Alliance's Classification Plan to add an Account Clerk I position.

Resolution No. 15-20 – Authorized Strength Amendment

Resolution No. 15-20 will modify the 2014-15 Authorized Strength authorization by removing one full time position which was previously split between two divisions within the Finance Department. The new Authorized Strength authorization will add a 25 hour per week part-time employee in the Utility Office and a 20 hour per week part-time employee in the Accounting Office.

**I. Ordinance No. 2768 – Third Reading
Municipal Code Amendment/Zoning Change – Allowing Churches in Rural Residential Districts**

Ordinance No. 2768 is before Council for third reading and is requesting an amendment to the Alliance Municipal Code regarding Rural Residential (RR) Zoning Districts. The amendment if approved, would allow for the inclusion of publicly owned and operated community buildings, public museums, public libraries and churches as permitted uses within the zoning classification. The Alliance Planning Commission has considered this matter and has recommended approval to the Council.

**J. Ordinance No. 2769 – Third Reading
Electric Rates**

Ordinance No. 2769 is before Council on third reading and will approve electric rate revisions. The Ordinance will incorporate the rates that were recommended by our rate consultant, Mr. Phil Euler, Manager of Engineering with Nebraska Municipal Power Pool (NMPP). The proposal provides for two adjustments the first being effective May 1, 2015; the second effective April 1, 2016.

K. Resolution No. 15-24 – Bower Park Irrigation Bid Award

Resolution No. 15-24 will award the Underground Irrigation System Project at Bower/Shankland Ballfield to Jeske Lawn Sprinklers LLC of Alliance, NE in the amount of \$29,780.00. The resolution also includes an additional 5% allowance for change orders which may become necessary to unforeseen circumstances during installation.

L. Resolution No. 15-25 – Grocery Kart Easement

This resolution will approve the reduction of our utility easement along the south property line of Lot 13-18, Block 23, Original Town from 20' to 10'. The reduction is being requested to allow for the expansion of the current Grocery Kart store. Staff has reviewed the request and is recommending approval.

M. Resolution No. 15-26 – Utility Billing Changes and Penalty Waiver

This resolution will authorize staff to waive the Penalty Policy for a one month period of time to coincide with the May, 2015 utility bills for all four billing cycles. This is being recommended to help our customers adjust to the new billing process.

N. Resolution No. 15-27 – Public Transit Application Submittal and Council Contingency Fund Use Authority

Resolution No. 15-27 will authorize City staff to submit a proposal to operate the Public Transit Program. If approved, the City would then make an application through the Nebraska Department of Roads, Rail and Public Transportation Division for the receipt of Federal and State funding to continue to offer public transportation services. In order to submit the proposal, staff is requesting City Council's approval to seek community support for this transition and the use of Council Contingency Funds for program operation.

O. Recycling Invoice Discussion and Action

The City of Alliance has received the quarterly invoice from Keep Alliance Beautiful for services they are not completely performing at this time. They are not doing recycling services but they are still involved in education and the community clean-up. Staff is seeking direction on how best to address this situation.

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

P. Establish Future Meeting Dates

Staff will be contacting Council members individually to inquire on their availability to attend two meetings during the last week of April and the first week of May. The first meeting will be for Strategic Planning and we are estimating it will take about four hours; the second meeting is to review the Capital Improvement Plan for the next fiscal year which should take about two hours.

Q. Board Vacancies

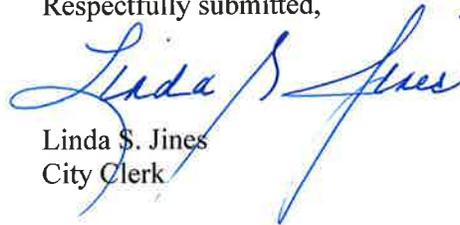
The City is in receipt of a Resignation from William Hewgley for the Park and Tree Board. Mr. Hewgley's work schedule conflicts with his ability to regularly attend board meetings and participate in board activities. Mr. Hewgley's term on the Park and Tree Board was to expire on February 28, 2017.

The City of Alliance has the following openings at this time: one vacancy on the A-1 Downtown Improvement Board, two youth ex-officio positions on the Library Board, one vacancy on the Park and Tree Board, one vacancy on the Planning Commission, and a Hispanic representative on the Police Advisory Board. There will also be vacancies available on the Museum Board in the near future. 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.

R. Recap Actions

▪ **Adjournment**

Respectfully submitted,



Linda S. Jines
City Clerk