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ALLIANCE CITY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING, TUESDAY, JUNE 2, 2015

STATE OF NEBRASKA)
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COUNTY OF BOX BUTTE) §
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CITY OF ALLIANCE)

The Alliance City Council met in a Regular Meeting, June 2, 2015 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 May 26, 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 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 Yeager opened the June 2, 2015 Regular Meeting of the Alliance, Nebraska City Council at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Yeager, Council Members Feldges, Jones and Korber-Gonzalez. Also present were City Manager Cox, Assistant City Manager/Finance Director Waggener, City Attorney Ediger and City Clerk Jines.

- A motion was made by Councilman Feldges, which was seconded by Councilman Jones to excuse Councilman Seiler from the meeting.

Roll call vote for with the following results:

Voting Aye: Korber-Gonzalez, Yeager, Feldges and Jones.

Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

- Mayor Yeager read the Open Meetings Act Announcement.
- Council's first order of business was the introduction of new City of Alliance employees. Council introduced Connie Kirchner, Account Clerk I; Sergio Airada, Apprentice Lineman; and Kirsten McCracken, Public Safety Dispatcher.

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- The next agenda item for approval was the Consent Calendar.

Councilman Feldges made a motion, which was seconded by Councilman Jones to approve the Consent Calendar as follows:

CONSENT CALENDAR – JUNE 2, 2015

1. Approval: Minutes of the Regular Meeting, May 19, 2015.
2. Approval: Payroll and Employer Taxes for the period May 9, 2015 through May 22, 2015 inclusive: \$176,014.06 and \$12,836.80 respectively.
3. Approval: Claims against all funds of the City of Alliance for the period May 14, 2015 through May 27, 2015 in the amount of \$1,063,929.86.
4. Approval: The following contractor licenses:

Repair & Maintenance	Cassidy Odean dba Odean Constructions
Master Plumber	Jon M. Aid dba J&M Plumbing Inc.
5. Approval: The *Request for Reserved or Exclusive Use of City Streets* of the Alliance Chamber of Commerce for the closure of 1st and 2nd Streets between Laramie and Box Butte Avenues. This will be for Friday and Saturday, July 17th and 18th in conjunction with Heritage Days 2015.
6. Approval: The *Special Events Request for Use of Public Facilities, Parks, Streets* of the Alliance Chamber of Commerce for the lot south of 2nd Street between Big Horn and Toluca Avenues. This will be for parking of Frazier Show Employees campers July 13th through 20th in conjunction with Heritage Days 2015.
7. Approval: The *Special Events Request for Use of Public Facilities, Parks, Streets* of the Alliance Lions Club to conduct Cardboard Boat Races at Laing Lake. The event will be held on July 4, 2015 between 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. The Lion's Club will be providing the same safety precautions which were required and performed last year. The City of Alliance is in receipt of their Certificate of Insurance naming the City as an additional insured.
8. Approval: Keep Alliance Beautiful is requesting the City waive landfill charges during the period when Keep Alliance Beautiful recycling efforts were offline. Community members continued delivering recyclables to the landfill and with no place for those recyclables to be disposed, they were exposed to nature and rain, and eventually became contaminated and ineligible to be recycled. Those products then were disposed in the landfill as no feasible alternatives existed. A total comparable value of \$1,307.83 was disposed. This measure will waive those fees.

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.

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Council made an inquiry regarding the utility charges at the Golf Course and the purchase of helmet holders for the Fire Department. Staff will check into the expenses and report back to Council.

Roll call vote with the following results:

Voting Aye: Feldges, Korber-Gonzalez, Jones, Yeager.

Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

- City Manager Cox gave his City Manager's Report which follows in outline form:

1. Electric System - 10th St Substation work is complete and re-operational
2. Traffic Matters
 - Not planning 4-way stop at 8th & Emerson; Street painting to enhance 8th St stops
 - Traffic Plans for Chautauqua <<Hand Out>>
3. Project Snapshots:
 - Streetscape – NDOR Wishing for Easement Agreements
4. Airport
 - Runway delayed one week due to rain
 - TSA remodel ~ June 22
 - TSA – Approved Boutique!
 - Boutique acquiring aircraft
5. Trees:
 - We have lost a number of trees – Due to heat/drought 2-3 years ago
6. Housing:
 - Approximately 5 housing construction projects so far;
7. Seasonal Updates:
 - <<Read list of seasonal employees>>
8. NCMA Conference
 - <<Hand Out>
9. Upcoming Council:
 - June 16 – Liquor License Application for Grocery Kart
10. Upcoming Calendar:
 - 6/3/15-6/4/15: NCMA Summer Conference
 - 3rd Week June: Chautauqua

- A Public Hearing on the Rezoning Request of Iglesia Bethel to rezone property west of Anthony Avenue and east of Ramblin Road was the next agenda item. Ordinance No. 2777 will authorize the rezone request and is before Council on first reading. Council was provided with the following information:

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[Iglesia Bethel is requesting the rezone of Part of the Northwest Quarter of Section 35, Township 25 North, Range 48, West of the Sixth Principal Meridian, Lands in Corporate City Limits Parcel No 376, from A, Agriculture to R-1, Single Family Residential.

The property is located east of Ramblin Road, south of 6th Street and west of Anthony Avenue. The lot size is 437,778 ft² and as such meets the minimum lot size requirements for R-1 Zoning. The proposed rezone will change the front setbacks from 50' to 25', rear setbacks from N/A to 25' for the principal structure and 5' for accessory structures, side setbacks from 10' to 5', and side street setbacks from 50' to 15' for the principle structure and 20' for the accessory structure. The property is currently used for dryland farming and contains no structures. The rezone would not create any nonconforming structures or lot sizes.

The purpose of the rezone is to allow for the development of a church and possibly a residential subdivision on the property. Churches are not Permitted Uses in the A, Agriculture zoning district but are allowed in R-1, Single Family Residential. The development of the lot into a church would promote the creation and expansion of culture in the community. It would also allow for new development in the west side neighborhood. The setbacks created by the rezone would make them more consistent with those in the surrounding residential neighborhoods.

Notification Petitions were sent to property owners within a 300' radius of the subject property. The City mailed 46 petitions and as of May 4th, the City had received nine of them back. Four are in favor of the rezone, two were not in favor, and three were disinterested.

At the May 12, 2015 Planning Commission meeting, the Commissioners voted to recommend the approval of the rezone of a Part of the Northwest Quarter of Section 35, Township 25 North, Range 48, West of the Sixth Principal Meridian, Lands in Corporate City Limits Parcel No 376, from A, Agriculture to R-1, Single Family Residential.

During the Planning Commission Hearing, members of the audience questioned the layout that Iglesia Bethel had provided as part of their concept. The audience was reminded that the hearing was for a rezone only and not for subdivision of the property. The Board Chairman explained that any questions or comments in regards to lot sizes and layouts would be addressed at a hearing during the subdivision process should Iglesia Bethel choose to do so. Another member of the audience asked about possible deferments for a sanitary sewer installed in 6th Street next to the property, but none were found by City staff in the list of deferred assessments.]

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Mayor Yeager stated “now is the date, time, and place to conduct a Public Hearing to hear support, opposition, criticism, suggestions, or observations of the taxpayers relating to the Rezoning Application of Iglesia Bethel for property located south of West 6th Street, west of Anthony Avenue and east of Ramblin Road and opened the public hearing at 7:19 p.m.

Community Development Director Brent Kusek provided Council with a staff report explaining why Igelisa Bethel is requesting the rezoning for the property.

Hearing no further testimony, the Public Hearing closed at 7:20 p.m.

A motion was made by Councilman Jones, seconded by Councilman Korber-Gonzalez to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2777 which City Clerk Jines read by title and follows in its entirety.

ORDINANCE NO. 2777

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALLIANCE, NEBRASKA, DEALING WITH ZONING, AMENDING THE DISTRICT ZONING MAP TO SHOW THAT PART OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 35, TOWNSHIP 25 NORTH, RANGE 48, WEST OF THE SIXTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, LANDS IN CORPORATE CITY LIMITS PARCEL NO. 376, BOX BUTTE COUNTY, NEBRASKA, IS NOW INCLUDED AS A R-1 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) DISTRICT FROM AN A (AGRICULTURAL) DISTRICT, AND REPEALING PRIOR SECTIONS.

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

SECTION 1. Section 115-76 of the Alliance Municipal Code is amended to provide as follows:

115-76. DISTRICT MAP ADOPTED

(a) Boundaries of the districts, as enumerated in section 115-75 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.

(b) 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 2nd day of June, 2015, is now the official Zoning District Map.

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SECTION 2. Previously existing Section 115-76, 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 the first reading of Ordinance No. 2777 with the following results:

Voting Aye: Feldges, Korber-Gonzalez, Yeager, Jones.

Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

- Council next discussed the final reading of Ordinance No. 2775 which will amend the Alliance Municipal Code to allow for Sunday sales of alcoholic liquors within corporate limits. Council was provided with the following information:

[The City of Alliance received a request from a local merchant to allow the sale of alcoholic liquor on Sundays. The local merchant is requesting the change as our neighboring communities are already providing this service and he believes his business is at a disadvantage as our residents are going out of town on Sundays to purchase alcohol. Comments were solicited from all businesses presently holding liquor licenses with all responses received in favor of the change.

Currently, our neighbors can purchase beer and wine on Sundays but not alcoholic liquor. In addition, only the nonprofit corporations and the holders of a Class C license or a Class I license are allowed to serve alcoholic beverages on Sunday between noon and 6:00 p.m. By modifying the Municipal Code as proposed, all liquor license holders will now be able to sell and/or serve all alcoholic liquor products on Sundays.

NOTE: In the process of updating the Alliance Municipal Code by Municipal Code Corporation in 2013, this section incorrectly reverted to the State Statute as opposed to remaining as the City Code had previously been approved.]

A motion was made by Councilman Korber-Gonzalez, seconded by Councilman Feldges to approve the third reading of Ordinance No. 2775, which title was read by Clerk Jines and the ordinance follows in its entirety:

ORDINANCE NO. 2775

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ALLIANCE MUNICIPAL CODE BY AMENDING SECTION 4-4, RELATING TO HOURS OF SALE FOR ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR

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WHICH WILL ALLOW FOR SUNDAY SALES; AND REPEALING EXISTING PROVISIONS OF CITY CODE NOT CONSISTENT HEREWITH.

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

SECTION 1. The City of Alliance has established rules and regulations with regard to the sale of alcoholic liquor to provide for public safety and welfare.

SECTION 2. The City of Alliance desires to modify the hours when the sale of alcoholic liquor is allowed within the City of Alliance to allow for Sunday service.

SECTION 3. The Alliance Municipal Code at *Section 4-4 -- Hours of Sale* shall be amended as follows:

Sec. 4-4. - Hours of sale.

- (a) No alcoholic liquor, including beer, shall be sold at retail or dispensed on any day between the hours of 1:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m.
- (b) The sale of alcoholic liquor, including beer, shall be allowed to be sold at retail or dispensed between the hours of 6:00 a.m. Sunday and 1:00 a.m. Monday.
- (c) It shall be unlawful on property licensed to sell alcoholic liquor at retail to allow alcoholic liquor in open containers to remain or be in possession or control of any person for purposes of consumption between the hours of 15 minutes after the closing hour applicable to the licensed premises and 6:00 a.m. on any day.
- (d) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit licensed premises from being open for other business on days and hours during which the sale or dispensing of alcoholic liquor is prohibited by this section.

SECTION 4. That current applicable City Codes of the City of Alliance, Nebraska, and all other ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 5. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its approval, passage, and publication according to law.

Roll call vote on the final reading of Ordinance No. 2775 with the following results:

Voting Aye: Feldges, Korber-Gonzalez, Yeager, Jones.

Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

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Mayor Yeager stated, "the passage and adoption of Ordinance No. 2775 has been concurred by a majority of all members elected to the Council, I declare it passed, adopted and order it published."

- Ordinance No. 2778, modifying the City Classification Plan to include positions necessary to operate the Box Butte County Public Transit Program, was the next matter before Council. Council was provided with the following information:

[The application of the City of Alliance to operate the public transit program within Box Butte County was formally approved by Council for submission to the Nebraska Department of Roads (NDOR) at the May 19, 2015 meeting following a supportive public hearing on May 12, 2015. The City is anticipating soon the NDOR's announcement regarding the award of the public transit program for the twelve months beginning July 1, 2015.

The proposed assumption of the transit program would add one administrative assistant to the City's staff along with a number of part-time dispatch/drivers equating to approximately 7.14 full-time equivalent employees. The new public transit program along with the existing RSVP and Handyman programs would operate within the new Community Services Department and the existing RSVP Director and RSVP Clerk would be renamed to Community Services Director and Community Services Clerk. The Classification Plan and Authorized Strength are presented to Council to reflect these changes.

Because this service opportunity developed after the beginning of the fiscal year, there is no spending authority within the current approved budget. A new Fund 23 will be established for the public transit operations with \$73,000 being requested from Council Contingency (GL account 01-10-10-47-791) to fund the operating expenses through the interim period. A chart on the following page includes the budget details for the calendar quarter and the source of the authority.]

A motion was made by Councilman Feldges, seconded by Councilman Jones to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2778, which title was read by Clerk Jines and the ordinance follows in its entirety:

ORDINANCE NO. 2778

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A REVISED CLASSIFICATION PLAN FOR THE CITY OF ALLIANCE, NEBRASKA.

WHEREAS, Section 16-310 of R.R.S. 1943 authorizes the Mayor and Council to establish the compensation for employees and officers by stating that "The officers and employees in cities of the first class shall receive such compensation as the mayor and council shall fix by ordinance;" and,

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WHEREAS, The Alliance City Council adopted the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Budget which included funds for a revised Classification Plan.

WHEREAS, The City Manager is requesting that certain positions be added to the Classification Plan of the City of Alliance.

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

SECTION 1. That the Classification Schedule for the City of Alliance dated effective October 11, 2014 is hereby amended and the following stated position is classified as follows:

Job Title	Grade
Public Transit Driver/Dispatcher	204
RSVP Community Services Clerk	206
Community Services Administrative Secretary	212
RSVP Director	214
Community Services Director	217

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its approval, passage, and publication according to law.

A motion was made by Councilman Feldges, seconded by Councilman Jones to waive the statutory requirement of reading the ordinance on three separate dates.

Roll call vote on the waiving:

Voting Aye: Feldges, Jones, Yeager, Korber-Gonzalez.

Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

Roll call vote on the final reading of Ordinance No. 2778 with the following results:

Voting Aye: Feldges, Korber-Gonzalez, Jones, Yeager.

Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

Mayor Yeager stated, "the passage and adoption of Ordinance No. 2778 has been concurred by a majority of all members elected to the Council, I declare it passed, adopted and order it published."

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- The next discussion item was Resolution No. 15-43, which will modify the 2014-15 Authorized Strength authorization. Council was provided with the background information that was associated with Ordinance No. 2778.

A motion was made by Councilman Feldges, seconded by Councilman Jones to approve Resolution No. 15-43 in its entirety:

RESOLUTION NO. 15-43

WHEREAS, The City of Alliance utilizes the Council-Manager form of government, in which the City Manager acts as the Chief Executive Officer for the City; and

WHEREAS, The City Manager, appointed by the City Council and serving at their pleasure, is responsible for planning, organizing, staffing, directing, coordinating, researching, and budgeting the operations of the City in order to implement Council policies in an efficient and effective manner; and

WHEREAS, To implement the policies of the City Council the City Manager has to be able to hire the necessary employees to fulfill the obligations of the City of Alliance to the citizens of Alliance; and

WHEREAS, The City of Alliance needs to account for, track and budget the expenditures for employees; and

WHEREAS, The budget is directly related to the number of employees that are authorized to be hired by the City of Alliance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Alliance, Nebraska, that the City approve and adopt the "Total Authorized Strength" as follows:

General Fund			
<u>Administration</u>		<u>Fire</u>	
City Manager	1.00	Fire Chief	1.00
City Clerk	1.00	Firefighter/EMT	1.00
Exec Admin Asst/Public Info Officer	1.00	Temporary Wages (\$1,000)	
Administrative Secretary	0.50	Total	2.00
Total	3.50		
<u>Police Administration</u>		<u>Ambulance</u>	
Police Chief	1.00	Assistant Fire Chief	1.00
Police Lieutenant	1.00	Firefighter/EMT	1.00
Executive Secretary	1.00	Total	2.00
Total	3.00		
<u>Police Operations</u>		<u>Animal Control</u>	
Police Sergeants	4.00	Animal Cont/Comm Service Officer	0.75
Police Officers I & II	10.00	Total	0.75
Total	14.00		
<u>Police Support Services</u>		<u>Facility Maintenance</u>	
		Public Works Director	0.05
		Facilities Maintenance Worker	1.00
		Total	1.05

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Public Safety Dispatch Supervisor	1.00
Public Safety Dispatchers	5.00
Total	<u>6.00</u>

Library

Code Enforcement & Nuisance Abatement

Building and Code Inspector	1.00
Administrative Secretary	0.50
Animal Cont/Comm Service Officer	0.25
Total	<u>1.75</u>

Cultural & Leisure Services Director	0.10
Administrative Secretary	0.10
Library Director	1.00
Librarians	
Children's/Youth Services	1.00
Outreach/Adult Services	0.63
Technical Services	1.00
Library Clerks	1.00
Library Pages	1.00
Total	<u>5.83</u>

Community Development

Community Development Director	0.50
Administrative Secretary	0.50
Total	<u>1.00</u>

Cemetery

Cultural & Leisure Services Director	0.10
Administrative Secretary	0.07
Cemetery Maintenance Worker	1.00
Seasonal Wages (\$14,500)	
Total	<u>1.17</u>

Museums

Cultural & Leisure Services Director	0.35
Administrative Secretary	0.30
Museum Director	1.00
Museum Assession Clerk	0.75
Museum Collection Clerk	0.50
Museum Project Support Clerk	0.50
Cook	0.25
Seasonal Wages (\$3,000)	
Total	<u>3.65</u>

Swimming Pool

Cultural & Leisure Services Director	0.10
Administrative Secretary	0.20
Seasonal Wages (\$55,000)	
Total	<u>0.30</u>

Tourism and Carhenge

Visitors Bureau Director	1.00
Seasonal Wages (\$11,000)	
Total	<u>1.00</u>

Parks

Cultural & Leisure Services Director	0.30
Administrative Secretary	0.25
Parks Foreman	1.00
Parks Maintenance Workers	3.20
Seasonal Wages (\$28,000)	
Total	<u>4.75</u>

Total General Fund (Excl. Internal Services)	51.75
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General Fund-Internal Services	
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Finance

Assistant City Mgr/Finance Director	1.00
Account Clerk II	2.00
Account Clerk I	0.50
Total	<u>3.50</u>

Personnel

Human Resource Director	1.00
Administrative Secretary	0.50
Total	<u>1.50</u>

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Technology

Community Development Director	0.50
Total	0.50

Total Internal Services	5.50
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Total General Fund and Internal Services	57.25
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Enterprise Funds

Electric Administration

Electric Superintendent	1.00
Administrative Secretary	0.33
Total	1.33

Refuse Collection

Public Works Director	0.10
Refuse Collection Drivers	2.00
Total	2.10

Electric Transmission

Scada Management	1.00
Seasonal Wages (\$4,000)	
Total	1.00

Refuse Disposal

Public Works Director	0.15
Landfill Supervisor	1.00
Landfill Operator	1.00
Landfill Baler Operator Clerk	2.00
Seasonal Wages (\$4,000)	
Total	4.15

Electric Urban Distribution

Electric Line Crew Chief	0.55
Electric Journey Line Worker	2.20
Electric Line Apprentice	1.10
Total	3.85

Water Distribution

Public Works Director	0.25
Water/Sewer Maintenance Workers	3.25
Administrative Secretary	0.17
Seasonal Wages (\$4,000)	
Total	3.67

Electric Rural Distribution

Electric Line Crew Chief	0.45
Electric Journey Line Worker	1.80
Electric Line Apprentice	0.90
Total	3.15

Water Treatment

Water Foreman	0.50
Water/Sewer Maintenance Worker	0.75
Total	1.25

Sewer

Public Works Director	0.20
Sewer Foreman	0.50
Water/Sewer Maintenance Worker	1.00
Administrative Secretary	0.17
Seasonal Wages (\$4,000)	
Total	1.87

Total Enterprise Funds (Excl. Internal Services)	22.37
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Enterprise Fund-Internal Services
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Utility Customer Service

Utilities Admin. Services Director	1.00
Computer Operator	1.00
Customer Service Clerk II	1.00

Warehouse

Inventory Purchasing Clerk	1.00
Total	1.00

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Customer Service Clerk I	0.63
Total	<u>3.63</u>

Total Enterprise Internal Services	5.63
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Meter Reading

Meter Readers	1.00
Total	<u>1.00</u>

Other Funds	
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Airport

Airport Manager	1.00
Airport Maintenance Superintendent	1.00
Airport Maintenance Worker I	1.00
Total	<u>3.00</u>

Public Transit

Community Services Director	0.30
Community Services Clerk	0.05
Admin. Assistant – Comm. Services	0.90
Driver-Dispatcher	7.14
Total	<u>8.39</u>

Golf

Cultural & Leisure Services Director	0.05
Administrative Secretary	0.08
Golf Course Superintendent	1.00
Golf Course Maintenance Worker II	1.00
Seasonal Wages (\$12,000)	
Total	<u>2.13</u>

Streets

Public Works Director	0.25
Street Foreman	1.00
Street Maintenance Workers	4.00
Administrative Secretary	0.33
Seasonal Wage (\$8,000)	
Total	<u>5.58</u>

RSVP

Community Services Director	0.60
Community Services Clerk	0.25
Admin. Assistant – Comm. Services	0.05
Total	<u>0.90</u>

Total Other Funds	20.35
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Handyman

Community Services Director	0.10
Community Services Clerk	0.20
Admin. Assistant – Comm. Services	0.05
Total	<u>0.35</u>

General Fund	51.75
General Fund Internal Services	5.50
Enterprise Funds	28.00
Other Funds	20.35
Total	105.60

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager is authorized to hire employees for the City of Alliance as set forth in the "Total Authorized Strength."

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Roll call vote with the following results:

Voting Aye: Feldges, Jones, Yeager, Korber-Gonzalez.

Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

- The next agenda item was Resolution No. 15-44, which would authorize the use of \$73,000 from the City Council Contingency Fund for the operation of the Box Butte County Public Transit Program. Council was provided with the same background information that was presented with Ordinance No.2778.

A motion was made by Councilman Jones, seconded by Councilwoman Korber-Gonzalez to approve Resolution No. 15-44 in its entirety:

RESOLUTION NO. 15-44

WHEREAS, The City of Alliance has applied for the contract from the Nebraska Department of Roads to operate the Box Butte County Public Transit Program; and

WHEREAS, As a result of this unanticipated change the City did not include appropriations with in the 2014-15 approved budget to cover the current expenses; and

WHEREAS, Staff is recommending the use of \$73,000.00 from the City Council's Contingency Fund to cover the expenses for the remainder of this fiscal year. Part of these funds will be recaptured from the grant provisions, contributions from other agencies, and fares with awards and contributions collected in arrears.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and City Council of Alliance, Nebraska, to authorize the transfer of \$73,000.00 from the City Council's Contingency Fund to be allocated as follows to cover the expenses of the Box Butte County Public Transit Program for the remainder of this fiscal year:

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Account No.	Account Title	Amount
23-72-72-41-111	Regular Employee Salaries	33,000
23-72-72-42-211	FICA	2,100
23-72-72-42-212	Medicare	400
23-72-72-42-213	Workers Compensation	4,500
23-72-72-45-551	Fuel, Lube-Vehicle	6,600
23-72-71-41-111	Regular Employee Salaries	10,000
23-72-71-42-211	FICA	700
23-72-71-42-212	Medicare	200
23-72-71-42-222	General Employee Pension	500
23-72-71-42-231	Employee Health, Life Ins	6,500
23-72-71-42-243	Employee Medical Services	500
23-72-71-42-294	Conferences, Cont Education	800
23-72-71-42-411	Building, Office Rent	800
23-72-71-44-421	Membership Dues	400
23-72-71-44-431	Legal, Public Notices	200
23-72-71-44-433	Other Advertising Services	1,200
23-72-71-44-441	Utilities	600
23-72-71-44-451	Telephone Line Expense	500
23-72-71-44-482	NRCNTSVC-Vehicle Repair Mtc	3,000
23-72-71-45-511	Office Supplies	500
	Total Expenses	\$ 73,000

Roll call vote with the following results:

Voting Aye: Feldges, Jones, Yeager, Korber-Gonzalez.

Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

- Resolution No. 15-45, authorizing the Request for Reserved or Exclusive Streets from Historic Main Street was the next agenda item. Council was provided with the following background information:

[Historic Main Street has made a request for the closure of the north half of the 100 block and all of the 200 block of Box Butte Avenue between the hours of 3:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. on six Fridays this summer. The request includes July 10, 17, 24, 31, August 7 and 14, 2015. Historic Main Street will be hosting the Bands on the Bricks event. This event is for families to bring their lawn chairs and enjoy the entertainment of live music. The event will also include vendor booths and children activities.

Historic Main Street is also in the process of encouraging the neighboring liquor establishments to host beer gardens as part of these events. Should there be interest in having beer gardens, they will be presented to Council at a later date.

Main Street Director Holly Heath has met with Fire Chief Shoemaker regarding the layout of the event and emergency access, should it be necessary will be provided.]

A motion was made by Councilman Jones, seconded by Councilwoman Korber-Gonzalez to approve Resolution No. 15-45 in its entirety:

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RESOLUTION NO. 15-45

WHEREAS, The City of Alliance has received a *Request for Reserved or Exclusive Use of City Streets* from Historic Main Street to conduct the Bands on the Bricks events; and

WHEREAS, The events are a live band concert series for families, with the audience bringing their own lawn chairs; and

WHEREAS, Historic Main Street is requesting the closure and use of barricades for the closure of the north half of the 100 block and all of the 200 block of Box Butte Avenue of 2nd Street to the alleys between Laramie and Niobrara Avenues; and

WHEREAS, The request is for the closures to take place between 3:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. on the following Fridays: July 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st, August 7th and 14th, 2015; and

WHEREAS, City Council believes allowing the closure for the Bands on the Bricks events will have a positive impact for the citizens of Alliance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Alliance, Nebraska, that the *Request for Reserved or Exclusive Use of City Streets* from Historic Main Street to conduct the Bands on the Bricks events on July 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st, August 7th and 14th, 2015 between the hours of 3:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. with the City providing barricades is hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Historic Main Street is required to provide a Certificate of Liability Insurance in the amount of \$1,000,000 naming the City of Alliance as an additional insured prior to the events.

Holly Heath, Main Street Director, 1430 Buchfinck Avenue addressed Council and described the plans that have been made to date for the events.

Roll call vote with the following results:

Voting Aye: Feldges, Jones, Yeager, Korber-Gonzalez.

Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

- The possibility of creating a Community Redevelopment Agency for the City of Alliance was the next matter before Council. The following information was provided regarding this issue:

[Members of Box Butte Development Corporation will be present to discuss ideas concerning the creation of a Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) structure for the handling of Tax Increment Financing (TIF) initiatives.

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Currently the City utilizes a “CDA” (Community Development Agency) Structure.

The CRA actually represents what one might consider a more aggressive economic structure in that a separate board of individuals – appointed by City Council – to serve to prepare and recommend Redevelopment Plans to the City Council.

The current system is awkward at best with the City Council serving as the CDA. As such, when a redevelopment plan is to be considered, the following must take place:

1. Council convenes a City Council meeting;
2. Council adjourns the City Council meeting and opens a CDA meeting;
3. Council serving as the CDA conducts a public hearing and takes action on the application to send a recommendation to City Council;
4. Council serving as the CDA then adjourns the CDA meeting;
5. Council then reconvenes as City Council;
6. Council then hears the recommendation that the CDA just made;
7. Council considers the redevelopment plan and the CDA recommendation;
8. Council takes action on the redevelopment plan.

Clearly, the City Council convening and reconvening as well as making a recommendation to itself would not constitute a “best practice.” Instead, having the CDA function similar to other City boards, such as the Planning Commission, that takes up matters, considers and then recommends to City Council would be a much better practice.

There are considerations which will need to be taken under advisement in setting up a CRA, some of which include: transferring of some authority/control from Council to the CRA; Council could fund the CRA through the budgeting process; CRA in turn chooses how to allocate the City Council-approved budgeted funds (as provided by State Statutes) to carryout community development law with such things as façade improvement program, purchase of property, demolition of dilapidated properties, etc.

Staff believes the CRA to be an improvement over the existing CDA structure. Additionally, the authority/control transfer issue is mitigated and checked by the budgeting process as well as the economic development improvements gained outweigh desires for control.]

Box Butte Development Executive Director Chelsie Herian, 305 Box Butte Avenue reported on the training she attended presented by attorney Michael Bacon, and discussed how a Community Redevelopment Agency would be an aggressive tool for economic development for the City of Alliance and Box Butte County.

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City Attorney Ediger reported that currently Kearney, Grand Island and North Platte are all using this type of Board for assistance with economic development within their communities.

Ellen Lierk, 3101 West Lakefield Drive, also encouraged Council to move in the direction of a Community Redevelopment Agency. She believes that communication will be key in defining the roles of the various groups and to ensure joining together to provide services without duplication.

By consensus, Council instructed staff to proceed with preparing the necessary legislative documents to move forward with a Community Redevelopment Agency.

- Council next determined a Special Meeting date to conduct a final walk through for the Laing Lake Project. By consensus, Council set June 16th at 6:00 p.m. to hold a Special Meeting at Laing Lake to make final arrangements for the Laing Lake Project.
- The next item before Council was Resolution No. 15-46, authorizing staff to apply for two grants to fund a School Resource Officer. Council was provided with the following information:

[The Alliance Police Department and the Alliance School District were previously in a partnership (interlocal agreement) sharing a School Resource Officer (SRO) for twenty years until the end of the 2012-13 school year. Last year the Box Butte County Sheriff's Office received a partial grant toward the costs of an SRO for the 2014-15 school year, but have since discontinued that service.

The Alliance Police Department believes that the SRO program has been one of its most successful programs and touched most of the children within the district. The Department states the SRO conducted programs in all of the elementary schools, middle school, high school and day care centers as well as providing a regular presence within the schools that helped reduce the number of incidents. The Police Chief indicated the officers who spent time as the SRO were dedicated to the program and to the children of our community. Letters of support for the SRO program and police call statistics are attached.

Supporting partners have been contacted or have contacted the police department regarding this project. Following is a recap of the necessary funding for the four years starting with the 2015-16 budget year:

Federal	\$125,000
State	52,000
Applicant (City)	40,000
Other Local (APS)	<u>80,000</u>
Total	\$297,000

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The proposed three-year “Federal” grant provided by the U.S. Department of Justice reimburses up to 75% of salaries and benefits of an additional SRO with a maximum of \$125,000. There is a requirement that the City employ the SRO for at least one additional year which must be funded by the City and other funding partners. The State portion of the estimate comes from the Box Butte County Family Focus Coalition Grant for the School Resource Officer. The Applicant portion results from decreased police department overtime as it is anticipated that the City will save at least \$10,000 per year for those summer months when the SRO is working regular street duties and can cover vacation periods. (Note: The police department’s present budget for overtime is \$60,000.) The final other local funding source would be a proposed contribution of \$20,000 per year from the Alliance Public Schools.

Following is a projection of salary and benefit costs to add an additional School Resource Officer for the four-year period based on current salary levels and using recent CPI increases:

<u>Year 1</u>	<u>Year 2</u>	<u>Year 3</u>	<u>Year 4</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$64,800	\$67,976	\$71,368	\$74,934	\$279,078

Employment of a School Resource Officer would be contingent upon approval of the grants and commitment of all proposed funding sources for the position and final budget authority.]

A motion was made by Councilman Jones, seconding by Councilman Feldges to approve Resolution No. 15-46 in its entirety:

RESOLUTION NO. 15-46

WHEREAS, The City of Alliance Police Department provides law enforcement services for the citizens of Alliance; and

WHEREAS, There is an opportunity for financial assistance to provide a School Resource Officer (SRO) for our community; and

WHEREAS, The U.S. Department of Justice COPS Hiring Program provides funding for 75% of wages and benefits not to exceed \$125,000, over a three year period. This grant has a requirement that the City must employ an SRO for at least one additional year which must be funded by the City and other funding partners; and

WHEREAS, Box Butte County Family Focus Coalition administers grant funds to assist with the expenses of an SRO Program in both Alliance and Hemingford. The Coalition has expressed a commitment for a large portion of the \$15,000 of State funds to assist Alliance with funding the SRO Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Alliance, Nebraska, that staff is hereby authorized to submit two grant applications for funding of a School Resource Officer. The first application is for Federal assistance through the U.S.

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Department of Justice COPS Hiring Program; and the second is with the Box Butte County Family Focus Coalition.

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED that should the City be successful in obtaining said grant funding for a School Resource Officer, acceptance of the grants will be presented to City Council for final approval.

Police Chief Kiss spoke in favor of making application for funding to provide the community with a School Resource Officer (SRO). If successful, the funding would be for a three year period with the City being required to fully fund the position the 4th year. Some of the benefits of an SRO is that students feel safe in the school environment, the ability to lessen drug use by students, decreasing the truancy cases and making positive connections with students.

Janelle Hansen, 313 Wyoming Street, Hemingford, NE addressed Council as a representative of Box Butte County Family Focus Coalition. Ms. Hansen stated her group has already secured a \$15,000 grant from the Nebraska Crime Commission to support a SRO Program for both Hemingford and Alliance. A large portion of this grant will be allocated for the Alliance SRO Program, if implemented.

Roll call vote with the following results:

Voting Aye: Feldges, Jones, Yeager, Korber-Gonzalez.

Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

- The final agenda item was board vacancy announcements and board appointments.

Councilman Korber-Gonzalez announced that the City of Alliance has the following current openings: one vacancy on the A-1 Downtown Improvement Board, one vacancy on the Planning Commission, one opening on the Senior Facility Advisory Board, a Hispanic Representative on the Police Advisory Board, and two youth ex-officio positions on the Library Board. There are also three terms which just expired on the Museum Board. 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.

A motion was made by Councilman Korber-Gonzalez, seconded by Councilman Feldges to appoint Kristi Ellstrom to the Museum Board with a term to expire May 31, 2020.

Roll call vote with the following results:

Voting Aye: Feldges, Jones, Yeager, Korber-Gonzalez.

Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

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A motion was made by Councilwoman Korber-Gonzalez, seconded by Councilman Jones to reappoint Kathy Lybarger to the Museum Board with a term to expire May 31, 2020.

Roll call vote with the following results:

Voting Aye: Feldges, Jones, Yeager, Korber-Gonzalez.

Voting Nay: None.

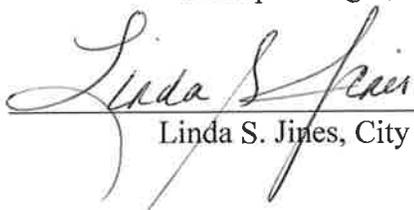
Motion carried.

- Mayor Yeager stated, "there being no further business to come before the Alliance City Council, the meeting is adjourned at 8:49 p.m."

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Ralph Yeager, Mayor



Linda S. Jines, City Clerk

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