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ALLIANCE CITY COUNCIL

SPECIAL MEETING, TUESDAY, JUNE 30, 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 Special Meeting, June 30, 2015 at 8:00 a.m. in the City Manager’s Office, 324 Laramie Avenue. A notice of meeting was published in the Alliance Times Herald on June 24, 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 30, 2015 Special Meeting of the Alliance, Nebraska City Council at 8:00 a.m. Present were Mayor Yeager, Council Members Feldges, Jones, Seiler and Korber-Gonzalez. Also present were City Manager Cox, Assistant City Manager/Finance Director Waggener and City Clerk Jines.

- The first item to be addressed was the Consent Calendar which included claims ending June 26, 2015 for the Handyman Program, utilities and Firstbank card charges.

A motion was made by Councilman Feldges, seconded by Councilman Seiler to approve the claims as listed.

Roll call vote with the following results:

Ayes: Seiler, Yeager, Jones, Korber-Gonzalez, Feldges.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

- Council next reviewed Resolution No. 15-53, which would authorize staff to enter into three separate Interlocal Agreements with Box Butte General Hospital, the Village of Hemingford and Box Butte County to operate the Public Transit Program. In addition,

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Resolution No. 15-54 was also discussed by Council. Resolution No. 15-54 will adopt a Substance Abuse Policy for the Public Transit Program. Council was provided with the following background information:

[The City of Alliance was verbally notified on June 9, 2015 that its application to operate the public transit program within Box Butte County was accepted by the Nebraska Department of Roads (NDOR). As a result, the City is preparing to take responsibility for the transit program for the twelve months beginning July 1, 2015.

Since the notice of approval, the City has been actively addressing the following areas:

- Advertising the positions of Community Services Administrative Assistant and Dispatch/ Drivers. As of June 25, the City has received 12 applications for Administrative Assistant and 7 applications for Dispatch/Drivers.
- Drafting interlocal agreements and policies necessary to formalize expectations among all parties involved.
- Enhancing phone lines and updating phones at the Senior Center and acquiring cell phones. The new telephone lines for public transit are 761-RIDE and 762-RIDE (7433).
- Adding the Public Transit Fund to the accounting system and establishing the budget via transfer as previously authorized by Council.
- Preparing necessary tracking forms and punch cards along with necessary driver and office equipment and supplies.

Interlocal agreements are used memorialize expectations between governmental entities and to capitalize on budget lid adjustments that are available for cooperating agencies. The three interlocal agreements preapproved by the agencies and included for Council approval document the following:

1. Box Butte County will provide \$12,000 and use of the transit vans in exchange for a \$1 lease for each bus and the City's management of transit services to Alliance and Hemingford.
2. Village of Hemingford will provide \$3,000 in exchange for the City's management of transit services for Hemingford residents and delivery of meals on wheels.
3. Box Butte General Hospital will provide \$15,000 in exchange for the City's management of non-emergency transit services for BBGH patients and display of the BBGH logo on the buses

The proposed Substance Abuse Policy is modeled after the current Senior Services, Inc. policy with modifications to complement the City's existing policy. The policy details expectations regarding legal drugs, controlled substances and alcohol, disclosure, treatment, and testing along with accompanying posters and forms.]

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A motion was made by Councilman Jones, seconded by Councilman Feldges to approve Resolution No. 15-53 which follows in its entirety:

RESOLUTION NO. 15-53

WHEREAS, The City of Alliance desires to provide public transportation in the City of Alliance and Box Butte County, Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, The City of Alliance, Box Butte General Hospital, the Village of Hemingford and Box Butte County, Nebraska have entered into separate "Interlocal Agreements" in order to operate the Public Transit Program within the City of Alliance and the Village of Hemingford and surrounding areas.

WHEREAS, In order to operate the Public Transit Program, Interlocal Agreements between governmental entities are necessary to establish program fees and responsibilities of the entities and thus ensure the success of the program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and City Council of Alliance, Nebraska, that the Mayor is authorized to sign the Interlocal Agreements between the City of Alliance, Nebraska and Box Butte General Hospital, the Village of Hemingford, Nebraska and Box Butte County, Nebraska for the operation of the Public Transit Program.

Roll call vote with the following results:

Ayes: Seiler, Yeager, Jones, Korber-Gonzalez, Feldges.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Seiler, seconded by Councilman Feldges to approve Resolution No. 15-54 which follows in its entirety:

RESOLUTION NO. 15-54

WHEREAS, City staff has prepared a Substance Abuse Policy for the Alliance Public Transit Program in compliance with the Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, The City Council has reviewed the Substance Abuse Policy for the Alliance Public Transit Program; and

WHEREAS, The City Council finds that the Substance Abuse Policy for the Alliance Public Transit Program conforms to the needs and the requirements of the Department of Transportation.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Alliance Public Transit Substance Abuse Policy presented to the City Council is hereby approved and will be required to

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be administered to all staff who perform safety sensitive functions within the Alliance Public Transit Program.

Roll call vote with the following results:

Ayes: Seiler, Yeager, Jones, Korber-Gonzalez, Feldges.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

- The final agenda item was Resolution No. 15-55, which will authorize staff to enter in an Airport Use Agreement between the City of Alliance and Boutique Air, Inc. Council was provided with the following information:

[The Department of Transportation selected Boutique Air to provide Essential Air Service in Alliance for a two-year period. The proposed airport use agreement (lease) states that Boutique Air will pay the City an amount of \$625 per month (\$7,500 annually or \$10.96 per square foot) beginning July 1, 2015 for a two-year term. In return, the City agrees to provide 684 square feet of terminal space to Boutique Air to conduct scheduled transportation to and from Alliance. The lease rates and term may be modified each year at the anniversary date of the lease. The lease rate is the same as the current lease rate with Great Lakes Airlines.]

A motion was made by Councilman Feldges, seconded by Councilman Seiler to approve Resolution No. 15-55 which follows in its entirety:

RESOLUTION NO. 15-55

WHEREAS, The City of Alliance owns and operates a municipal airport; and

WHEREAS, Boutique Air, Inc. is a common carrier providing essential air service to Alliance, Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, The lease for terminal space is required to facilitate operations of the commercial air service; and

WHEREAS, Staff has prepared an Airport Use Agreement which has been approved by the Airline.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and City Council of Alliance, Nebraska, that the lease with Boutique Air, Inc. for space in the Alliance Municipal Airport terminal, is hereby approved for the term July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2017

Roll call vote with the following results:

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Ayes: Seiler, Yeager, Jones, Korber-Gonzalez, Feldges.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

- Mayor Yeager stated, "there being no further business to come before the Alliance City Council, the meeting is adjourned at 8:17 p.m."



Ralph Yeager, Mayor

(SEAL)



Linda S. Jines, City Clerk

