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ALLIANCE CITY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING, TUESDAY, JULY 21, 2015

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COUNTY OF BOX BUTTE) §
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CITY OF ALLIANCE)

The Alliance City Council met in a Regular Meeting, July 21, 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 July 14, 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 July 21, 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 Olsen and City Clerk Jines.

- A motion was made by Councilman Feldges, which was seconded by Councilman Korber-Gonzalez to excuse the absence of Councilman Seiler.

Roll call with the following results:

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

Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

- Mayor Yeager read the Open Meetings Act Announcement.
- The first agenda item was the introduction of the City's new Public Transit Administrative Secretary, Janine Iossi.

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

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

CONSENT CALENDAR – JULY 21, 2015

1. Approval: Minutes of the Regular Meeting, July 7, 2015.
2. Approval: Payroll and Employer Taxes for the period June 20, 2015 through July 3, 2015 inclusive: \$191,614.20 and \$13,639.07 respectively.
3. Approval: Claims against all funds of the City of Alliance for the period June 30, 2015 through July 14, 2015 in the amount of \$977,738.76.
4. Approval: The following contractor licenses:

Repair & Maintenance	Michael L. Johnson dba Skeeter Construction
	Nate Harkness dba Harkness Custom Woodworking
5. Approval: Resolution No. 15-58 appointing Ed Tvrs as Alliance's Representative and J.D. Cox as the Alternate on the MEAN Boards.
6. Approval: Resolution No. 15-59 will approve two Special Designated Liquor Licenses for D-Head Inc. dba The Gathering Spot, 213 Box Butte Avenue. The licenses are being requested to coincide with the Band on the Bricks events which are being held on Friday August 7th and 14th.
7. Approval: Resolution No. 15-60 authorizes the City Manager to execute the Enhanced Service Agreement (ESA) with Principal. This Agreement updates our past agreements and includes all three of our existing Plans: General, Police and Fire. The Agreement defines the role and responsibilities of the parties and sets out an understanding of the parties on the matters covered in the Agreement which includes general services, provisions and dispute resolution.
8. For Your Information: Attached is a listing of Demand Checks which were generated over the last financial quarter ending June 30, 2015. The report lists checks that have been issued which are not expenses within the budget. These are primarily made up of meter deposit refunds, utility overpayments and an occasional check which was required to be reissued.
9. For Your Information: Charter Communications, Inc. has filed documentation to merge with Time Warner Cable, Inc. The merger agreements will not impact the City's cable franchise. Following the transaction Charter will continue to provide service to their customers in Alliance. Upon completing the transactions, Charter will become the nation's second largest cable company. Copies of the documentation have been provided with your Council materials.

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10. For Your Information: On May 15, 2014 Council authorized staff to enter into an Agreement with Bytes Computer for the upgrade of the computer server bank. The upgrade was split into two years for a total of \$67,190.88. Last fiscal year was authorized for \$39,604.82 and the billing was \$894.76 lower. The current fiscal year authority is \$27,586.06 and the billing is \$381.98 over. Staff has reviewed the billing and is comfortable and satisfied that the total billing is fair and reasonable.

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.

Roll call vote with the following results:

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

Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

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

1. Public Transit

- Hired three additional drivers – completing lengthy background process

2. Mosquito Spraying - Researching

3. Museum HVAC – Follow-up on Freon and replacement – Researching & In Process

4. Library - Ongoing heating/cooling issues; Due to:

5. Landfill - Ed Tvrs to oversee

6. Parkade Update:

- ✓ Identified

- ✓ Educated

- In Process: Make Contact

- Next: Discussion of Special Circumstances & Situations (snow routes, etc)

7. Summer Asphalt Project:

- Bids opened: July 9;

- There was only one bidder.

- Engineer's Estimate: \$359K; Bid: \$443K; \$84K over estimate

- Additionally, work not until June 2016.

- Reject bids; Rebid for 2016

- May proceed with Concrete; Requires update of 1&6 Year

8. Planning Commission:

- Hearings Held:

- Setbacks in Residential Neighborhoods – Completed.

- Fencing - Completed

- Shipping Containers – Tweaked & Completed.

- Accessory Buildings & Garages – Will hold hearings

- Accessory Bldg: From 150 ft² to 200 ft²

- Garage: Similar; Remove “roof pitch”

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- o Metal Carport: Prepare separate Ordinance

Upcoming Council:

- July 28 – Budget Workshop
 - Aug 4 – Budget First Reading
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- Resolution No. 15-61 awarding a contract with Ward Electric Company, Inc. for rural line rebuilds was the next agenda item. Council was provided with the following background information:

[The City of Alliance Electric Department has budgeted within this fiscal year \$350,000 for Rural Rebuild Projects. Staff has received three quotes with Ward Electric Company, Inc. of Longmont, CO being the lowest of the three. The proposed rural line rebuilds include Otoe Road in the amount of \$59,304.60, CR 62 in the amount of \$29,892.48 and the associated bonding fees in the amount of \$2,339.00. These lines adjoin each other and will be completed as one project, thus reducing our costs as a result of only one mobilization charge. Included in the amount is a 5% allowance for in-field change orders (should they be necessary) which brings the resolution total to \$96,112.88.

Due to the age and condition of some of our rural lines, the Electric Department will continue with upgrading of the system in phases in future years.]

A motion was made by Councilman Korber-Gonzalez, seconded by Councilman Feldges to approve Resolution No. 15-61 in its entirety:

RESOLUTION NO. 15-61

WHEREAS, The City of Alliance continues to upgrade the Electric Distribution System;
and
WHEREAS, Improvements need to be made to the rural lines of Otoe Road and CR 62;
and
WHEREAS, The City received three quotes for this service; and

WHEREAS, Ward Electric Company, Inc. of Longmont, CO has provided a favorable quote to perform said work in the amount of \$91,536.08; and

WHEREAS, Authority for an additional allowance to the contract of up to five percent (5%) for change orders in the field should they be necessary is being requested.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Alliance, Nebraska, that the City is authorized to enter into a Contract with Ward Electric Company, Inc. of Longmont, CO in an amount not to exceed \$96,112.88.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign the Contract with Ward Electric Company, Inc. once the necessary Performance Bond, Payment Bond and insurance documentation is received.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED payment is authorized from the Electric Rural Rebuilds Account No. 05-51-54-53-948 where there are sufficient funds for this service.

Electric Superintendent Tyrs provided an overview of the work being performed and answered Council's questions. Council requested that the City stipulate that no salvaging may be conducted by the contractor.

Roll call vote with the following results:

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

Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

- The next agenda item was Resolution No. 15-62, awarding the repair of a 1980 D7G dozer to NMC of Gering, NE. Council was provided with the following information:

[The Alliance Municipal Landfill currently owns a 34 year-old Caterpillar D7G dozer that has been inoperable for several months. The 1980 unit was purchased in 1996 with almost 8,700 hours and now has estimated hours between 20,000 and 25,000 hours (the gauge was replaced once and is presently inoperable).

The loss of the dozer has greatly impacted the ability of landfill personnel to efficiently accumulate dirt used for covering of the trash. Instead of being able to fill the scraper in one pass with the use of the dozer pushing the scraper the process is now taking three or four passes to fill the scraper without getting stuck. Over the next four to five years, the City will be preparing a new landfill cell and will require extensive use of a dozer to complete the project.

A proposal to lease a new John Deere Dozer 850K WH was presented at the February 2, 2015 Council meeting where Staff was encouraged to consider other alternatives. The City has a bid from Nebraska Material Handling Corporation (NMC) of Gering, Nebraska in the amount of \$45,653 (plus another \$2,000 in transportation costs) for the repair of the dozer which is already in their possession. Staff is also recommending a 5% change order allowance (\$2,282.65) be included in the Council's authorization (should it be necessary) in order to have the repair completed as scheduled. NMC is prepared to start repairs on the dozer within a week with about 45 days required to complete all repairs. Other attempts to obtain bids within the area did not materialize. The proposed repairs should extend the life of the dozer another five years during which time the City can plan for its replacement. The City's remaining current year capital budget allocated for dozer is \$135,000.]

A motion was made by Councilman Feldges, seconded by Councilman Jones to approve Resolution No. 15-62 in its entirety:

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RESOLUTION NO. 15-62

WHEREAS, The City of Alliance owns and operates a licensed landfill; and

WHEREAS, The use of a dozer is required for the operation of the landfill to provide cover dirt on the current landfill cell and to prepare a new cell for future use; and

WHEREAS, Our current 1980 Caterpillar D7G dozer is in need of repair and is currently not operational; and

WHEREAS, The City has received a quote from Nebraska Material Handling Corporation (NMC) of Gering, NE in the amount of \$45,653 to make the necessary repairs in hopes to extend the life of our current dozer for an estimated five years. There is also an additional \$2,000 in transportation fees associated with this repair; and

WHEREAS, Staff is recommending a 5% change order allowance, should it be necessary, in order to continue with repairs as scheduled.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Alliance, Nebraska, that staff is authorized to proceed with the repair of the 1980 Caterpillar D7G dozer by Nebraska Material Handling Corporation (NMC) of Gering, NE in the amount of \$45,653 with an additional \$2,000 in transportation fees.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council is authorizing a 5% change order allowance (\$2,282.65), should it be necessary to continue with repairs as scheduled.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED payment is authorized from the Refuse Disposal Capital Outlay-Machines and Equipment Account No. 06-51-55-59-950 where there are sufficient funds for this service.

Roll call vote with the following results:

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

Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

- The final agenda item was a board appointment and vacancy announcements.

Mayor Yeager 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, a Hispanic Representative on the Police Advisory Board, and two youth ex-officio positions on the Library 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 Mayor Yeager, Seconded by Councilman Jones to appoint Brian Mischnick to the Planning Commission with a term expiring December 31, 2015.

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Roll call vote with the following results:

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

Voting Nay: None.

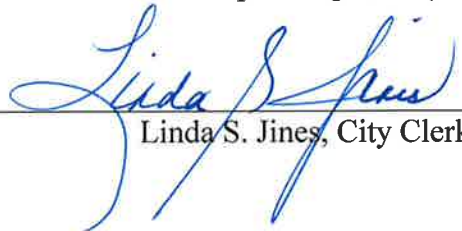
Motion carried.

- Mayor Yeager stated, "there being no further business to come before the Alliance City Council, the meeting is adjourned at 7:30 p.m."

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Ralph Yeager, Mayor



Linda S. Jines, City Clerk

