

July 28, 2015

ALLIANCE CITY COUNCIL

SPECIAL BUDGET WORKSHOP, TUESDAY, JULY 28, 2015

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 CITY OF ALLIANCE)

The Alliance City Council met in a Special Budget Workshop, Tuesday, July 28, 2015 at 9:00 a.m., at the Alliance Learning Center, 1750 Sweetwater Avenue. A notice of meeting was published in the Alliance Times Herald on July 21, 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 28, 2015 Special Budget Workshop of the Alliance, Nebraska City Council at 9:00 a.m. Present were Mayor Yeager, Council Members Jones, Korber-Gonzalez, Seiler and Feldges. Also present were City Manager Cox, Assistant City Manager/Finance Director Waggener, City Attorney Howard, and City Clerk Jines.

- Mayor Yeager read the Open Meetings Act Announcement and indicated a copy of the Act was posted on the north wall of the meeting room.
- Mayor Yeager announced the purpose of the Special Budget Workshop was to review the proposed budget for fiscal year 2015-2016.

The meeting began with a follow-up discussion from the Strategic Planning Session regarding the City's phone system. Council instructed staff to return to the former practice of having a person answer the phone instead of the automated system currently in use.

Council was presented with the Special Funding Requests for FY 2015-16. Council questioned the special funding request of Box Butte Development Corporation in the amount of \$80,000. City Manager Cox stated \$70,000 is the base annual contribution amount and the remaining \$10,000 will be used for a BNSF Corporate visit in hopes of partnering with them on a housing solution.

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It was report the other funding sources for Box Butte Development Corporation are Box Butte County in the amount of \$16,500; Village of Hemingford in the amount of \$5,500 and \$20,000 from private sources.

Council was presented with the proposed Contingency Fund levels for the upcoming year. Council did question the level of the Water Fund Contingency amount of \$190,000. City Manager Cox stated \$150,000 of that amount is for water main improvements. The specific water main replacements have not been identified at this time and will be determined upon need.

Mayor Yeager asked about the need for water main improvements in the downtown area since the Streetscape Project is moving forward.

The Authorized Strength handout was reviewed. The most significant change is the result of the City assuming the public transit program. An SRO has been added, but is contingent upon receipt of a grant.

City Manager Cox reviewed the spreadsheet comparing the budgets of other Nebraska communities to Alliance.

An updated listing of the recommended Capital Investments was also provided to Council. The City has a meeting with representatives of the Nebraska Department of Roads tomorrow which will give us a better idea of what to expect as to the City's share of costs on the Heartland Expressway and the 3rd Street Overlay.

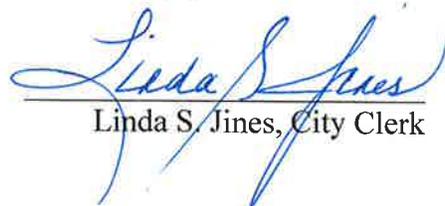
Assistant City Manager/Finance Director Waggener then reviewed the revenues and expenditures and answered questions of Council.

No action was taken.

- Mayor Yeager stated, "there being no further business to come before the Alliance City Council, the meeting is adjourned at 1:18 p.m."

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Ralph Yeager, Mayor


Linda S. Jines, City Clerk