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ALLIANCE, NEBRASKA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
School Board Meeting Room
1604 Sweetwater Avenue
September 1, 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**
Police Officer – David LaDuke
- B. Consent Calendar**
Approval of Minutes, Payroll and Claims
Cemetery Certificates Issuance
Contractor Licenses Issuance
Res. No. 15-72 - Grime Time Event
Res. No. 15-73 - Charter Franchise Extension
Res. No. 15-74 - Autumn on the Bricks/Homecoming Street Closure & Parking Lot Use
Res. No. 15-86 – Transfer of Responsible Charge Agreement for Streetscape Project
- C. City Manager's Report**
- D. Ordinance No. 2783 – First Reading**
Preliminary Plat for Michael and Sandy McCarthy
Ordinance No. 2783 is before Council on first reading. This ordinance will approve the Preliminary Plat for Lot 6A, a Replat of Lots 5 and 6, Block 12, Lakefield Addition to the City of Alliance, NE, and also a part of the unplatted lands in the SW1/4 of Section 24, Township 25 North, Range 48, West of the 6th P.M., Box Butte County, NE. The Alliance Planning Commission at their Regular Meeting, August 11th recommended approval to the City Council.
- E. Public Hearing – Zoning Regulations Regarding Accessory Buildings/Garages**
Ordinance No. 2784 – First Reading
Now is the date, time and place to conduct a public hearing to consider an amendment to the Alliance Municipal Code revising the Accessory Buildings (garages) in R-1 through R-5 Residential Districts. The Alliance Planning Commission has considered this matter and has recommended approval to the Council. An ordinance has been prepared which includes the amendment for your consideration.
- F. Ordinance No. 2781 – Second Reading**
Municipal Code Amendment with Regard to Single Family Residential Code
Ordinance No. 2781 provides for an amendment to the Alliance Municipal Code revising the minimum lot width and setback requirements for R-1, Single Family Residential District. The amendment if approved, would reduce the minimum lot width from 60' to 50', reduce the side setbacks from 5' to 3', and provide other clarifying language. The Alliance Planning Commission has considered this matter and recommended approval to the Council.

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

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**G. Ordinance No. 2782 – Second Reading
Municipal Code Amendment with Regard to Fencing Standards**

Ordinance No. 2782 provides for an amendment to the Alliance Municipal Code regarding fence regulations. The Alliance Planning Commission has considered this matter and recommended approval to the Council. The proposed ordinance for second reading includes amendments suggested at the last Council meeting for Council's consideration.

**H. Ordinance No. 2780 – Third Reading
Additional 1% for Budgeted Restricted Funds**

Ordinance No. 2780 will allow the City of Alliance with a 75% affirmative vote by Council to exceed the Allowable Growth and Basic Allowable Growth for the 2015-2016 Fiscal Year Budget by 1%. This does not increase the 2015-2016 Fiscal Year Budget; it allows us to increase the unused budget authority for use in future years.

**I. Ordinance No. 2779 – Third Reading
Appropriations (Budget)**

Council has before them Ordinance No. 2779 for third reading, which will adopt the Budget for Fiscal Year 2015-16. The proposed budget contains anticipated and estimated revenues and expenses for the next fiscal year and includes the amendments authorized by Council at our last meeting. The Ordinance has been amended to include the modified Mill Levy based on the Assessed Valuation of \$418,676,703.

**J. Ordinance No. 2785 – First Reading
Classification and Compensation Plans**

This Ordinance will adopt the Classification and Compensation Plans which will be incorporated in our FY 2016 budget. The Classification Plan has several adjustments which have been identified in the attached narrative. The Compensation Plan includes five categories: Exempt, Non-Exempt, Police Bargaining Unit, Communications Bargaining Unit, and Fire Employees and reflect a 1.6% cost of living adjustment. All wage adjustments will be made effective October 10, 2015.

**K. Public Hearing – Property Tax Approval
Resolution No. 15-75**

Now is the date, time and place to conduct a Public Hearing on the 2015 property tax request. Enclosed for Council's review is the Box Butte County Assessor's determination of taxable value which has been set at \$418,676,703. The City of Alliance has determined the mill levy at \$0.377717, which corresponds to \$1,581,414 in property tax revenue for the City.

L. Resolution No. 15-76 – Authorized Strength

Resolution No. 15-76 provides direction to the City Manager for the hiring of City employees by adopting the Total Authorized Strength document. The document lists the number of employees by department.

M. Resolution No. 15-77 – Manager's Application for Liquor License of Fresh Start

The City of Alliance is in receipt of the Manager's Application of Nicholas J. Harris for Fresh Start Convenience Stores, Inc. This application has been forwarded from the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission for the City Council's recommendation.

N. Resolution No. 15-78 – WAPA Firm Electric Service Agreement

This resolution will authorize the City of Alliance to enter into a Firm Electric Service Contract with the Western Area Power Administration "WAPA". The Contractor will be for service commencing on October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2054.

O. Resolution Nos. 15-79, 15-80 and 15-81 – Update Pension Plan Documents for General, Police and Fire

These resolutions have been prepared for Council’s consideration and will amend and restate the three pension programs (General, Police and Fire) that the City contributes to on behalf of our employees. The Police and Fire Plans are mandated by the Nebraska Legislature. The City contracted with Baird Holm Law Firm to review and restate our plans to ensure compliance with Federal and State laws.

P. Resolution No. 15-82 - Street Repair Bid Award

Resolution No. 15-82 will award the 2015 Alliance Street Repair Project to Peltz Companies of Alliance, NE, in the amount of \$77,875. The City received two bids for this project, both of which were below the Engineer’s Estimate. If awarded, the work is schedule to begin sometime in the middle of this month.

Q. Resolution No. 15-83 – Recycling Grant Application to the Nebraska Environmental Trust

Resolution No. 15-83 will grant staff the authority to make an application for a Feasibility Grant from the Nebraska Environmental Trust. The application will be made in partnership with Keep Alliance Beautiful and WasteCap Nebraska. If awarded, the feasibility of a regional recycling program will be researched as well as the City assuming recycling responsibilities and a curb side recycling service within the community.

R. Resolution No. 15-84 – Baler Repairs

This resolution will authorize the staff to proceed with the repairs to the Landfill baler using Solid Waste Equipment “SWECO” of Omaha, NE. Their initial estimate to provide this service is \$68,592; however, once they are able to dismantle the equipment there may be some additional expenses involved. SWECO is one of two companies that were recommended by the manufacturer of the baler.

S. Resolution No. 15-85 – Dozer Repairs

Resolution No. 15-85 will grant permission to staff to proceed with additional dozer repairs which were identified while performing the initial repair service. This piece of equipment is located at the Landfill and is necessary for an efficient operation.

T. Seasonal Disconnect/Reconnect Discussion

Staff would like to have a conversation with Council regarding electrical service disconnects and reconnects. The policy as outlined within the Alliance Municipal Code requires a reconnection fee if service is restored within twelve months with the same customer and at the same location. Our current practice differs from our policy. Staff would like to provide Council with the impacts and costs that are involved with disconnects and the restoration of electric service and receive direction on how to move forward.

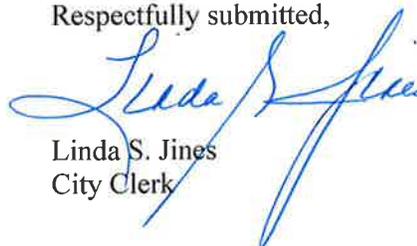
U. Board Vacancies

The City of Alliance has the following openings at this time: two vacancies on the Board of Adjustment, one vacancy on the A-1 Downtown Improvement Board, two youth ex-officio positions on the Library Board, and a Hispanic representative on the Police Advisory 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.

V. Recap Actions

- **Adjournment**

Respectfully submitted,



Linda S. Jines
City Clerk

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