

**ALLIANCE CITY COUNCIL**

REGULAR MEETING, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2016

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 CITY OF ALLIANCE             )

The Alliance City Council met in a Regular Meeting, February 16, 2016 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 February 9, 2016. 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 February 16, 2016 Regular Meeting of the Alliance, Nebraska City Council at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Yeager and Council Members Feldges, Jones, Korber-Gonzalez and Seiler. Also present were City Manager Cox, City Attorney Hoelsing and City Clerk Jines.

- Mayor Yeager read the Open Meetings Act Announcement.
- Council’s first order of business was the introduction of new City of Alliance employees: Ross Grant, Water & Sewer Maintenance Worker I and Danny Brown, Meter Reader.
- Council’s next order of business was the Consent Calendar.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR – FEBRUARY 16, 2016

1. Approval: Minutes of the Regular Meeting, February 2, 2016.
2. Approval: Payroll and Employer Taxes for the period January 16, 2016 through January 29, 2016 inclusive: \$174,684.29 and \$12,282.47 respectively.

3. Approval: Claims against the following funds for the period January 27, 2016 through February 9, 2016: General, General Debt Service, Trust and Agency, Street, Electric, Refuse Collection and Disposal, Sanitary Sewer, Water, Golf Course, Downtown Improvement Districts, R.S.V.P., Keno, and Capital Improvement; \$250,317.40.
4. Approval: The issuance of a Cemetery Certificate to Sheila Wilson for the West One Half (W1/2) of Lot Thirty-three (33), Section Ten (10), Block Twenty (20), Third Addition to the Alliance Cemetery.
5. Approval: The issuance of the following Contractor Licenses:

General Contractor	Ray Hashman/Jay Dubs dba R & J Industries Plus, Inc. Christopher Mischnick dba Walter Mischnick Contractors & Builders, Inc. Beckenhauer Construction, Inc. Herbert S. Hall dba Midwest Partitions Inc.
Repair & Maintenance	Betty Burton dba B & D Rentals Inc. Robert A. Reuss Jr. dba Straight Line Carpentry & Painting Heath Lawrence dba Lawrence Drywall LLC Urbano Moreno dba Moreno Construction Steve Yekel/Caretaker Home Services LLC dba Yekel Construction
Limited & Specialty	Tri-State Carports
Master Plumber	Jock H. Faris dba Faris Plumbing, Heating and Panhandle Softwater, Inc. Stanley Rutkowski dba Faris Plumbing, Heating and Panhandle Softwater, Inc. Lon Asselin dba Snell Services, Inc. Ralph Burbach dba Snell Services, Inc.
Journeyman Plumber	Jay Wilson dba Snell Services, Inc. Dominic Murillo dba Snell Services, Inc. Randy Burbach dba Snell Services, Inc.
Gas Fitter	Jock H. Faris dba Faris Plumbing, Heating and Panhandle Softwater, Inc. Greg Sanders dba Jack's Refrigeration Scott Diehl dba Metal Products Company
Master HVAC	Greg Sanders dba Jack's Refrigeration Roger Keim dba Cozad Services, Inc. Scott Diehl dba Metal Products Company

- Roofer Weathercraft Co of Scottsbluff-Gering  
Terry Schank dba Twin City Roofing & Sheet Metal Inc.  
Davin Rose dba Tri-State Roofing, Inc.
- Cement & Masonry Ronald F. Lee dba C & R Plastering
6. Approval: Resolution No. 16-20 modifying Alliance Police Department Policy No. 52.4 – Child Abduction – Amber Alert Procedure. This is being recommended as a result of changes in the Amber Plan which is a cooperative effort between the Nebraska State Patrol, Nebraska Educational Television, Nebraska Public Radio Network, State Broadcasters, and law enforcement agencies.
7. Approval: Resolution No. 16-21 appointing Ed Tvrs as Alliance’s Representative and Randy Waggener as the Alternate on the MEAN Boards. Council approved a similar action at their November 17, 2015 meeting; however we named the appointments by job title and not name which does not meet the statutory requirement.
8. Approval: Resolution No. 16-22 ratifying the 2012 Box Butte County Local Emergency Operations Plan (LEOP). There were no substantial changes to the City’s portion.

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 with the following results:

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

Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

- City Manager Cox gave his City Manager’s Report which follows in outline form:
  1. North City Hall Entrance Pie Consulting Report
    - Found structural issues with concrete steps and limestone wall
    - Some portions not visible
    - Per Recommendation: Shoring of the lintel above entryway
    - Action: Pursuing estimates to remove portions of limestone block to inspect supporting walls & underside of stairs
  2. Landfill
    - Proceeding with Phase 2 of Groundwater Monitoring
    - Agreement for SCS Aquaterra on a upcoming agenda
  3. NET
    - Grant Committee Recommendation

- Fully fund \$52,318 feasibility study
  - Scored “139” - ahead of \$2 million of other awards
  - Currently in 2-month public comment period
  - Final Decision – NET Board April 6
4. NMPP Conference – March 29-31 @ Grand Island
    - Up to 2 elected officials can attend for free
  5. Simmons-Olsen: Moving into new office at 115 E 5<sup>th</sup> Street
- The next item before Council was Resolution No. 16-23 which will grant a Special Designated Liquor License to Alliance Grocery Kart, Inc. for their grand opening event on March 18, 2016. Council was provided with the following information:

[Alliance Grocery Kart, Inc., 207 East 3<sup>rd</sup> Street is requesting a Special Designated Liquor License to coincide with their Grand Opening. Their event is scheduled for Friday, March 18, 2016 with the SDL portion to be between 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Alliance Grocery Kart recently added an addition to their store which included a section for the sale of packaged alcohol. During the two hour period the store would like to offer beer and wine samplings within the alcohol section of the store which is a 49’ x 49’ area. Grocery Kart will have extra staff present for the event and will be requiring identifications for the samples and will monitor the hallway between the liquor section and the main grocery store.]

A motion was made by Councilman Seiler, seconded by Councilman Korber-Gonzalez to approve Resolution No. 16-23 which follows in its entirety:

#### RESOLUTION NO. 16-23

*WHEREAS*, The City Clerk has received an application of Alliance Grocery Kart, Inc. for a special designated license pursuant to the Nebraska Liquor Control Act; and

*WHEREAS*, Said act requires the approval of applications by the local governing body prior to such a license being issued by the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission; and

*WHEREAS*, The application appears to be complete and meet the statutory requirements.

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED*, by the Mayor and City Council of Alliance, Nebraska, that the Application for Special Designated License of Alliance Grocery Kart for March 18, 2016 is hereby approved for the premises described in the application, and the City Clerk shall inform the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission of the approval of the application, and the Clerk shall deliver the license issued by said Commission to the permittee upon receipt of the required fees.

Rebecca Maser, 932 Blacks Hills Avenue, Alliance, was in attendance on behalf of Alliance Grocery Kart, Inc., and discussed with Council the grand reopening of the Alliance Grocery Kart and the need and the oversight for a Special Designated Liquor License.

Roll call vote with the following results:

Voting Aye: Seiler, Jones, Yeager, Feldges, Korber-Gonazlez.

Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

- Resolution No. 16-24 granting permission to the City to include Sky View Golf Course in the 2016 Western Nebraska Golf Card Program was the next agenda item. Council was provided with the following background information:

[At the February 2, 2016 Golf Course Advisory Board meeting, the Board unanimously agreed to recommend to the Alliance City Council that SkyView Golf Course participate in the Western Nebraska Golf Card Program for 2016.

There is no upfront cost to participate in this promotion, but each course agrees to provide card holders a single one-half price round of golf and one-half price cart rental at their course during the 2016 golf season. Participating courses are provided 100 cards to be sold for \$79 each with all card revenue kept by the course.

There are ten Western Nebraska courses that are confirmed as participating in the program for the 2016 season. They include: Cross Creek Golf Links, Enders Lake, West Wind, Hillside, Monument Shadows, Four Winds, Lake Maloney, Iron Eagle, Indian Meadows and Arrowhead Meadows.

Staff concurs with the Advisory Board and is also recommending that the City of Alliance participate in the promotion for the 2016 season. It is further recommended that the revenue realized from the sale of these cards be split with the golf professional, as he has agreed to provide the half-price cart rental.]

A motion was made by Councilman Yeager, seconded by Councilman Jones to approve Resolution No. 16-24 which follows in its entirety:

RESOLUTION NO. 16-24

*WHEREAS*, The City of Alliance owns and operates the SkyView Golf Course; and

*WHEREAS*, The Golf Course Advisory Board has recommended to the Alliance City Council that the SkyView Golf Course be included in the Western Nebraska Golf Card Program for 2016; and

*WHEREAS*, The Western Nebraska Golf Card Program will include the participation of a minimum of ten additional courses. Each participating course will receive 100 cards which will be sold for \$79.00 with the revenue retained by the course; and

*WHEREAS*, The Program allows the purchaser of the cards to play each course at one half of the price for the round of golf and the associated cart rental; and

*WHEREAS*, The Alliance City Council believes it is in the best interest of the citizens of Alliance to participate in the Western Nebraska Golf Card Program to promote and market our golf course to individuals outside of our community.

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED* by the Mayor and Council of the City of Alliance, Nebraska, that SkyView Golf Course will be included in the Western Nebraska Golf Card Program for 2016 season.

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED* that the revenue generated from the sale of the Western Nebraska Golf Cards will be shared equally between the City and our Golf Professional as he has agreed to provide the half price cart rental.

Roll call vote with the following results:

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

Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

- The next agenda item was Resolution No. 16-25 which will award the City's Landscaping Services Contract to All Seasons Landscaping. Council was provided the following background information:

[On January 15, 2016, the City of Alliance released ITB No. 0171-16-01 for the completion of contract landscape maintenance within the parks system. The Scope of Service section of ITB No. 0171-16-01 allows for a one-year initial award with three optional one-year renewal periods. The City of Alliance received one response to that Invitation to Bid which was opened on February 4, 2016.

All Seasons Landscape Maintenance and Design submitted a bid for \$31,590 for annual planting, preparation and sustention of identified landscape beds. This bid is a \$360 increase over the 2015 cost. Cultural and Leisure Director, Shana Brown is recommending approval of the bid because All Season's exemplary job of maintaining City green spaces as well as the provision of suggestions to continually upgrade landscapes.

Adequate funds for the proposed annual contracts are included in the City of Alliance 2015-16 annual budget.]

A motion was made by Councilman Korber-Gonzalez, seconded by Councilman Jones to approve Resolution No. 16-25 which follows in its entirety:

## RESOLUTION NO. 16-25

*WHEREAS*, The City of Alliance prepared a request for quotations for contracting maintenance of public landscaped areas within the parks and municipally owned properties; and

*WHEREAS*, The City published an Invitation to Bid Landscaping Services for an initial one year contract, March through October 2016, with the option of three annual renewals; and

*WHEREAS*, The City is in receipt of one bid in the amount of Thirty-one Thousand Five Hundred Ninety and No/100ths Dollars (\$31,590.00) from All Seasons Landscaping; and

*WHEREAS*, The Mayor and City Council deemed it appropriate to hire an independent contractor to provided the labor for the clean up, planting and maintenance of the public landscaped areas within the park systems and municipally owned properties of the City of Alliance.

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED* by the Mayor and Council of the City of Alliance, that the Mayor is authorized to sign an agreement between the City of Alliance and All Seasons Landscaping to contract Planting Bed Maintenance which includes preparation (spring clean up), planting, transplanting and sustantation for the period commencing March 1 through October 31<sup>st</sup> for the year 2016, and allows for a three renewal option dependent upon the satisfaction of the City.

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED* that the base contact price for the year 2016 shall be Thirty-one Thousand Five Hundred Ninety and No/100ths Dollars (\$31,590.00).

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED* that the City Council will review the Contract in 2017 to determine the City's satisfaction with the Contractor's performance for consideration of the three annual renewal option.

Roll call vote with the following results:

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

Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

- Council next discussed Resolution No. 16-26 which will authorize the repair of the Landfill conveyor belt system as well as the transfer of \$44,000 from the Capital Improvements Account to the Capital Equipment Account for the Landfill. Council was provided with the following background information:

[The Alliance City Landfill currently owns a conveyor belt system that was purchased in 1997. City staff had identified a need for substantial repair on the belt and received a single quote in December 2015.

On February 8, the belt had a catastrophic failure and has forced the City to begin disposing of all refuse into the loose-fill portion of the landfill. The loss of the conveyor system has greatly impacted the efficiency of the landfill as staff is no longer able to utilize the refuse baler to compact the incoming refuse causing landfill space to be consumed at a faster rate.

We have received a firm quote from Solid Waste Equipment Co. (SWECO) of Omaha, NE for the replacement of the conveyor belt within the existing frame at a cost of \$43,296.86 (in accordance with the December quote) with a lead time of six weeks. (SWECO is the company that repaired the refuse baler in January of this year.) Other attempts to identify other potential bidders within the immediate and surrounding areas did not materialize.

The City Manager notified Council and authorized staff to initiate the purchase because of the critical need and the prepared resolution will ratify that action and authorize the transfer of funds from the Capital Improvements budget (GL #06-51-55-59-970) to the Capital Equipment budget (GL #06-51-55-59-950) in the amount of \$44,000. The resolution also includes a 10% contingency allowance.]

A motion was made by Councilman Jones, seconded by Councilman Seiler to approve Resolution No. 16-26 which follows in its entirety:

#### RESOLUTION NO. 16-26

*WHEREAS*, The City of Alliance owns and operates the Alliance Landfill; and

*WHEREAS*, Repairs were needed to be made to the landfill conveyor belt system due to a catastrophic failure on February 8, 2016; and

*WHEREAS*, The City accepted the quote of Solid Waste Equipment Company "SWECO" of Omaha, Nebraska, to perform the necessary repairs; and

*WHEREAS*, The contract award was \$43,296.86 for the repair and staff is recommending up to a 10% change order allowance; and

*WHEREAS*, Adequate funds are available within the Refuse Disposal Account with the transfer of \$44,000 from Capital Improvements Account No. 06-51-55-59-970 to Capital Equipment Account No. 06-51-55-59-950.

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED* by the Mayor and Council of the City of Alliance, Nebraska, that the total payment to Solid Waste Equipment Company "SWECO" of Omaha, Nebraska in an amount of Forty-three Thousand Two Hundred Ninety-six and 86/100ths Dollars (\$43,296.86) be paid from Account No. 06-51-55-59-950 for the repair of the Alliance Landfill conveyor belt system.

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED* that should it become necessary, up to 10% of the contract amount is authorized for a change order allowance.

Roll call vote with the following results:

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

Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

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

A motion was made by Councilman Seiler, seconded by Councilman Jones to appoint the Scott Miller and Lori Curtiss to the Senior Facility Advisory Board with terms set to expire February 28, 2019:

Roll call vote with the following results:

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

Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

The Council thanked Joyce Christensen for her service on the Senior Facility Advisory Board.

A ballot was provided to make appointments to the Park and Tree Board as there were four applicants for two positions. The two individuals with the highest number of votes were Lori Bates with five votes and Nita Peterson with three votes. The appointments to the Park and Tree Board are for terms expiring February 28, 2019.

Roll call vote with the following results:

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

Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

The Council thanked Ann Sutton for her past service on the Park and Tree Board and both Roger Bunnell and Lori Curtiss for their interest in serving.

A motion was made by Councilman Seiler, seconded by Councilman Feldges to appoint John Aguillo to the Economic Development Plan Citizen Advisory Board with a term expiring December 31, 2018:

Roll call vote with the following results:

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

Voting Nay: None.

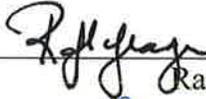
Motion carried.

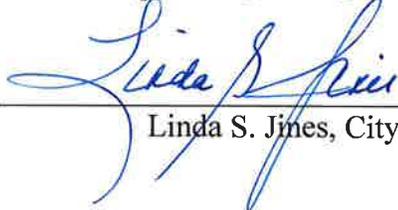
Mr. Frank Tolstedt was thanked for his past service on the Economic Development Plan Citizen Advisory Board.

The City has the following openings at this time: two vacancies on the Board of Adjustment; one vacancy on the A-2 Downtown Improvement Board; one vacancy on the Alliance Housing Authority, two youth ex-officio positions on the Library Board, one vacancy on the Planning Commission, and an 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](http://www.cityofalliance.net).

- Mayor Yeager stated, "there being no further business to come before the Alliance City Council, the meeting is adjourned at 7:31 p.m."

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Ralph Yeager, Mayor

  
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Linda S. Jines, City Clerk