

July 26, 2016

ALLIANCE CITY COUNCIL

SPECIAL BUDGET WORKSHOP, TUESDAY, JULY 26, 2016

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The Alliance City Council met in a Special Budget Workshop, Tuesday, July 26, 2016 at 8:00 a.m., at the Alliance Learning Center, 1750 Sweetwater Avenue. A notice of meeting was published in the Alliance Times Herald on July 19, 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 July 26, 2016 Special Budget Workshop of the Alliance, Nebraska City Council at 8:08 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 Olsen, 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 2016-2017.

The meeting began with Special Funding Requests for FY 2016-17. Susan Unzicker, representing the Alliance Chamber of Commerce made a request to increase funding received from the City which is currently \$10,000 to \$15,000. A request was also made by Chelsie Herian on behalf of Box Butte Development Corporation to increase the City’s funding from \$80,000 to \$83,500.

Modifications to the capital requests were identified. Two projects are being forwarded from the current budget: \$500,000 for the Heartland electric line move and \$181,000 for the Laing Lake Restoration Project. The Central Parks Garage, Airport Runway Project and Transit

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Bus/Van were increase from the original estimates. Additional capital requests were added: Landfill loader, pool refurbishing, Street garage meeting room, Landfill engineered ditch, and Airport stock well. Two projects were removed from the capital requests which were the Landfill scale house/bathroom is being deferred for the loader and the swimming pool gutter grates which were completed this year.

Councilman Feldges asked if the transit vehicle would be a replacement or an additional unit. Councilman Korber-Gonzalez expressed her concern with delay the Landfill scale house/bathroom. Cultural and Leisure Services Director Brown reported that the refurbishing of the pool would involve a Diamond Bright coating instead of painting.

Human Resource Director Mayhew reviewed with Council the proposed staffing recommendations and authorized strength request. Ms. Mayhew also elaborated on the recent request that was made with regard to a Public Works Director and a Community Services Director. Finance Director Waggener explained the changed in the manner health insurance is billed between the various City departments and reported there is no cost of living proposed in the new budget.

The proposed contingency funds for the various departments were reviewed. Council expressed concern with the lowering of the Water Contingency Fund. Staff stated they were comfortable with the amount proposed, as they have done their best to anticipate for emergency needs. Council asked if it would be feasible to combine the water and sewer departments into one enterprise fund instead of two. Staff reported they would research the matter and respond at a later date.

Finance Director Waggener reported that the only enterprise fund rate increases that would be requested are for the Water and Sewer Funds. Both Electric and Refuse will only be the 1% automatic built in adjustment.

The City's challenging funds of Airport, General and RSVP/Handyman were reviewed by Finance Director Waggener.

The last item discussed was the request for the City of Alliance to rejoin the membership of the Panhandle Area Development District.

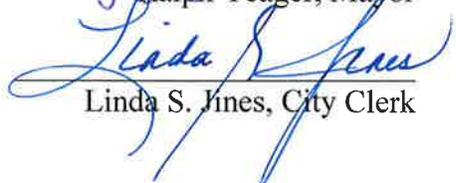
No action was taken on any of the discussed issues. Council will have the first reading of the ordinance to adopt the budget at the August 2, 2016 regular meeting.

- Mayor Yeager stated, "there being no further business to come before the Alliance City Council, the meeting is adjourned at 10:46 a.m."

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Ralph Yeager, Mayor



Linda S. Jines, City Clerk