

ALLIANCE CITY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING, TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2018

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The Alliance City Council met in a Regular Meeting, January 2, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board of Education Meeting Room, 1604 Sweetwater Avenue, Alliance, Nebraska. A notice of meeting was published in the Alliance Times Herald on December 27, 2017. 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 January 2, 2018 Regular Meeting of the Alliance, Nebraska City Council at 7:00 p.m. Present were Council Members Yeager, Korber-Gonzalez, Jones, Mischnick and Reynolds. Also present were City Manager Kuckkahn, Assistant City Manager/Finance Director Waggener, City Attorney Olsen and City Clerk Jines.

- Mayor Yeager announced the Open Meetings Act was available for the public and posted on the north wall of the audience area.
- Council's first item of business was the presentation of a Proclamation, declaring the month of January as Official Radon Action Month. Melissa Haas was in attendance to accept the Proclamation on behalf of the Panhandle Public Health District. Councilman Reynolds read the following Proclamation:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Radon is a colorless, odorless, radioactive gas that may threaten the health of citizen and their families; and

WHEREAS, Radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer in the United States; and

WHEREAS, The National Academy of Sciences estimates that up to 21,000 lung cancer deaths occur in the United States each year; and

WHEREAS, Radon is found in 1 in 15 homes across the United States with elevated radon levels; and

WHEREAS, Any home in Alliance may have elevated levels of radon; and

WHEREAS, Testing for radon is simple and inexpensive; and

WHEREAS, Identified radon problems can be fixed; and

WHEREAS, The Panhandle Public Health Department, the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Service, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency are supporting efforts to encourage Americans to test their homes for radon, have elevated levels of radon reduced, and have new homes built with radon-resistant features.

NOW THEREFORE, the Mayor and City Council of Alliance, NE do hereby proclaim January 2018 as Official Radon Action Month in Alliance, Nebraska in recognition of the importance of testing homes for radon, I hereby proclaim the month of January 2018 as,

National Radon Action Month

and I urge every member of the community to test their homes by contacting the Panhandle Public Health District at 308-487-3600 ext. 108 to request a free radon test kit.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Alliance to be affixed on this 2nd day of January in the year of the Lord Two Thousand Eighteen.

- The Consent Calendar was the next agenda item for Council's consideration. A motion was made by Councilman Korber-Gonzalez, seconded by Councilman Mischnick to approve the Consent Calendar as follows:

CONSENT CALENDAR – JANUARY 2, 2018

1. Approval: Minutes of the Regular Meeting, December 19, 2017.
2. Approval: Payroll Costs for the period December 2, 2017 through December 15, 2017: \$241,720.68.
3. Approval: Claims against the following funds for the period of December 14, 2017 through December 28, 2017: 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; \$396,006.42.
4. Approval: The update to the Alliance Volunteer Fire Department with the addition of Madisen Morrison and the removal of Jake Henion.

5. Approval: Resolution No. 18-01 continuing the Lease Agreement with the Aging Office of Western Nebraska for the use of the Senior Center to operate the Nutrition Program for persons 60 years of age and older. The lease will remain the same at \$500.00 per month and will be from July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019.
6. Approval: Resolution No. 18-02 continuing an Agreement with the Aging Office of Western Nebraska for the delivery of meals to Hemingford, NE utilizing the City's Box Butte County Public Transit Program. The agreement will remain the same at \$0.75 per meal for the time period of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019.
7. Approval: Resolution No. 18-03 entering into an Agreement with the American Red Cross to provide licensed swimming lessons.
8. Approval: Resolution No. 18-04 entering into an Agreement with L & J Cleaning, Inc. of Alliance, NE in the amount of \$7,250 annually for janitorial services for the Alliance Airport Terminal.

NOTE: City Manager Kuckkahn 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.

Any item listed on the Consent Calendar may, by the request of any single Council Member, be considered as a separate item in the Regular Agenda.

Roll call with the following results:

Voting Aye: Yeager, Jones, Mischnick, Korber-Gonzalez, Reynolds.

Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

- The next matter before Council was the introduction of our new Public Safety Dispatcher, Kirsten McCracken.
- A conflict claim in the amount of \$344.00 for sidewalk replacements completed by Reza and G's Construction was now before Council for consideration.

A motion was made by Mayor Yeager, seconded by Councilman Jones to approve the claim of Reza and G's Construction.

Roll call with the following results:

Voting Aye: Jones, Mischnick, Reynolds, Yeager

Voting Nay: None.

Abstaining: Korber-Gonzalez.

Motion carried.

- The first reading of Ordinance No. 2853 which will approve an amendment to the Alliance Municipal Code regarding the fishing regulations at Laing Lake, was the next discussion item. Council was provided with the following background information:

[Due to the completion of the Laing Lake renovation project, the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission has prepared a revised Fisheries Management Plan, which is included for your review. As part of the plan, the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission are proposing a change to the fishing regulations at Laing Lake. The revised regulations reduce the restrictions and are far less complex than previous guidelines. They are recommending that anyone 16 years of age or over catch and release only and anyone under 16 years of age be allowed a bag limit in compliance with statewide regulations.

Staff recommends the revision of City fishing regulations to comply with the suggestions from the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission.]

A motion was made by Councilman Korber-Gonzalez to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2853. Councilman Jones seconded the motion. Clerk Jines read the ordinance by title.

ORDINANCE NO. 2853

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALLIANCE, NEBRASKA, AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL CODE BY MODIFYING SECTION 16-83 RELATING TO FISHING REGULATIONS AT LAING LAKE, REPEALING PRIOR PROVISIONS OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE WHICH ARE INCONSISTENT WITH THIS ORDINANCE AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALLIANCE, NEBRASKA:

SECTION 1. The Alliance Municipal Code at Section 16-83 shall be amended as follows:

Sec. 16-83. - Fishing.

- Fishing shall be permitted in Laing Lake by persons of all ages that comply with the licensing requirements set forth by the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission during open park hours.
- Limits. Persons less than 16 years of age may harvest fish in accordance with the daily and possession limits, including size limits, set forth by the Nebraska Game and Parks

Commission. Persons 16 years of age and older are not permitted to keep fish and must release immediately into the water all fish of any species caught.

- (c) All persons fishing in Laing Lake shall comply with the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission laws and regulations except as set forth herein.
- (d) Ice fishing shall be permitted unless posted otherwise.

SECTION 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances passed and approved prior to passage, approval and publication of this ordinance in conflict herewith are now repealed.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect after its passage, approval and publication according to law.

Roll call with the following results:

Voting Aye: Yeager, Jones, Korber-Gonzalez, Mischnick, Reynolds.

Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

- The final item before Council were Board appointments and announcements.

A motion was made by Councilman Reynolds, seconded by Councilman Mischnick to reappoint Bridget Miller to the Economic Development Plan Citizen Advisory Board with a term expiring December 31, 2020.

Roll call with the following results:

Voting Aye: Jones, Korber-Gonzalez, Mischnick, Reynolds, Yeager.

Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Reynolds, seconded by Councilman Mischnick to reappoint Alan Cornish to the Golf Course Advisory Board with a term expiring December 31, 2020.

Roll call with the following results:

Voting Aye: Jones, Korber-Gonzalez, Mischnick, Reynolds, Yeager.

Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Reynolds, seconded by Councilman Korber-Gonzalez to reappoint Marcia Buck to the Alliance Planning Commission with a term expiring December 31, 2020.

Roll call with the following results:

Voting Aye: Jones, Korber-Gonzalez, Mischnick, Reynolds, Yeager.

Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Reynolds, seconded by Councilman Mischnick to reappoint Ray Hielscher to the Alliance Planning Commission with a term expiring December 31, 2020.

Roll call with the following results:

Voting Aye: Jones, Korber-Gonzalez, Mischnick, Reynolds, Yeager.

Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Reynolds, seconded by Councilman Mischnick to reappoint Howard Jensen to the Alliance Planning Commission with a term expiring December 31, 2020.

Roll call with the following results:

Voting Aye: Jones, Korber-Gonzalez, Mischnick, Reynolds, Yeager.

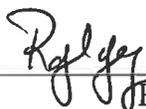
Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

Currently we have vacancies on the Board of Adjustment, Downtown Improvement Districts A-1 and A-2, Economic Development Plan Citizen Advisory Board, two junior ex-officio members of the Library Board, Planning Commission and a Hispanic representative on the Police Advisory Board. At the end of February there will be vacancies on the Park and Tree Board and the Senior Facility 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.

- Mayor Yeager stated, “there being no further business to come before the Alliance City Council, the meeting is adjourned at 7:10 p.m.”

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Ralph Yeager, Mayor



Linda S. Jines, City Clerk

