

Councilman Reynolds motioned to approve Resolution No. 17-33, which was seconded by Councilman Korber-Gonzalez. The resolution follows in its entirety:

RESOLUTION NO. 17-33

*WHEREAS*, The City of Alliance desires to obtain the services of an Employee Benefits Plan Broker/Consultant; and

*WHEREAS*, Staff prepared a Request for Statement of Qualifications and Bid Proposals for an Employee Benefits Plan Broker/Consultant; and

*WHEREAS*, Three proposals were received for this solicitation and staff is recommending the award be made to Hays Corporation of Denver, CO in the amount of Thirty Thousand and no/100ths (\$30,000); and

*WHEREAS*, The City Council believes it is in the best interest of the City to have these services secured.

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED* by the Mayor and Council of the City of Alliance, Nebraska, that Hays Corporation of Denver, CO be awarded the Employee Benefits Plan/Consultant services for a period of three years in the amount of Thirty Thousand and no/100ths (\$30,000).

Roll call vote with the following results:

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

Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

- Resolution No. 17-34 which will approve Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$106,967 for the 2016 Street Overlay Project, was the next item for Council's consideration. The following background information was provided to Council:

[Resolution 16-130 approved by Council on November 1, 2016 awarded the 2016 Asphalt Overlay and Concrete Project to Simon Contractor in the amount of \$1,368,582.50. Upon further review of the One-Year Street Improvement Plan and project specifications, four changes have been recommended:

- The thickness of the pavement on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street and Mississippi Avenue was originally 6". With further consideration of the heavy equipment (BNSF trucks and snow removal equipment) traffic in this area, an 8" pavement is more appropriate and recommended.
- 24<sup>th</sup> Street and Peterson Court were identified as an area in need of replacement which were not originally designated as part of the overlay project for this year. Because of the extreme deterioration of the street in this area, a milling and overlay is deemed necessary.

- Sweetwater Avenue between 4<sup>th</sup> Street and 300' to the south have also been identified as an area in need of replacement due to additional deterioration over the winter months.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Street between Niobrara and Box Butte Avenue to the brick area incurred significant deterioration over the winter months and since this adjoins an area already being repaired it is advisable to also be included within this project.

A total of \$1,905,000 is included in the current fiscal year budget for Contracted Services for Asphalt and Concrete Street Repairs that will allow for coverage of the additional costs identified.]

Councilman Korber-Gonzalez motioned to approve Resolution No. 17-34, which was seconded by Councilman Jones. The resolution follows in its entirety:

#### RESOLUTION NO. 17-34

*WHEREAS*, The City of Alliance solicited bids for the Asphalt Overlay Project; and

*WHEREAS*, The City of Alliance awarded the bid to Simon Contractors, Inc., Scottsbluff, Nebraska as the lowest, responsive, and responsible bid; and

*WHEREAS*, Due to the condition of adjoining roadways to the current project and the need for additional depth in one area, staff is requesting permission to add on to the current contract; and

*WHEREAS*, The City of Alliance is in receipt of Change Order No. 1 which will add the four additional areas to the project for an additional cost of One Hundred Six Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty-seven Dollars and no/100ths (\$106,967.00); and

*WHEREAS*, Sufficient funds have been included within the Street Fund to include this additional expense.

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED* by the Mayor and Council of the City of Alliance, Nebraska, that Change Order No. 1 for the 2016 Overlay Project is hereby approved in the amount of One Hundred Six Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty-seven Dollars and no/100ths (\$106,967.00).

Roll call vote with the following results:

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

Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

- Resolution Nos. 17-35 and 17-36 authorizing the submittal of a Project Application to the Nebraska Department of Aeronautics and also enter into an Agency

Agreement for the Rehabilitation Project of Runway 8/26, were the next items on the agenda. Council was provided with the following information:

[The Alliance Municipal Airport has the opportunity to apply for Federal Assistance to rehabilitate Runway 8/26. The formal application must be completed before a grant can be issued. This will be the first grant on this project and will cover engineering services.

Runway 8/26 was originally constructed in 1942 during WWII and the original dimension was 150-ft wide by 9,000-ft long. The original pavement consisted of 7-inches of PCC Pavement. In 1979 a 4.5-inch bituminous surface course was applied to the existing 7-inch PCC pavement. In 1998 the dimensions of the runway surface were revised to 6,200-ft long by 75-ft wide. At the same time a 1.5-inch bituminous porous friction course was applied over the existing 4.5-inch bituminous surface course. A bituminous coal tar rejuvenator was applied to the existing runway bituminous surface in 2009. Porous Friction Course surface pavements have shown a life expectancy of 10 to 15 years in this region with our runway on year 19. Bituminous leveling courses have shown a life expectancy of 25 to 30-years in this region with our current bituminous leveling course being 38-years in age.

The recommendation from the preliminary study will be that Runway 8/26 be rehabilitated with the existing asphalt material being removed by cold milling down to the existing PCC pavement. Upon completion of the asphalt removal a new 4-inch bituminous asphalt leveling course would be installed on the existing PCC pavement and a new 1.5-inch bituminous porous friction course be installed over the new bituminous leveling course. It is also recommended that no changes occur to the existing pavement dimensions or standard gradients as part of the pavement rehabilitation. The existing lighting and signage system would remain in place. New runway pavement markings would be installed upon completion of the bituminous overlay.

The City Council approved the final Consultant Agreement with M.C. Schaff & Associates to perform the preliminary study of Runway 8/26 on November 1, 2016. The grant application is the next step in this process and will include all engineering services for the entire project. The FAA would like this project to be designed this summer with construction the following summer.

An initial rough cost for the Rehabilitation of Runway 8/26 was estimated in the budget for fiscal year 2017-18 at \$3,500,000 with the City of Alliance's matching 10% portion being \$350,000. This project is scheduled in the summer of 2018 with the latest estimate of \$3,642,000 making the City of Alliance's matching portion \$364,200. The all-inclusive cost of this project will not be known until the bidding process is completed; however, with the initial cost estimates and the required funding of retentions, it is possible that the City will be required to borrow in order to complete the project.

The grant application is a critical step in this process as it indicates that the Airport Sponsor (City of Alliance) is willing to proceed with this project. If for some reason the final estimates are higher than expected and the City of Alliance cannot provide the matching amount, the FAA could require the City to pay for the preliminary study in-full (at the amount of \$22,011.12). In the event that the FAA is unable to fund or otherwise proceed with the project, the FAA would pay their portion of the preliminary study.

With all the present federal conversation regarding the reduction or elimination of funding, staff is of the opinion that it behooves us to avail ourselves of Federal funding when it is available, as is the case now. The resolution as proposed allows the Mayor to sign the Application for Federal Assistance and the Federal Certifications at this time, as well as permission for the Mayor to sign actual grant documentation from the FAA when received since completion of the grant documents is very time-sensitive.

In summary, Runway 8/26 needs to be rehabilitated. The surface condition is deteriorating and staff will have a long year maintaining the surface to meet FAA Part 139 certification requirements. This a great opportunity for the City of Alliance to complete a much needed \$3.6 million project, 90% of which is paid with Federal funding.]

Councilman Mischnick motioned to approve Resolution No. 17-35, which was seconded by Councilman Korber-Gonzalez. The resolution follows in its entirety:

#### RESOLUTION NO. 17-35

*WHEREAS*, The City of Alliance operates the Alliance Municipal Airport; and

*WHEREAS*, The City of Alliance will be conducting an Airport Rehabilitation Project, identified as Project No. 3-31-0003-019-2017; and

*WHEREAS*, The City finds it is in the City's best interest to submit an Application for Federal Assistance which requires several Certifications: Drug-Free Workplace, Equipment and Construction Contracts, Project Plans and Specifications, Construction Project Final Acceptance and Certification and Disclosure Regarding Potential Conflicts of Interest; and

*WHEREAS*, Completing this step will indicate that the City of Alliance is willing to proceed with Project No. 3-31-0003-019-2017.

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED* by the Mayor and Council of the City of Alliance, Nebraska, that the City of Alliance shall submit an Application for Federal Assistance which requires the following Certifications: Drug-Free Workplace, Equipment and Construction Contracts, Project Plans and Specifications, Construction Project Final Acceptance and Certification and Disclosure Regarding Potential Conflicts of Interest for Project No. 3-31-0003-

019-2017.

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED* that the Mayor of the City of Alliance is hereby authorized and directed to execute said associated documents on behalf of the City of Alliance and the City Clerk is hereby authorized to attest said execution.

Roll call vote with the following results:

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

Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

Councilman Mischnick motioned to approve Resolution No. 17-36, which was seconded by Councilman Jones. The resolution follows in its entirety:

RESOLUTION NO. 17-36

*WHEREAS*, The City of Alliance operates the Alliance Municipal Airport; and

*WHEREAS*, The City of Alliance will be conducting an Airport Rehabilitation Project, identified as Project No. 3-31-0003-019-2017; and

*WHEREAS*, The City finds it is in the City's best interest to have the Nebraska Department of Aeronautics to act as the City of Alliance Municipal Airport's agent for the Airport Rehabilitation Project, identified as Project No. 3-31-0003-019-2017; and

*WHEREAS*, The Nebraska Department of Aeronautics has provided the City with an Agency Agreement for execution.

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED* by the Mayor and Council of the City of Alliance, Nebraska, that the City of Alliance shall enter into an Agency Agreement with the Nebraska Department of Aeronautics for Project Number 3-31-0003-019-2017 for the purpose of obtaining Federal assistance in the development of the Alliance Municipal Airport and that such an Agreement is attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference.

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED* that the Mayor of the City of Alliance is hereby authorized and directed to execute said Agency Agreement on behalf of the City of Alliance and the City Clerk is hereby authorized to attest said execution.

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED* that said Agreement, referred to herein, is inserted in full and attached herewith and made a part hereof as Exhibit "O".

Roll call vote with the following results:

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

Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

- The next item on the agenda was Resolution No. 17-37 authorizing submittal of a grant to the Nebraska Department of Roads for the purchase of two replacement vans for the Public Transit Program. Council was provided with the following background information:

[In an effort to maintain a useful and efficient fleet, the Public Transit Department is requesting permission to submit a grant to assist with the purchase of two new vans to replace two aging vehicles currently included in the fleet.

The City planned for the purchase of two transit vehicles in the 2016-17 budget. The Nebraska Department of Roads has pre-bid three vehicle options for local transit operations within the State including a 12-passenger van, a lowered-floor minivan and the larger transit bus. After meeting with drivers and management, it was agreed that the most useful and practical vehicles would be the lowered-floor minivans with side ramps as they offer easier access for wheel chairs and walkers and allow staff to more easily assist in securing riders. These vehicles would be more fuel-efficient and would be utilized for the majority of transports, thus extending the life of the larger buses. Staff is proposing that the City purchase two lowered-floor vans that will replace Bus 5 (a 2004 Ford van with over 97,000 miles) and Bus 7 (a 2004 Dodge van with almost 175,000 miles). Both of these vehicles will be returned to Box Butte County for disposal in accordance with grant provisions.

The vans will be purchased with grant funding assistance. The total cost of each van will be \$37,000 and will include a side ramp for wheelchair and walker access. The City of Alliance will be responsible for 10% of the cost with Federal funds covering 80% and State funds covering the remaining 10%. Net cost to the City after grant reimbursement will be \$7,400. A total of \$98,000 was included in the 2016-17 Public Transit budget in GL #23-72-71-59-960.]

Councilman Jones motioned to approve Resolution No. 17-37, which was seconded by Councilman Mischnick. The resolution follows in its entirety:

#### RESOLUTION NO. 17-37

*WHEREAS*, The City of Alliance operates the Box Butte County Public Transit Program;  
and

*WHEREAS*, A grant is available from the Nebraska Department of Roads which will allow us to purchase replacement vehicles on a cost share basis with 80% from Federal funds, 10% from State funds and 10% to be paid by the City of Alliance; and

*WHEREAS*, Staff is recommending the purchase of two lowered floor minivans with a side ramp for wheelchair and walker access from the State program at a cost of \$37,000 each for a total of Seventy-four Thousand Dollars and no/100th; and

*WHEREAS*, Funding for this purchase has been budgeted in the Public Transit Account No. 23-72-71-59-960.

*WHEREAS*, The City Council believes that applying for a grant to purchase two replacement vehicles for the Box Butte County Public Transit Program is in the best interest of the citizens of Alliance and Box Butte County.

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED* by the Mayor and Council of the City of Alliance, Nebraska, that staff is authorized to apply for a grant from the Nebraska Department of Roads for the purchase of two lowered floor minivans with a side ramp for wheelchair and walker access from the State program at a cost of \$37,000 each for a total of Seventy-four Thousand Dollars and no/100th.

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED* that the Mayor is hereby authorized to accept the grant on behalf of the City of Alliance and sign the related documentation.

Roll call vote with the following results:

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

Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

- Councilman Reynolds announced the City currently has available one vacancy on each of the following Boards: Board of Adjustment, A-2 Downtown Improvement Board, Park and Tree Board and a religious 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).

- The next item on Council's agenda was an Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter.

Councilman Korber-Gonzalez motioned pursuant to Section 84-1410 Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska 1943 that the Alliance City Council hold a closed session for the purpose of a personnel matter to discuss potential City Manager candidates and to protect the reputation of an individual. Along with Council, Interim City Manager Kuckkahn, City Attorney Olsen and City Clerk Jines were requested to be in attendance. The motion was seconded by Councilman Mischnick.

Roll call vote with the following results:

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

Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

The closed session began at 8:39 p.m. and ended at 9:02 p.m.

- The final agenda item was the appointment of a City Manager and execution of an Employment Agreement.

A motion was made by Councilman Korber-Gonzalez to appoint Rick Kuckkahn as the City of Alliance's full-time City Manager, approve the Employment Agreement between the City of Alliance and Mr. Kuckkahn, and authorize the Mayor to sign and behalf of the City. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jones.

Roll call vote with the following results:

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

Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

- Mayor Yeager stated, "there being no further business to come before the Alliance City Council, the meeting is adjourned at 9:05 p.m."

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Ralph Yeager, Mayor

  
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Linda S. Jines, City Clerk

