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ALLIANCE CITY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2025

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The Alliance City Council met in a Regular Meeting, November 18, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. in the Alliance Learning Center Community Meeting Room, 1750 Sweetwater Avenue. A notice of meeting was published in the Alliance Times Herald on November 12, 2025. 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 provided 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 McGhehey opened the November 18, 2025, regular meeting of the Alliance, Nebraska City Council at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mayor McGhehey, Vice Mayor Mashburn and Council Members Turman, Yates, and Hitchcock. Also present were Interim City Manager(s) Shoemaker and Brown, City Treasurer Baker, City Attorney Selzer and City Clerk Bedient.

- Mayor McGhehey read the Open Meetings Act Announcement.
- The Consent Calendar was the first item on the agenda. A motion was made by Vice Mayor Mashburn, seconded by Councilman Turman to approve the Consent Calendar as follows:

CONSENT CALENDAR – November 18, 2025

1. Approval: Minutes of the Special Meeting, November 4, 2025, and Regular Meeting, November 4, 2025.
2. Approval: Payroll from October 31, 2025 in the total amount of \$272,248.16.
3. Approval: Claims against the following funds: 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; \$570,995.85.
4. Approval: Alliance Volunteer Fire Department Roster Update.

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5. Approval: Resolution No. 25-154 which will authorize the purchase of one Autel Robotice EVO Max 4T XE Bundle from Unmanned Vehicle Technologies, LLC in the amount of \$11,118.00 from GL # 01-31-32-59-950.
6. Approval: Resolution No. 25-155 which will authorize the purchase of a Barber Litter Picker LP-1 Model from H. Barber and Sons, Inc., in the amount of \$77,105.00 from GL # 06-51-55-59-950.
7. Approval: Resolution No. 25-156 which will authorize the purchase of a Cimline M3 A DH Crack Seal Tar Machine from Rose Equipment Inc., in the amount of \$62,866.00 from GL # 24-41-41-59-950.
8. Approval: Resolution No. 25-157 which will authorize the purchase of a New Holland Workmaster 105 Tractor from Alliance Tractor & Implement Co. in the amount of \$72,333.00 from GL # 24-41-41-59-950.
9. Approval: Resolution No. 25-158 which will authorize and approve the Consent Agreement with Sandhills Energy, LLC and the Mayor is authorized to execute the Consent Agreement on behalf of the City.

NOTE: Interim City Manager(s) Shoemaker and Brown and City Treasurer Baker have reviewed these expenditures and to the best of their knowledge confirm 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.

Vice Mayor Mashburn asked about the lead time on the vehicles

Public Works Director Grant responded that the vehicles are expected to be delivered and in the City's possession within the next year.

Roll call vote with the following results:

Voting Aye: Hitchcock, Yates, Turman, Mashburn and McGhehey.

Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

- The next item on the agenda for Council was the presentation of the Quarterly Financial Report.

City Treasurer Baker presented the fourth quarter financial report to Council.

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- The next item on the agenda for Council was Ordinance No. 3007 which will approve and amend the City of Alliance Municipal Code Section 26-161 through 26-166 regarding Bicycles, Electric Bicycles, Electric Scooters, Minibikes and Golf Cart operations and regulations. The following information was provided:

[Bicycle Ordinance

Bicycles, electronic bicycles, and electronic scooters have become prevalent in Alliance. The police department has received numerous complaints about unsafe actions involving these modes of transportation. This ordinance will codify safety practices, outline prohibited practices and provide a means of enforcement for law enforcement as it pertains to bicycles, electronic bicycles and electronic scooters. This ordinance also states that mini-bikes, dirt bikes and similar vehicles are prohibited on public streets at all times. The Alliance Police Department requests council approval of this ordinance.]

A motion was made by Councilman Yates, seconded by Councilman Turman to approve the third reading of Ordinance No. 3007. City Clerk Bedient read the Ordinance by title which follows in its entirety:

Ordinance No. 3007

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALLIANCE, NEBRASKA AMENDING THE ALLIANCE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO BICYCLES, ELECTRIC BICYCLES, ELECTRIC SCOOTERS, MINIBIKES AND GOLF CAR VEHICLES; ADDING SECTIONS RELATING TO THEIR DEFINITION, OPERATION AND REGULATION; AMENDING SECTION 26-227 TO REQUIRE A SAFETY FLAG ON ALL TERRIAN VEHICLES AND UTILITY-TYPE VEHICLES; REPEALING EXISTING PROVISIONS OF THE CITY CODE NOT CONSISTENT WITH THIS ORDINANCE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALLIANCE, NEBRASKA WHICH DETERMINES THIS ORDINANCE IS NECESSARY IN THE INTEREST OF PUBLIC SAFETY:

Section 1. Section 26-161 through 26-166 of the Alliance Municipal Code are amended to provide as follows:

“Sec. 26-161. DEFINITIONS OF BICYCLE, MINIBIKE, ELECTRIC BICYCLE, AND ELECTRIC SCOOTERS.

- (a) Bicycle shall mean every device propelled solely by human power, on which any person may ride, having two, three, or four wheels, any one or more of which being more than 14 inches in diameter.
- (b) Electric bicycle includes a class 1 electric bicycle, a class 2 electric bicycle, and a class 3 electric bicycle. An electric bicycle does not include electric personal assistive mobility devices.
- (c) Class 1 electric bicycle means a device with the following components:
 - (i) two, three or four wheels;
 - (ii) a saddle or seat for the rider;
 - (iii) fully operative pedals for propulsion by human power;

- (iv) an electric motor not exceeding seven hundred fifty watts of power that produces no more than one brake horse power, is capable of propelling the bicycle at a maximum designed speed of no more than twenty miles per hour on level ground, only provides power when the rider is pedaling, and does not provide power if the electric bicycle is traveling at a speed of more than twenty miles per hour.
- (d) Class 2 electric bicycle means a device with the following components:
 - (i) two, three or four wheels;
 - (ii) a saddle or seat for the rider;
 - (iii) fully operative pedals for propulsion by human power;
 - (iv) an electric motor not exceeding seven hundred fifty watts of power that produces no more than one brake horse power, is capable of propelling the bicycle at a maximum designed speed of no more than twenty miles per hour on level ground, is capable of providing power whether or not the rider is pedaling, and does not provide power if the electric bicycle is traveling at a speed of more than twenty miles per hour.
- (e) Class 3 electric bicycle means a device with the following components:
 - (i) two, three or four wheels;
 - (ii) a saddle or seat for the rider;
 - (iii) fully operative pedals for propulsion by human power;
 - (iv) an electric motor not exceeding seven hundred fifty watts of power that produces no more than one brake horse power, is capable of propelling the bicycle at a maximum designed speed of no more than twenty-eight miles per hour on level ground, only provides power when the rider is pedaling, and does not provide power if the electric bicycle is traveling at a speed of more than twenty-eight miles per hour.
- (f) Electric scooter means a device weighing less than 100 pounds with two, three or four wheels, handle bars and a floorboard that can be stood upon while riding, powered by an electric motor, but does not include electric personal assistive mobility devices.
- (g) Golf car vehicle means a vehicle that has at least four wheels, has a maximum level ground speed of less than twenty miles per hour, has a maximum payload capacity of 1,200 pounds, has a maximum gross vehicle weight of 2,500 pounds, has a maximum passenger capacity of not more than four persons, and is designed and manufactured for operation on a golf course for sporting and recreational purposes, and is not being operated within the boundaries of a golf course.
- (h) Minibike shall mean a two-wheel vehicle motor vehicle that:
 - (i) has a total wheel and tire diameter of less than 14 inches;
 - (ii) has an engine capacity of less than 45 cubic centimeters displacement;
 - (iii) has an engine power output of less than 3 horsepower;
 - (iv) has an engine capacity of less than 2,238 watts; or
 - (v) was primarily designed by the manufacturer of off-road use only.A minibike shall not include an electric personal assistive mobility device.

Sec. 26-162. Operation

Any Person who operates a bicycle, electric bicycle, or electric scooter upon any streets or public ways within the City shall have all the rights and shall be subject to all of the duties applicable to the driver of a vehicle under the Nebraska rules of road, except as otherwise provided in this Municipal Code.

Sec. 26-163. Prohibited Acts.

- (a) Any person who rides a bicycle or electric bicycle shall not ride, other than upon or astride a permanent and regular seat attached thereto.
- (b) Any person who rides a bicycle, electric bicycle, or electric scooter shall not remove his or her feet from the pedals or floorboard and shall have at least one hand on all handlebars at all times.
- (c) Any person who operates a bicycle, electric bicycle, or electric scooter shall not carry a package, bundle or article that prevents such operator from keeping at least one hand upon the handlebars.

- (d) No bicycle, electric bicycle, or electric scooter shall be used to carry more persons at one time, other than the number for which it is designed and equipped.
- (e) Any person who rides upon a bicycle, electric bicycle, or electric scooter shall not attach himself, herself, or the bicycle, electric bicycle, or electric scooter to any vehicle upon a street.
- (f) No person may operate an electric bicycle on walking paths or other areas within City parks.
- (g) An electric scooter shall not be used at nighttime within the City.

Sec. 26-164. General Rules.

- (a) Any person who operates a bicycle, electric bicycle, or electric scooter upon the streets or public ways at less than the normal speed of traffic at the time and place under conditions then existing shall ride as near to the right-hand curb or the right-hand edge of the street as practical, except when overtaking and passing another bicycle, electric bicycle, electric scooter or vehicle proceeding in the same direction, or preparing for a left-hand turn onto a private street or driveway or an intersection. If it is necessary to avoid conditions that make it unsafe to continue along the right-hand curb or right-hand edge of the street, a person riding a bicycle, electric bicycle or electric scooter may move to the left, if required.
- (b) A person riding a bicycle, electric bicycle, or electric scooter on a sidewalk or across a street or shoulder in a crosswalk shall have all the rights and duties applicable to a pedestrian under the same circumstances but shall yield the right-of-way to pedestrians. Every person who rides a bicycle, electric bicycle or scooter shall have the duty to exercise reasonable care.

Sec. 26-165. Equipment on Bicycles, Electric Bicycles, Lights and Brakes.

- (a) When in use at nighttime, a bicycle or electric bicycle shall be equipped with a light visible from a distance of at least 500 feet to the front on a clear night and with a red reflector on the rear of a type which is approved by the Department of Motor Vehicles and which is visible on a clear night from all distances between 100 feet and 600 feet to the rear when directly in front of a lawful lower beam of headlights from a motor vehicle. A red light visible from a distance of 500 feet to the rear may be used in addition to such red reflector.
- (b) A bicycle or electric bicycle used on a street shall be equipped with a brake or brakes which will enable the operator to stop the bicycle within 25-feet of braking when moving at a speed of 10 miles per hour on dry, level, clean pavement.

Sec. 26-166. Minibikes, golf car vehicles and similar off road vehicles, off road use only, emergencies and parades.

Minibikes, golf car vehicles, go-carts, riding lawn mowers, garden tractors, snow mobiles, and all off road designed vehicles (other than ATVs and UTVs to the extent allowed by the Alliance Municipal Code) shall not be operated on any streets or public ways within the City, except during any public emergency or while being used in parades by the City or regularly organized units of a recognized charitable, social, education or community service organization.”

Section 2. Section 26-227 of the Alliance Municipal Code is now amended to provide as follows:

“Sec. 26-227. - Requirements.

When operating an all-terrain vehicle or a utility-type vehicle, the headlight and taillight of the vehicle shall be on and the vehicle shall be equipped with turn signals and a bicycle safety flag which extends not less than five feet above ground attached to the rear of such vehicle. The bicycle safety flag shall be triangular in shape with an area of not less than thirty square inches and shall be day-glow in color.

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Whenever an all-terrain vehicle or a utility-type vehicle is moving all cargo must be securely attached to the vehicle in such a manner that the cargo will remain secured without any assistance of the operator.”

Section 3. All prior sections of the Alliance Municipal Code, and all other Ordinances and parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are repealed, and the Alliance Municipal Code is amended as provided in this Ordinance. Provided, however, this Ordinance shall not be construed to affect any rights or duties existing at the time this Ordinance becomes effective.

Section 4. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its approval, passage, and publication according to law.

Councilman Hitchcock noted this is a common issue across not only Nebraska, but the whole country.

There were concerns about the Parks department having lawnmowers on the street, to which Culture and Leisure Director Brown confirmed they will retrofit trailers for equipment to minimize street usage.

Police Chief Leavitt addressed concerns regarding Lawnmowers driving on roadways going from lawn to lawn.

Roll call vote with the following results:

Voting Aye: Turman, Mashburn, Hitchcock, Yates, and McGhehey.

Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

Mayor McGhehey stated, "the passage and adoption of Ordinance No. 3007 has been concurred by a majority of all members elected to the Council; I declare it passed, adopted and order it published."

- The next item on the agenda for Council was Ordinance No. 3011 which will adopt the proposed 2026 City Council meeting schedule. The City Council Meetings will be on the first and third Tuesdays of the month, with no changes needed due to Holidays.

A motion was made by Councilman Hitchcock, seconded by Vice Mayor Mashburn to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 3011. City Clerk Bedient read the Ordinance by title which follows in its entirety:

ORDINANCE NO. 3011

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE TIME AND PLACE OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETINGS FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2026.

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

SECTION 1. Nebraska Statutes at Section 19-615 provide that ". . . the Council shall meet at such time and place as it may prescribe by ordinance, but not less frequently than twice each month in cities of the first class."

SECTION 2. The City Code provides at Section 2-25, that "The City Council shall hold its regular meeting on the first and third Tuesday of each month. The Council may, by adoption of a calendar each year, establish regular meeting dates other than the first and third Tuesday of each month."

SECTION 3. Attached hereto is a "proposed 2026 calendar," which is incorporated herein by reference as if fully set forth.

SECTION 4. The City Council of Alliance, Nebraska shall conduct regular meetings during calendar year 2026 on the dates that are indicated on the attached proposed 2026 calendar at the hour of 7:00 o'clock P.M. at the Alliance Learning Center Community Meeting Rooms, 1750 Sweetwater Avenue, Alliance, Nebraska. The time and place of these meetings may be changed from time to time as provided by law.

SECTION 5. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval, and publication according to law.

Roll call vote with the following results:

Voting Aye: Hitchcock, Yates, Turman, Mashburn, McGhehey

Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Turman, seconded by Vice Mayor Mashburn to suspend the statutory rule requiring three separate readings of Ordinance No. 3011.

Roll call vote with the following results:

Voting Aye: Mashburn, Hitchcock, Yates, Turman, McGhehey.

Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

Mayor McGhehey stated, "the passage and adoption of Ordinance No. 3011 has been concurred by majority of all members elected to the Council; I declare it passed, adopted and order it published."

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- The next item on the agenda for Council was Resolution No. 25-159 which will authorize the purchase of three new 2026 Dodge Durango patrol vehicles in the amount of \$122,961.00. The following information was provided:

[Resolution: Approval to Purchase Three (3) Dodge Durango Pursuit-Rated Police Vehicles

The Alliance Police Department continues to update and modernize its fleet of patrol vehicles. Currently, several vehicles in the fleet have exceeded 100,000 miles and are nearing the end of their reliable service life.

This purchase will further the department's ongoing efforts to maintain a dependable and modern fleet, improve operational efficiency, and reduce long-term maintenance costs.

The proposed purchase covers the cost of the vehicles only. Upfitting expenses — which are already included in the department's approved budget — will be presented to City Council for consideration at a later date.

The purchase cost for the three vehicles is **\$122,961.00**, to be paid out of **Capital GL 01-31-32-59-950**.

Staff recommends approval of this purchase. Estimated delivery time for the vehicles is 90 to 180 days.]

A motion was made by Councilman Turman, seconded by Councilman Yates to approve Resolution No. 25-159. Which follows in its entirety:

RESOLUTION NO. 25-159

WHEREAS, The City of Alliance oversees and operates the Alliance Police Department;

WHEREAS, The daily operations of the Police Department requires replacing aged, high mileage police vehicles; and

WHEREAS, Police Chief Leavitt is recommending the purchase of three (3) new patrol vehicles in the amount of One Hundred Twenty-Two Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty-One Dollars and no/100ths (\$122,961.00); and

WHEREAS, The purchase includes three (3) new 2026 Dodge Durango Pursuit vehicles; and

WHEREAS, Installation of safety equipment for the vehicles will be considered at a later date; and

WHEREAS, Budget Authority is available in Capital Outlay-Vehicles GL # 01-31-32-59-950 to complete the purchase.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and City Council of Alliance, Nebraska, authorizes the purchase of three (3) new patrol vehicles in the total amount of One Hundred Twenty-Two Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty-One Dollars and no/100ths (\$122,961.00) to be paid from GL # 01-31-32-59-950.

Councilman Turman questioned why we were moving away from used vehicles.

Police Chief Leavitt stated that the South Dakota state bid was cheaper than what was budgeted, for three new vehicles rather than used.

Roll call vote with the following results:

Voting Aye: Yates, Turman, Mashburn, Hitchcock, and McGhehey.

Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

- The next item on the agenda for Council was Resolution No. 25-160 which will authorize the purchase of a 2025 Freightliner Refuse Truck from HGACBUY in the amount of \$303,814.75. The following information was provided:

[RESOLUTION – APPROVE PURCHASE OF 2025 FREIGHTLINER REFUSE TRUCK. USING KOIS BROTHERS, HGACBUY BID NUMBER RH08-18.

As part of this year's CIP budget process the need for a new refuse truck for the Refuse Department was identified. Funds for this equipment were added to the budget and approved. KOIS Brothers Equipment Company has a current contract with HGAC for the appropriate equipment and has supplied several refuse collection trucks in the past. These vehicles are run continuously and in all conditions in order to collect the refuse of our municipal customers.

The budgeted amount for this purchase was 301,255 and is inadequate by \$2559.75. Staff recommends transferring the needed \$3000.00 from GL #06-41-42-44-482 (vehicle repair MTC) to accommodate this purchase.

RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE PURCHASE OF 2025 FREIGHTLINER REFUSE COLLECTION TRUCK FROM HGACBUY BID NUMBER RH08-18 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$303,814.75 FROM GL # 06-41-42-59-960]

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Mashburn, seconded by Councilman Yates to approve Resolution No. 25-160. Which follows in its entirety:

RESOLUTION NO. 25-160

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WHEREAS, The City of Alliance Refuse Department has the need to purchase a 2025 Freightliner Dump Truck; and

WHEREAS, KOIS Brothers Equipment Company has a current contract with HGAC for the appropriate equipment; and

WHEREAS, The City desires to purchase the refuse truck as it was identified as a need during the 2025/2026 budget process; and

WHEREAS, Staff is recommending the purchase of the 2025 Freightliner Dump Truck from HGACBUY, bid number RH08-18 in the amount of Three Hundred Three Thousand Eight Hundred Fourteen Dollars and 75/100ths (\$303,814.75); and

WHEREAS, Budget authority in the amount of \$301,255.00 is available for this purchase from the Refuse Budget GL # 06-41-42-59-960; and

WHEREAS, Adequate funds are not available for this purchase and a transfer in the amount of Three Thousand Dollars and no/100ths (\$3,000.00) from GL # 06-41-42-44-482 to GL # 06-41-42-59-960 is being requested to complete this purchase.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the City of Alliance, Nebraska, hereby authorizes the purchase of the 2025 Freightliner Dump Truck from HGACBUY, bid number RH08-18 in the amount of Three Hundred Three Thousand Eight Hundred Fourteen Dollars and 75/100ths (\$303,814.75) with funds to be paid from GL # 06-41-42-59-960.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the transfer of Three Thousand Dollar and no/100ths (\$3,000.00) from GL # 06-41-42-44-482 to GL # 06-41-42-59-960 is hereby authorized to provide adequate funding for this purchase.

Public Works Director Grant gave an overview of what the truck will be used for, stating that this will be the fourth truck used in a rotation.

Roll call vote with the following results:

Voting Aye: Turman, Mashburn, Hitchcock, Yates, McGhehey.

Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

- The next item on the agenda for Council was Resolution No. 25-161 which will authorize the purchase of two 2027 Freightliner 108 SD with dump bodies and snowplows from National Auto Fleet Group in the amount of \$541,276.00. The following information was provided:

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[RESOLUTION – APPROVE PURCHASE OF 2, 2027 FREIGHTLINER 108 SD WITH DUMP BODY AND SNOW PLOW USING NATIONAL JOINT POWERS ALLIANCE BID NUMBER 081716-NAF.

As part of this year's CIP budget process the need to replace two dump trucks with snow plows was identified for the Streets Department. The vehicles being replaced are 2002 and 2003 models. These machines are part of the fleet of vehicles which haul all of our rock and dirt material as well as complete snow removal when required.

Funds for this equipment were added to the budget and approved. The State of Nebraska currently has a contract and bid awarded by the National Joint Powers Alliance which includes equipment that would fit our requests. The purchase of this equipment using the state bid would be processed through National Auto fleet Group using National Joint Powers Alliance contract number 060920-NAF in the amount of \$270,638.00 per vehicle. The amount added to the CIP budget is \$558,350.00.

RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE PURCHASE OF 2 FRIEGHTLINER DUMP TRUCKS IN THE TOTAL AMMOUNT OF \$541,276.00 FROM GL # 24-41-41-59-960.]

A motion was made by Councilman Yates, seconded by Vice Mayor Mashburn to approve Resolution 25-161. Which follows in its entirety:

RESOLUTION NO. 25-161

WHEREAS, The City of Alliance owns and maintains the public streets and roadways; and

WHEREAS, The City of Alliance Street Department is desiring to replace a 2002 and a 2003 Freightliner Dump Trucks; and

WHEREAS, The City secured a quote for two (2) 2027 Freightliner 108 SD with dump bodies and snowplows from the National Joint Powers Alliance in the amount Five Hundred Forty-One Thousand Two Hundred Seventy-Six Dollars and no/100ths (\$541,276.00); and

WHEREAS, The purchase of two (2) 2027 Freightliner 108 SD with dump body and snowplow would be through the National Auto Fleet Group; and

WHEREAS, Adequate funding is available for this purchase from Street Capital Outlay-Vehicles GL # 24-41-41-59-960.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the City of Alliance, Nebraska, that City Manager(s) be and hereby is authorized to enter into a purchase agreement with National Auto Fleet Group through the National Joint Powers Alliance for two (2) 2027 Freightliner 108 SD with dump bodies and snowplows in the amount Five Hundred

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Forty-One Thousand Two Hundred Seventy-Six Dollars and no/100ths (\$541,276.00) to be paid from GL #24-41-41-59-960.

Public Works Director Grant gave an overview, explaining two of our current dump trucks are over 20 years old, and this equipment is used for hauling, snow plowing, and salt spreading.

Roll call vote with the following results:

Voting Aye: Mashburn, Hitchcock, Yates, Turman, and McGhehey.

Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

- The next item on the agenda for Council was Resolution 25-162 which will authorize the purchase of a Vactor 2100I Sewer Jet Vacuum Truck in the amount of \$655,922.35. The following information was provided:

[RESOLUTION – APPROVE PURCHASE OF VACTOR 2100I SEWER JET VACUUM TRUCK.

As part of this year's CIP budget process, the need to purchase a new sewer Vactor truck was identified. The current truck is a 2014 model and is used to jet all of the sanitary sewer lines each year. This process helps prevent costly backups and service interruptions for the citizens of Alliance. Maintaining a Vactor truck in perfect working order is essential to ensure service continuity and mitigate damage when backups occur.

Very few communities jet their entire sanitary sewer system annually. This service, in conjunction with the camera system we utilize, is an important benefit to the community.

Staff recommends retaining the existing truck to use as a backup and for cleaning the storm sewer system. Currently, portions of the storm sewer system are cleaned by an outside agency, costing between \$50,000 and \$100,000 annually. By retaining the current truck, we can eliminate this expense.

Macqueen is the company from which we purchased our last vehicle and currently services our Vactor truck, as well as several other pieces of equipment. This vehicle is supported by a SourceWell contract. The budgeted amount for this purchase was \$650,000, which is \$5,922.35 less than the quoted price. Staff recommends a budget transfer of \$6,000 from GL# 07-52-58-45-556 (Parts – Vehicle, Machine, and Equipment) to accommodate the change.

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Recommendation: APPROVE PURCHASE OF VACTOR 2100I SEWER JET VACUUM TRUCK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$655,922.35 USING FUNDS FROM GL# 07-52-58-59-950.]

A motion was made by Councilman Hitchcock, seconded by Vice Mayor Mashburn to approve Resolution 25-162. Which follows in its entirety:

RESOLUTION NO. 25-162

WHEREAS, The City of Alliance Water and Sewer Department identified in the current Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) budget the need to purchase a new Vactor Sewer Jet Vacuum Truck; and

WHEREAS, Pricing for this equipment was obtained under the SourceWell Cooperative Purchasing Contract through MacQueen Equipment, the company that supplied and currently services the City's existing Vactor equipment; and

WHEREAS, The proposed Vactor 2100I Sewer Jet Vacuum Truck will replace the existing 2014 model unit, but will be retained for use as a backup unit and for storm sewer cleaning operations; and

WHEREAS, The retention of the current unit will eliminate the need to contract for storm sewer cleaning services, saving the City between \$50,000.00 and \$100,000.00 annually; and

WHEREAS, The purchase of the Vactor 2100i Sewer Jet Vacuum Truck from MacQueen Equipment will ensure continued reliable service in jetting and maintaining the City's sanitary sewer system, which is a critical operation in preventing costly backups and service interruptions; and

WHEREAS, The quoted price for the Vactor 2100I Sewer Jet Vacuum Truck is Six Hundred Fifty-Five Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty-Two Dollars and 35/100ths (\$655,922.35); and

WHEREAS, Adequate funds are not available for this purchase and a transfer in the amount of Six Thousand Dollars and no/100ths (\$6,000) from GL # 07-52-58-45-556 to GL # 07-52-58-59-950 is being requested to complete this purchase.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and City Council of Alliance, Nebraska, that the Mayor be and hereby is authorized to enter into a contract for the purchase of a Vactor 2100I Sewer Jet Vacuum Truck from MacQueen Equipment in the amount of is Six Hundred Fifty-Five Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty-Two Dollars and 35/100ths (\$655,922.35) to be paid from GL # 07-52-58-59-950.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the transfer of Six Thousand Dollars and no/100ths (\$6,000) from GL # 07-52-58-45-556 to GL # 07-52-58-59-950 is hereby authorized to provide adequate funding for this purchase.

Public Works Director Grant gave an overview to the Council, noting that the City will keep the older Vector Truck as a back up.

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Roll call vote with the following results:

Voting Aye: Hitchcock, Yates, Turman, Mashburn, and McGhehey.

Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

- The next item on the agenda for Council was Resolution No. 25-163 which will authorize the software upgrade to the SCADA (Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition) System. HOA Solutions currently provides the service for the City's water wells and towers and has provided a quote for the upgrades and equipment replacement in the amount of \$60,322.00. The following information was provided:

[RESOLUTION – APPROVE UPGRADE OF AIRPORT SCADA SYSTEM.

The City of Alliance operates three separate water systems Carhenge, City of Alliance and Alliance Municipal Airport. The City and Airport are connected and monitored by a SCADA (Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition) system. This system also monitors the sewer lift stations in town and at the airport. There are several upgrades needed for the airport system to ensure uninterrupted service. These include multiple hardware upgrades, pressure transducers, server license upgrades, antennas, batteries, and control panels. HOA is our current provider and is a sole source provider of this material and proprietary hardware. If approved they will purchase, install, warranty, train, and support the new system.

Having a working SCADA system is essential to keep and maintain safe drinking water and a working sewer system. This capability allows the City to work on-call schedules rather than pay for 24 hour per day coverage of scheduled shift work employees.

Recommendation: APPROVE PURCHASE OF SCADA HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE UPGRADES FROM HOA SOLUTIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$60,322.00 FROM GL #08-52-52-59-950 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$55,000.00 AND GL# 08-52-51-43-335 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,322.00]

A motion was made by Councilman Turman, seconded by Vice Mayor Mashburn to approve Resolution No. 25-163. Which follows in its entirety:

RESOLUTION NO. 25-163

WHEREAS, The City of Alliance Sewer Department had on their Capital Improvements Plan for the current fiscal year software and equipment upgrades on the Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) System located at the Alliance Municipal Airport; and

WHEREAS, The professional services contractor providing pricing for the upgrade to the SCADA system is HOA Solutions of Lincoln, Nebraska in the amount of \$60,322.00; and

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WHEREAS, The Alliance Sewer Department has budgeted for this project and Council believes that it is in the best interest of the City to approve this purchase.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and City Council of Alliance, Nebraska, that the Mayor be and hereby is authorized to enter into a contract for the Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) System Upgrade with HOA Solutions in the amount of \$60,322.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the purchase will be funded from GL # 08-52-52-59-950 in the amount of \$55,000 and from GL # 08-52-51-43-355 in the amount of \$5,322.00.

Public Works Director Grant gave an overview of SCADA to the Council.

Roll call vote with the following results:

Voting Aye: Yates, Turman, Mashburn, Hitchcock, and McGhehey.

Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

- The last item on the agenda for Council was a Board Appointment.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Mashburn, seconded by Councilman Turman to approve the Board Appointment of Patricia McLaughlin with a term ending February 28, 2025.

Roll call vote with the following results:

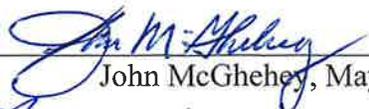
Voting Aye: Turman, Mashburn, Hitchcock, Yates, and McGhehey.

Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

The Alliance City Council adjourned the November 18, 2025 City Council Meeting at 7:40 p.m.

(SEAL)


John McGhehey, Mayor

Ammie L. Bedient, City Clerk

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