

February 3, 2026

ALLIANCE CITY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2026

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The Alliance City Council met in a Regular Meeting, February 3, 2026 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 January 28, 2026. 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 February 3, 2026 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, Finance Director 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 Councilman Hitchcock, seconded by Councilman Turman to approve the Consent Calendar as follows:

CONSENT CALENDAR – February 3, 2026

1. **Approval:** Minutes of the Regular Meeting, January 20, 2026.
2. **Approval:** Payroll from January 9, 2026 in the total amount of \$401,418.30.
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; \$1,254,409.75.

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4. Approval: Resolution No. 26-06 which will accept the bid of Snyder Refuse of Lincoln, NE, and the contract is awarded accordingly for the purchase of refuse containers at the bid price of \$48,680.00 from GL # 06-41-42-45-526.

NOTE: Interim City Manager(s) Shoemaker and Brown and Finance Director 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 inquired about Snyder Industries being the only bidder.

Public Works Director Grant confirmed this is typical, as the City of Alliance sends bids to three companies annually, and Snyder Industries is usually the only respondent. Stating the City has established history with this vendor.

Vice Mayor Mashburn inquired about changing lids on current refuse containers.

Public Works Director Grant explained that whether they replace just lids or entire refuse containers depends on the age and condition of the unit. The City has been using the same model for 5-6 years and can replace lids and pins on these, but older metal refuse containers often need full replacement as they just rust out and parts become unavailable.

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. 26-07 which will accept and approve the changes to established Cart Storage and Locker Rental fees at SkyView Golf Course. The following information was provided:

[SkyView Golf Course Fee Recommendation

In an effort to further enhance and promote increased use of SkyView Golf course, the Golf Course Advisory Board (GCAB) is recommending changes to the Cart Storage and Locker Rental Fees for the 2026 golf season. The proposed rental fee increase also includes the implementation of a Course Use Discount. This discount will be applied if the customer also purchases a membership or punch card at SkyView golf course for the current season. For active course users, who have memberships or utilize punch cards, rental fees will remain consistent. Fee recommendations are as follows:

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	Current	Proposed	Course Use Discount
Annual Private Cart Storage	\$400.00	\$600.00	(\$200.00)
Annual Locker Rent	\$ 45.00	\$ 90.00	(\$ 45.00)

Over time, individuals who do not actively utilize the golf course have continued to store personal equipment on-site. This has resulted in reduced availability of storage space for golfers who regularly use the facility, and a waiting list for private cart storage and locker rentals. The goal of this recommendation is to adjust storage fees to encourage use of the facility while prioritizing active golfers who contribute directly to course utilization. In addition, the proposed increase will better align fees with space demand, reduce long-term storage by inactive users, and free up capacity for individuals who actively utilize the golf course.

If approved, city staff will send letters to all individuals who will be affected by these rate changes for the 2026 golfing season.

RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE PROPOSED REVISIONS TO THE GOLF FEES EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY FOR THE 2026 GOLFING SEASON.]

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Mashburn, seconded by Councilman Yates to approve the Resolution No. 26-07. Which follows in its entirety:

RESOLUTION NO. 26-07

WHEREAS, The City of Alliance owns and operates a Municipal Golf Course; and

WHEREAS, Fees are required for the upkeep, maintenance and improvement of the golf course; and

WHEREAS, Staff desires to implement new fees at SkyView Golf Course; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Alliance, Nebraska, that the changes to the established Golf Fee Schedule are hereby authorized. Golf course fees effective February 3, 2026 shall be amended as follows:

		Course Use Discount
Cart Storage	\$600.00	(\$200.00)
Men's Locker	\$90.00	(\$45.00)
Woman's Locker	\$90.00	(\$45.00)

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Interim City Manager Brown stated this proposal was motivated by the Golf Course Advisory Board to structure the fees to incentivize movement of unused carts – golfers who actively use the course and purchase memberships or punch cards will receive discounts that cancel out the rate increase. The same approach applies to lockers, which also have waiting lists.

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 a Discussion Item for the Hal Murray Softball Complex Expansion and Improvement Project.

Interim City Manager Brown presented background on funding opportunities and explained the challenges with moving forward at this time. Brown expressed concern about recommending the study expenditure given the current budget constraints and the significant construction costs involved. Unlike the Sunken Gardens project, which had strong community support and fundraising, this initiative has not originated from the community.

Mayor McGhehey stated the Council consensus was not to pursue the expansion grant at this time, but to explore alternative approaches focused on the lighting replacement.

- The last item on the agenda for Council was Executive Discussion.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Mashburn, seconded by Councilman Yates, to enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the City Manager Candidate.

Roll call vote with the following results:

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

Voting Nay: None.

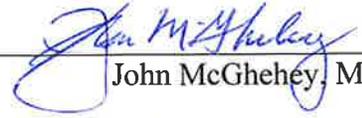
Motion carried.

Council at this time entered into closed session at 7:20 p.m. The closed session concluded at 8:26 p.m.

The Alliance City Council adjourned the February 3, 2026 City Council Meeting at 8:26 p.m.

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John McGhehey, Mayor



Ammie L. Bedient, City Clerk

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