

February 19, 2026

ALLIANCE CITY COUNCIL

SPECIAL MEETING, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2026

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CITY OF ALLIANCE)

The Alliance City Council met in a Special Meeting, February 19, 2026 at 8:30 a.m. in the Conference Room at the Municipal Building, 324 Laramie Avenue. A notice of meeting was published in the Alliance Times Herald on February 11, 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 19, 2026 Special Meeting of the Alliance, Nebraska City Council at 8:30 a.m. Present were Mayor McGhehey, Vice Mayor Mashburn and Council Members Turman, Yates, and Hitchcock. Also present was City Clerk Bedient.

- The only item on the agenda was the City Manager Finalist Interviews with the City Manager finalists:

David Wulf

Lou Leone

JD Cox

- Council remained in open session during the interview for David Wulf. The interview began at 8:32 a.m. and concluded at 9:33 a.m.
- Council remained in open session during the interview for Lou Leone. The interview began at 9:58 a.m. and concluded at 11:07 a.m.
- Council remained in open session during the interview for JD Cox. The interview began at 11:21 a.m. and concluded at 12:25 p.m.

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- A lunch recession called at 12:25 p.m
- Council entered back into session at 12:50 p.m.

A motion was made by Mayor McGhehey, seconded by Councilman Yates to enter Executive Session to deliberate on the City Manager candidate interviews and other City Manager candidate information. The closed session is necessary to prevent needless injury to the reputation of City Manager candidates.

Roll call vote with the following results:

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

Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

Mayor McGhehey stated “that a closed session will be held to deliberate on the City Manager candidate interviews and other City Manager candidate information and the closed session is necessary to prevent injury to the reputation of City Manager candidates.”

Council at this time entered into closed session at 12:51 p.m. The closed session concluded at 2:07 p.m.

A motion was made by Councilman Turman, seconded by Councilman Hitchcock to enter Executive Session for the purpose of a strategy session with the respect to negotiating an offer of salary and benefits to a prospective City Manager. The closed session is clearly necessary for the protection of the public interest.

Roll call vote with the following results:

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

Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

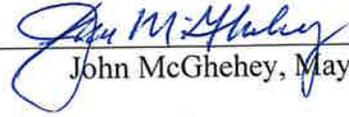
Mayor McGhehey stated “that a closed session will be held for the purpose of a strategy session with the respect to negotiating an offer of salary and benefits to a prospective City Manager and the closed session is clearly necessary for the protection of the public interest.”

Council at this time entered into closed session at 2:09 p.m. The closed session concluded at 2:20 p.m.

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The Alliance City Council adjourned the February 19, 2026 Special City Council Meeting at 2:21 p.m.

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John McGhehey, Mayor



Ammie L. Bedient, City Clerk