

**ALLIANCE, NEBRASKA  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
School Board Meeting Room  
1604 Sweetwater Avenue  
March 15, 2007 - 7:00 p.m.  
AGENDA**

- **Call to Order**
  - **Roll Call**
  - **Open Meetings Act Announcement**

For the public's reference a copy of the Open Meetings Law has been posted on the north wall of this room in the audience area. This posting complies with the requirements of the Nebraska Legislature.
  - **Invocation**
- A. **Consent Calendar**
- B. **Proclamations**

Congratulations to the Alliance High School Girls Basketball Team  
Great American Cleanup Months - Keep Alliance Beautiful
- C. **Audit Presentation**

Representatives of Contryman and Associates will be in attendance to review the 2005-2006 Audit. Copies of the audit are expected to be received on Wednesday and will be delivered to Council as soon as possible.
- D. **Ordinance No. 2565 - First Reading**  
**Municipal Code Amendment - Downtown Parking Restrictions**

Ordinance No. 2565 has been prepared for Council's consideration on first reading. The A-2 Downtown Improvement Board is recommending the removal of the 15 minute designated parking restriction on the east side of the 300 block on Box Butte Avenue which was located in front of the former Video Kingdom store. The Board would like to have the 15 minute parking restriction relocated to the west side of Box Butte Avenue closer to 4<sup>th</sup> Street. A copy of the Downtown Improvement Boards minutes have been included in Council's packet for your review. I have also enclosed a map of the area to better identify the request.
- E. **Ordinance No. 2566 - First Reading**  
**Final Plat - Lot 1A Drylake Addition**

Ordinance No. 2566 is before Council on first reading. This Ordinance will approve the Final Plat of Lot 1A Drylake Addition. The property to be replatted is located immediately east of the intersection of 31<sup>st</sup> Street Terrace and West Lakefield Drive and contains 1.70 acres more or less. The Planning Commission at their regular meeting February 20, 2007 recommended approval. A copy of the Staff Report, Planning Commission Minutes and the Final Plat have been made part of the packet for Council's review.

F. **Ordinance No. 2564 - Second Reading**

**Municipal Code Amendment - Cemetery Regulations**

Ordinance No. 2564 is before Council on second reading. This Ordinance will amend the Alliance Municipal Code at Chapter 1, Article 5 regarding cemetery regulations. This will establish areas in the new addition of the cemetery for the use of flush to the ground headstones only. These are the cremains sections which are considerably smaller in size than a regular space.

G. **Resolution No. 07-28 - Acceptance of Council Goals/Action Plan**

Resolution No. 07-28 has been prepared for Council's adoption of specific objectives for the City's future. On Monday, February 26, 2007 Council conducted a tour of community facilities and held a Goal Setting Session. As a result of that meeting City Manager Caskie has formalized the vision of Council for Alliance into action steps which are outlined within the resolution.

H. **Resolution No. 07-29 - Comprehensive Plan Consultant Selection**

This resolution will award the Comprehensive Plan Update Assistance Program to Olsson Associates of Lincoln, NE in the amount of \$112,000.00. The City received four proposals for the project and following a review and interviews by a designated committee; Olsson's was selected for the project. The project is being jointly funded with the Nebraska Department of Roads with an 80/20 grant with up to \$75,000.00 being paid by the program. Due to an opportunity to combine two projects and save money for the City, a Housing Study was added to the project. The City budgeted \$100,000.00 for this project. The Housing Study is being partially funded by NIFA; however the final figures have not been determined. The remaining balance for funding this project will be absorbed within the current budget once the final amount has been determined.

I. **Resolution Nos. 07-30 and 07-31 - Photocopier Bid Awards**

Resolution No. 07-30 authorizes staff to purchase two photocopiers from Nebraska Total Office of Alliance, NE in the amount of \$6,444.00 for the Finance Department and the Museum. This purchase is under the budgeted amount for these office machines. However, the purchase amount for the Finance Department is \$97.00 more than a comparable machine offered by Copier Connection of Scottsbluff, NE. Staff believes the added expense is warranted as it offers a rare opportunity to evaluate, over a five year period, the life-cycle-cost of comparable machines offered by Nebraska Total Office and Copier Connection. If approved, staff will evaluate the two machines from Nebraska Total Office against two machines offered by Copier Connection. By having the ability to judge performance, maintenance costs, repair history, and salvage value over a five-year period, staff will be better able to evaluate and recommend photocopier purchases in the future.

Resolution No. 07-31 authorizes staff to purchase two photocopiers from Copier Connection of Scottsbluff, NE in the amount of \$6,210.00 for the Police Department and Fire/Building and Zoning Department. Again, this purchase is under the budgeted amount for these office machines.

J. **Resolution No. 07-32 - Third Quarter Capital Purchase Authorization**

This resolution will authorize Staff to begin soliciting bids for equipment and services for the items identified on the attached listing. The items are identified by fund for a Grand Total of \$99,200.00. Several of these items will be bid during the third quarter; however will not be paid for until fourth quarter.

K. **Resolution No. 07-33 - Donation Acceptance for Landscaping South of Conservatory**

The City of Alliance has received a \$10,000.00 donation from an individual who wishes to remain anonymous for landscaping improvements on the south side of the Conservatory. Staff has worked with the donor's family to develop plans for the area which will surround the fountain pavers to be placed in the Spring. The improvements include two benches, walkways to the benches, an arbor, plaque, and plantings. Resolution No. 07-33 authorizes staff to accept the donation.

L. **Resolution No. 07-34 - Plant Donation Policy for Conservatory**

Resolution No. 07-34 will adopt the Policy for *Conservatory Donation of Goods*. Staff would like an approved policy governing donations of plants for the Conservatory. The attached policy was developed using an example from the Cheyenne Botanic Gardens. Members of the Park Foundation and volunteers at the conservatory feel this informal and direct policy would work well when considering donations.

M. **Resolution No. 07-35 - Tree Removal/City Council Contingency Fund Authorization**

This resolution will authorize the removal of eight trees from Central Park to accommodate the museum construction project. The City received two bids for the project, with the lowest being from Jim Butcher's Tree Service of Alliance, NE in the amount of \$2,900.00. Resolution No. 07-35 will authorize staff to proceed with the removal of the trees and authorizes payment from the City Council Contingency Fund.

N. **Board Appointment**

The City of Alliance has received a *Letter of Interest* from Greg Carter to serve on the A-2 Downtown Improvement District. The City currently has a vacancy on this Board with a term ending October 31, 2008. A copy of his letter and a current board listing have been included in the packet for Council's information.

■ **Adjournment**

Respectfully submitted,

Linda S. Jines  
City Clerk