

**ALLIANCE, NEBRASKA  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
School Board Meeting Room  
1604 Sweetwater Avenue  
April 3, 2008 - 7:00 p.m.  
AGENDA**

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- **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**  
National Library Week  
Great American Cleanup Months  
Just Move It! Month  
Sexual Assault Awareness Month
- C. **Audit Presentation**  
Representatives of Almquist, Maltzahn, Galloway and Luth, P.C. of Grand Island, Nebraska will be present to make the audit presentation for fiscal year 2006-2007. This is the first year this firm has provided this service to the City.
- D. **Ordinance No. 2604 - First Reading**  
**Municipal Code Amendment - All Terrain Vehicles**  
Ordinance No. 2604 is before Council on first reading. The Nebraska Legislature during the 2007 Session passed a bill amending section 60-6,356 of state law regarding all-terrain vehicles. The amendment will allow an ATV to be operated within the corporate limits of a city only if authorized by an ordinance adopted by the city. The ordinance before Council includes all of the State of Nebraska requirements along with a few restrictions of the City. Several Alliance residents have called and requested the City of Alliance consider allowing the use of ATVs within the City limits.

E. **Ordinance No. 2598 - Third Reading**

**Municipal Code Amendment - Definition of Animals**

Ordinance No. 2598 is before Council on third reading. This ordinance will amend the Alliance Municipal Code in Chapter 6, Section 6-404 regarding the definition of animals prohibited within the City limits. Staff has prepared proposed revisions to the Ordinance which have been designated by using the highlighting and strike-out method. Lyn Miller has provided a written request to address this issue with the City Council.

F. **Ordinance No. 2603 - Third Reading**

**Rezoning Request for Parts of Block 10 and 11, Lakefield Addition**

Ordinance No. 2603 is before Council on third reading and will approve the rezoning application of the City of Alliance to change the zoning designation of Lots 6 through 30, Block 10, Lots 1 through 11, and Lots 20 through 25, Block 11, Lakefield Addition from Single Family Residential to Planned Multiple Family Residential. The property is located south of 28<sup>th</sup> Street, Laramie to Big Horn Avenues. The Alliance Planning Commission at their regular meeting, February 12, 2008 recommended approval of the request.

G. **Ordinance No. 2605 - First Reading**

**Land Sale to the Alliance Housing Authority**

Ordinance No. 2605 will authorize the sale of Lots 1-8 and 20-25, Block 11, Lakefield Addition to the Alliance Housing Authority. The purchase price for the fourteen lots is \$48,000 which includes \$2,160 in exchange for a waiver of the Building Permit Fees for the construction of the Senior Duplex Project. Staff is recommending Council consider waiving the statutory requirement of three separate readings of the ordinance. There is a thirty day remonstrance period requirement before the sale of the property can be finalized. In addition, the applicant would like to begin the replatting process as soon as possible in order to begin construction.

H. **Box Butte Development Corporation Annual Report**

John Olafson, Executive Director of Box Butte Development Corporation has requested to appear before Council to provide an update on the organization's activities.

**Resolution No. 08-33 - Funding Request of BBDC**

Mr. John McGhehey, President of the Box Butte Development Board of Directors is requesting Council consider funding \$10,000 from the economic development sales tax income towards the Careerlink.com project. Careerlink.com is an internet-based employee recruitment service that provides local employers another way to advertise their job openings. As part of this project, BBDC will be redesigning their website to make it more user-friendly and incorporate the branding logo and to enhance their Workforce Marketing Program.

I. **Resolution No. 08-34 - Library Policies**

This resolution will amend the previously adopted Alliance Public Library Policies and Procedures. The proposed amendment is in Section Q under Fees for Other Library Services and updates the list of available equipment for use in the library.

J. **Resolution No. 08-35 - Fire Department Use of Contingency Funds**

Fire Chief Troy Shoemaker is requesting Council consider authorizing \$12,000 from the City Council Contingency Fund for two projects. The first project is to update and standardize the firefighters' uniforms. The estimated cost to the City for this project is \$8,000. The volunteers will also be sharing in the expense of the uniforms as they will be paying for half of the uniform package. The second part of this request is \$4,000 to address issues with fire station maintenance. In February, 2008 M.C. Schaff and Associates inspected the facility with special emphasis on the west wall cracking situation. A copy of their report has been included in the Council packet. These funds will provide for the necessary crack sealing and grass removal from the west wall of the station.

K. **Resolution No. 08-36 - Water Treatment Eng. Design Contract & Pilot Plant Report**

Representatives from Olsson & Associates will be present at the meeting to provide City Council a brief report on the pilot study for the removal of arsenic which was done for the City.

Resolution No. 08-36 will approve Amendment No. 4 to the Olsson & Associates Water Production Treatment "Project" contract in the amount of \$488,045.00. The amendment includes the Test and Observation Well Program, Preliminary Design Services - Production Wells & Treatment, Final Design Services, Bid Services, Contract Administration Services, Construction Observation Service, and Project Close Out.

L. **Resolution No. 08-37 - Contract Landscape Maintenance Bid Award**

Resolution No. 08-37 will award a Landscape Maintenance Contract for City properties to Heather Hauptman owner of All Seasons Landscaping. The City sent out two Requests for Quotations with only one being returned. Following review by City staff, some reductions were made to the proposal for a total contract price of \$23,660.00. Properties covered by this contract will be the Sunken Gardens, Central Park Fountain, Central Park Fountain Raised Bed, Library, Municipal Building, Military Museum, Knight Museum, Swimming Pool, Box Butte Avenue Center Islands between 10<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, Central Park 10<sup>th</sup> Street entrance (south side), and the Utility Facility. This contract will be affordable as it will result in the elimination of seven seasonal employees. Attached is a memorandum prepared by our Park Foreman Joe Lewis detailing the advantages of contracting the landscape maintenance needs of the City.

M. **Resolution No. 08-38 - Refuse Fund Contingency Use Authorization**

This resolution will authorize the use of approximately \$9,250. from the Refuse Contingency Fund for a Clean Up Days promotion. The event will take place between April 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, 2008. The program will allow residents of Alliance to conduct a Spring Clean-up on their property and use the Landfill free of charge. This promotion will not include the disposal of construction and demolition debris free of charge.

■ **Adjournment**

Respectfully submitted,

Linda S. Jines  
City Clerk