

**ALLIANCE, NEBRASKA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
School Board Meeting Room
1604 Sweetwater Avenue
May 17, 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. **Ordinance No. 2569 - First Reading**

Municipal Code Amendment/Unarmed Sports Regulations

Ordinance No. 2569 is before Council on first reading. This Ordinance will amend the Alliance Municipal Code at Chapter 2, Article 11 regarding Unarmed Sports. The Nebraska Legislature has recently passed LB 471, which authorizes the State Athletic Commissioner to regulate mixed martial arts. City Attorney Dobrovolny has prepared a memorandum for Council's benefit which has been included in the packet, along with a copy of LB 471 and the City's Conditional Use Permit provisions.

C. **Resolution No. 07-61 - Alliance Chamber of Commerce Heritage Days Requests**

Resolution No. 07-61 will grant permission to the Alliance Chamber of Commerce for use of City property to conduct Heritage Days' activities. A complete listing of events requiring City approval has been included in the packet. Most events are the same as in the past; however, the traffic flow for Family Night on Tuesday, July 17th is being proposed for one-way streets around the fountain between 3:30 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. Chamber volunteers will be located at all intersections during this time period.

D. **Resolution No. 07-62 - Plaque Request for the Knight Museum and Sandhills Center**

Resolution No. 07-62 grants the request of Alliance Lodge 183, Associated Free and Accepted Masons, and the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, Associated Free and Accepted Masons, to lay a Masonic cornerstone at the Knight Museum and Sandhills Center. A copy of the letter from Mr. Robert E. Knight representing the Eldred Foundation, Inc. giving the Mason's permission to place a plaque and a picture of the proposed plaque have been included in Council's packet for your consideration.

E. **Resolution No. 07-63 - MFO**

This resolution will approve an Interlocal Agreement between the Hemingford Rural Fire District, Alliance Rural Fire Protection District, Village of Hemingford, and the City of Alliance. The agreement establishes the Mutual Finance Organization (MFO) setting the property tax rate of .03395 for fire protection. The City Council will need to name the City's representative on the Joint Board; the resolution names David McCarty the representative, with Pam Caskie as the alternate.

- F. **Resolution No. 07-64 - Cemetery Building Change Order**
 This resolution will approve Change Order No. 1 for the Cemetery Shop Building. The Change Order adds sixty days to the final completion date due to weather related delays the Cemetery Shop Building. The new final completion date will be July 19, 2007.
- G. **Resolution No. 07-65 - Bower Playground Bid Award**
 Resolution No. 07-65 will award the purchase of playground equipment for Bower Park from Crouch/Churchich Recreational Design, Inc. of Omaha, NE in the amount of \$29,436.00. The budget for this proposed project is \$35,000.00.
- H. **Resolution No. 07-66 - Declaration of Intent to Issue Tax-Exempt Bonds**
 Resolution No. 07-66 has been prepared for the City to declare their official intent to issue tax-exempt bonds for water treatment and supply, and associated engineering, development and implementation costs of water system improvements. The maximum principal amount of debt expected to be issued is \$7,000,000.
- I. **Resolution No. 07-67 - Olsson Associates Second Phase of Water Study**
 Resolution No. 07-67 authorizes the City to enter into Contract Amendment #1 with Olsson Associates for the evaluation of Oxidation/Filtration treatment options and potential wellfield sites, and development of a preliminary engineering report. The Amendment is for an amount not to exceed \$84,137.00. The resolution also authorizes the use of Water Department Contingency and Fund Balance as funding sources.
- J. **Resolution No. 07-68 - Council Contingency Fund Authorization for Wage and Job Audit Services and Comparability Study**
 This resolution will authorize the use of \$30,000 from the City Council's Contingency Fund for Wage and Job Audit Services and Comparability Study for City of Alliance employees. The City has received a proposal from Capital City Concepts, LLC for these services.
- K. **Resolution No. 07-69 - Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee Creation**
 Resolution No. 07-69 creates a Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee to assist in the updating of the existing Comprehensive Plan. The Committee will be dissolved by the Alliance City Council once the updating has been completed. Staff is recommending the following individuals be appointed to the committee: Earl Jones, Jim Parks, Ralph Yeager, R.B. McCord, Dee Lewis, Larry Intermill, Pat Kelly, Larry Ring, Dan Koch, and Dan Kusek as ex officio.
- L. **Board Appointment**
 The City of Alliance has received a Letter of Interest from Kathy Yerdon to be reappointed to the Alliance Park and Tree Board. The vacancy is for a three year term which expires February 28, 2010. A copy of her letter has been included for Council's review.
- The City also has two positions on the Museum Board which will be expiring the end of May and will need appointments. There are also positions available on the Board of Adjustment, Economic Development Plan Citizen Advisory Board, Housing Authority, and Planning Commission.

M. **Second Quarter Financial Report**

Finance Director Leah King has prepared the Second Quarter Financial Report for Council's review and acceptance.

†N. **Resolution No. 07-70 - Fountain Renovation Change Order**

This resolution will approve Change Order No. 1 for the Fountain Renovation. The Change Order adds fifty-one days to the final completion date due to weather related delays. The new final completion date will be July 1, 2007.

■ Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Linda S. Jines
City Clerk