

ALLIANCE CITY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING, FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2017

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The Alliance City Council met in a Special Meeting, September 29, 2017 at 8:00 a.m. in the City Manager’s Office, 324 Laramie Avenue, Alliance, Nebraska. A notice of meeting was published in the Alliance Times Herald on September 27, 2017; as well as being posted in four public facilities beginning on September 22, 2017. 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 delivered 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 Yeager opened the September 29, 2017 Special Meeting of the Alliance, Nebraska City Council at 8:03 a.m. Present were Council Members Yeager, Jones, Korber-Gonzalez and Reynolds. Also present were City Manager Kuckkahn, Assistant City Manager/Finance Director Waggener and City Clerk Jines.

- Mayor Yeager read the Open Meetings Act Announcement.
- A motion was made by Councilman Korber-Gonzalez to excuse the absence of Councilman Mischnick from today’s meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Reynolds.

Roll call with the following results:

Voting Aye: Yeager, Reynolds, Jones, Korber-Gonzalez.

Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

- The Consent Calendar was the next matter for Council’s consideration. A motion was made by Councilman Jones, seconded by Councilman Reynolds to approve the Consent Calendar as follows:

CONSENT CALENDAR – SEPTEMBER 29, 2017

1. Approval: Minutes of the Regular Meeting, September 19, 2017.
2. Approval: Payroll Costs for the period September 23, 2017 through October 6, 2017: \$215,727.53.
3. Approval: Claims against the following funds for the period September 23, 2017 through September 27, 2017: 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; \$2,016,266.28.
4. Approval: Transfer in the amount of \$5,300 from Machinery and Equipment Account No. 05-51-53-59-950 to Vehicles Account No. 05-51-53-59-960 to cover the recent pickup purchase for the Electric Department.
5. Approval: Transfer in the amount of \$7,000 from Machinery and Equipment Account No. 22-41-43-59-950 to the Runway Rejuvenation Project Account No. 22-41-43-56-911 for the Airport Fund.
6. Approval: The issuance of a Cemetery Certificate to Thomas A. Devoogd and Shirley D. Devoogd for the East Half (E1/2) Lot Twelve (12), Section Nine (9), Block Twenty (20), Third Addition to the Alliance Cemetery.

NOTE: City Manager Kuckkahn has reviewed these expenditures and to the best of his knowledge confirms 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.

Roll call with the following results:

Voting Aye: Yeager, Reynolds, Jones, Korber-Gonzalez.

Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

- The claim of Reza and G's Construction in the amount of \$812.00 was the next matter before Council. This contractor was utilized by a citizen as part of our Sidewalk Replacement Repair Program which is structured on a 50/50 cost share.

Councilman Jones made a motion to approve the payment to Reza and G's Construction in the amount of \$812.00. Councilman Reynolds seconded the motion.

Roll call vote with the following results:

Voting Aye: Jones, Yeager, Reynolds.

Voting Nay: None.

Abstaining: Korber-Gonzalez.

Motion carried.

- The next matter before Council was a request to purchase a John Deere 1575 Terrain Cut mower with cab and two snow attachments for the Cemetery. The following background information was provided to Council:

[Attached is information regarding the purchase of a four-wheel drive mower with cab and two snow attachments. It is requested primarily for its snow removal abilities, but will also replace an aging mower at the cemetery. This purchase was not in the budget and is being requested at the last minute in response to concerns regarding snow removal in the downtown area.

Currently our staff uses mowers converted with snow brooms to remove snow in the downtown area. Those brooms work well for minimal snow, but higher accumulations require larger equipment as these two-wheel drive units do not work well in those conditions. When snow accumulations require it, we use a flatbed truck with a blade to remove snow on downtown sidewalks. Our staff has significant concerns about using that equipment because we observed significant damage to brick pavers when a lift was driven on the bricks during construction.

In response to those concerns staff began identifying possible equipment that would be light enough to work on the bricks without damaging them while being powerful enough to remove large quantities of snow. This proposed four-wheel drive John Deere 1575 Terrain Cut with a cab was the best option. We are proposing that we purchase this unit with a snow blade and snow blower attachment for use during larger snow events. This unit will be lighter, but unlike our other two snow broom machines, it will be four-wheel drive which will make it much more useful for snow removal. This John Deere unit is also compatible with our existing snow brooms, which is an additional benefit.

This piece of equipment will be purchased using remaining capital funds that were allocated for a soil hauler at the cemetery, which staff decided not to purchase due to limited models available. Total purchase price for the proposed main unit, mow deck and both snow attachments is \$32,262.00 which includes a special government discount of \$13,185.41. This price is less than the National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA) pricing. There is \$45,000 in budget authority in the Capital Outlay-Machinery and Equipment account (GL #01-71-74-59-950) for this purchase.]

A motion was made by Councilman Korber-Gonzalez, seconded by Councilman Jones to approved Resolution No. 17-89 authorizing the purchase as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 17-89

WHEREAS, The City of Alliance Cemetery has a need to purchase a mower with a hard cab and snow attachments; and

WHEREAS, Funding is available within the Cemetery Fund from the Capital Outlay-Machinery and Equipment Account No. 01-71-74-59-950 as the proposed soil hauler is not being replaced at this time; and

WHEREAS, The City of Alliance is pursuing the purchase of a new mower without competition due to the investment which has already been made in machines and attachments; and

WHEREAS, The City's Procurement Policy provides an exemption from bidding when staff determines that "a particular material or service is required to maintain interchangeability or compatibility as a part of an existing integrated system"; and

WHEREAS, The purchase is being recommended from 21st Century Equipment of Alliance, NE in the amount of \$32,262.00; and

WHEREAS, The recommended purchase is lower than the National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA) pricing; and

WHEREAS, The Council believes that it is in the best interest of the City to approve this purchase.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and City Council of Alliance, Nebraska, that the Mayor be and hereby is authorized to enter into a contract for the purchase of a John Deere, Model 11575 Terrain Cut Mower with cab and the requested attachments for the cost of Thirty-two Thousand Two Hundred Sixty-two and no/100ths Dollars (\$32,262.00) from 21st Century Equipment of Alliance, Nebraska.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the purchase will be funded from Cemetery Account No. 01-71-74-59-950.

Roll call vote with the following results:

Voting Aye: Reynolds, Yeager, Jones, Korber-Gonzalez.

Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

- Resolution No. 17-90 was the next matter to be addressed by Council which establishes the transfer to the General Fund by the four enterprise funds. Below is the information provided to Council regarding the proposed transfers:

[Beginning with the 2014-15 budget year, the annual enterprise transfers have been adjusted to a percentage of the *estimated actual* revenue as opposed to a percentage of the budgeted revenues. The Alliance City Council established the enterprise transfer rate in the 2016-17 budget at 12% of the *anticipated* revenue for each of the four enterprise funds (or \$2,164,900) with the provision that the actual transfer rate be reviewed prior to the end of the fiscal year.

Following is a chart that includes the budgeted enterprise revenues and transfers (at the 12% rate) along with the expected revenues and adjusted transfer amounts at several different transfer levels.

Enterprise Fund	Budgeted		Estimated					
	Revenue	Transfer	Revenue	%	11.0%	11.5%	12.0%	12.5%
Electric	14,449,300	1,733,900	13,538,515	12.8%	1,489,200	1,556,900	1,624,600	1,692,300
Refuse	1,225,900	147,100	1,108,704	13.3%	122,000	127,500	133,000	138,600
Sewer	465,000	55,700	474,947	11.7%	52,200	54,600	57,000	59,400
Water	1,902,000	228,200	1,790,724	12.7%	197,000	205,900	214,900	223,800
Totals	18,042,200	2,164,900	16,912,890	12.8%	1,860,400	1,944,900	2,029,500	2,114,100

City staff is recommending a transfer rate of 12% of the actual *estimated* revenues or \$2,029,500 as indicated on the chart above. This represents an approximate 1% decrease under the prior year's enterprise fee transfers and \$134,500 less than the budgeted amount.

At this early stage, the General Fund is expecting a positive cash flow of almost \$300,000 after a \$100,000 decrease in the prior fiscal year.]

Roll call vote with the following results:

Voting Aye: Reynolds, Korber-Gonzalez, Yeager, Jones.

Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

- The last item before Council was Resolution No. 17-91 which will authorize the use of City Council Contingency Funds in the amount of \$20,000 for the Golf Course operations. This is being requested due to an unexpected shortfall of the anticipated revenues for the Golf Course operation.

Councilman Korber-Gonzalez made a motion to approve Resolution No. 17-91. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jones. Resolution No. 17-91 follows in its entirety:

RESOLUTION NO. 17-91

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

WHEREAS, As a result of unanticipated lower revenue being received in the 2016-17
Fiscal Year; and

WHEREAS, Staff is recommending the use of \$20,000.00 from the City Council’s
Contingency Fund to cover the shortfall.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and City Council of Alliance,
Nebraska, to authorize the transfer of \$20,000.00 from the City Council’s Contingency Fund to
be allocated to the Golf Course Fund.

Roll call vote with the following results:

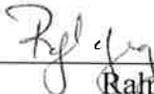
Voting Aye: Reynolds, Yeager, Jones, Korber-Gonzalez.

Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

- Mayor Yeager stated, “there being no further business to come before the Alliance City Council, the meeting is adjourned at 8:13 a.m.”

(SEAL)



 Ralph Yeager, Mayor



 Linda S. Jines, City Clerk