

ALLIANCE CITY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2017

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The Alliance City Council met in a Regular Meeting, November 21, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board of Education Meeting Room, 1604 Sweetwater Avenue, Alliance, Nebraska. A notice of meeting was published in the Alliance Times Herald on November 15, 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 November 21, 2017 Regular Meeting of the Alliance, Nebraska City Council at 7:00 p.m. Present were Council Members Yeager, Mischnick, Jones, Korber-Gonzalez and Reynolds. Also present were City Manager Kuckkahn, Assistant City Manager/Finance Director Waggener, City Attorney Hoelsing and City Clerk Jines.

- Mayor Yeager announced the Open Meetings Act was available for the public and posted on the north wall of the audience area.
- The first agenda item was the recognition of the promotion of Officer Cody Buskirk to Police Sergeant.
- The Consent Calendar was the next matter for Council's consideration. A motion was made by Councilman Mischnick, seconded by Councilman Jones to approve the Consent Calendar as follows:

CONSENT CALENDAR – NOVEMBER 21, 2017

1. Approval: Minutes of the Regular Meeting, November 7, 2017.
2. Approval: Payroll Costs for the period October 21, 2017 through November 3, 2017: \$340,782.98.

3. Approval: Claims against the following funds for the period November 2, 2017 through November 15, 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; \$1,437,851.48.
4. Approval: Transfer from Meter Reading - Capital Outlay-Vehicles Account No. 55-21-24-59-960 to NRCNTSVC-Vehicle Repair Maintenance Account No. 55-21-24-44-482 for the replacement of hybrid batteries on Unit No. 1811 (Toyota Prius).
5. Approval: Update the roster of the Alliance Volunteer Fire Department by removing Jennifer Hinman.
6. Approval: The issuance of the following Cemetery Certificates:

The West One Half (W¹/₂) of Lots Twenty (20) and Twenty-one (21), Section One (1), Block Twenty-two (22) in Alliance Cemetery Fourth Addition to Mark Nelson and Shardel Nelson.

The South Half of the Northwest Quarter (S¹/₂NW¹/₄) of Lot Eleven (11), Section Two (2), Block Seventeen (17) Second Addition to the Alliance Cemetery to Joseph Catches and Andrea Little Hoop.
7. Approval: The issuance of the following Contractor Licenses:

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| Master Plumber | Lawrence Claussen dba Claussen Plumbing |
| Cement & Masonry | BCT Contractors LLC |
| Groundwork | Chris Thomas dba MCT Trucking |
8. Approval: Resolution No. 17-111 designating Jeff Wolfe of M.C. Schaff and Associates as the City's Street Superintendent for 2018.
9. Certification: Authorizing the Mayor to execute the Certification of City Street Superintendent for 2017 as Jeff Wolfe.
10. For Your Information: The City has received official notification of the Amended and Restated Bylaws of NMPP dated November 2, 2017.

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, Mischnick, Reynolds, Jones, Korber-Gonzalez.

Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

- Resolution No. 17-112 authorizing the purchase of three vehicles for the Water, Sewer and Street Department, was the next discussion item. Council was provided with the following background information:

[The 2017-18 Capital Plan included funding for the replacement of two pickups for the Water/Sewer Departments and one pickup for the Streets Department. Cover-Jones Motor Company will match the State of Nebraska bid pricing. Two F-150s would replace Water/Sewer Unit 1405 (a 2004 Chevy 1500 with 153,000 miles) and Unit 550 (a 2009 Ford Ranger with 103,000 miles) and an F-350 would replace the current Street Department Unit 906 (a 2000 F-350 with 131,000 miles).

Following are the bid prices, budgeted funds and general ledger accounts for each of the vehicles:

| Department | Description | Bid Price | Budgeted | GL Account |
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| Sewer | Ford F-150 ½ ton crew cab 4x4 | \$34,642 | \$35,000 | 07-52-58-59-950 |
| Water | Ford F-150 ½ ton super cab 4x4 | \$32,843 | \$35,000 | 08-52-52-59-960 |
| Streets | Ford F-350 1 ton super cab 4x4 | \$34,271 | \$45,000 | 24-41-41-59-960 |

The dump bed on the Streets Unit 906 will be transferred to the new chassis. The plow attachments purchased in recent years will also transfer. The Meter Reading department will use Unit 550 to replace Unit 1810 (a 2000 Ford Ranger). Units 1405 and 906 will be made available to other departments for use or sold by auction.]

A motion was made by Councilman Reynolds, seconded by Councilman Korber-Gonzalez to approve Resolution No. 17-112. The resolution follows in its entirety:

RESOLUTION NO. 17-112

WHEREAS, The City of Alliance Water, Sewer and Street Departments have budgeted for replacement vehicles; and

WHEREAS, The Water and Sewer Departments are desiring to replace two pickups; a 2004 Chevrolet 1500 and a 2009 Ford Ranger; and

WHEREAS, The Street Department is desiring to replace a 2000 F-350; and

WHEREAS, Cover-Jones Motor Company has agreed to match the State of Nebraska bid pricing and is offering the Sewer Department a Ford F-150 ½ ton Crew Cab 4x4 in the amount of \$34,642.00, the Water Department a Ford F-150 ½ ton Super Cab 4x4 in the amount of \$32,843.00 and the Street Department a Ford F-350 1 ton Super Cab 4x4 in the amount of \$34,271.00; and

WHEREAS, Adequate funding is available for these purchase within their respective budgets.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Alliance, Nebraska, that City Manager Kuckkahn be and hereby is authorized to enter into a purchase agreement with Cover-Jones Motor Company of Alliance, NE for the purchase of a Ford F-150 ½ ton Crew Cab 4x4 in the amount of \$34,642.00 for the Sewer Department from Account No. 07-52-58-59-950; a Ford F-150 ½ ton Super Cab 4x4 in the amount of \$32,843.00 for the Water Department from Account No. 08-52-52-59-960, and a Ford F-350 1 ton Super Cab 4x4 in the amount of \$34,271.00 for the Street Department from Account No. 24-41-41-59-960.

Roll call with the following results:

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

Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

- The next agenda item was Resolution No. 17-113 authorizing the new Sign Lease for a billboard advertising Carhenge. The following background information was provided to Council:

[In 2013, Friends of Carhenge transferred ownership of Carhenge to the City of Alliance. As a part of the transfer, ownership of 5 billboards located next to highways leading to Alliance and Carhenge were transferred. The City of Alliance has leases with the 5 landowners where these signs stand.

The billboard west of Chadron on Highway 20/385 resides on land that has been sold to Mr. Bradley Petersen and our desire is to implement a similar lease with this new owner.

There are two changes from the previous lease:

1. The yearly cost has increased from \$300 per year to \$600 per year. This increase is reasonable as the rate has not changed since the original 1994 lease with Friends of Carhenge. In addition, LA Signs in Chadron valued the location as worth up to \$150 per month due to the average car count of 3,795 cars per day.

2. The second change is a house-keeping change, the original lease read:

Change of location: At the owner's written request, the location of the advertising sign shall be changed to a location desired by the owner, provided that the owner gives the renter sixty (60) days' notice of the requested change. Upon a request for a change in location, the renter reserves the right to: (1) terminate this agreement without notice to the owner; or (2) change the location of the advertising sign within such sixty (60) day period. If the renter terminates the agreement under this paragraph, all rent paid for the year under paragraph 3 below shall be prorated to the date of termination and the prorated amount shall be returned to the renter. The renter shall remove the advertising sign within a reasonable time if it elects to terminate the agreement under this paragraph. The renter shall be responsible for all expenses of removing or relocating the advertising sign, including the expenses of restoring the owner's property to a reasonable condition.

While researching the history of the signage permit with the Nebraska Department of Transportation, it was pointed out that, as the sign is located on a scenic byway and according to NDOT's rules, the sign cannot be relocated and remain a legal, permitted sign. Which rendered paragraph 2 as obsolete.]

A motion was made by Councilman Jones, seconded by Councilman Mischnick to approve Resolution No. 17-113. The resolution follows in its entirety:

RESOLUTION NO. 17-113

WHEREAS, The City of Alliance owns and operates Carhenge; and

WHEREAS, As part of advertising and marketing Carhenge, the City of Alliance would like to secure a Sign Lease with the new owner of property where an existing billboard is located; and

WHEREAS, The Sign Lease is for one year beginning on January 1st and will automatically renew each year unless terminated with sixty days notice; and

WHEREAS, The annual rental fee for \$600.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Alliance, Nebraska, that the Mayor is authorized to execute a Sign Lease with Bradley Petersen for the placement of a billboard west of Chadron, NE on Highway 20/385 for the advertisement and marketing of Carhenge at the rate of \$600.00 per year.

Roll call with the following results:

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

Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

- The final item before Council were Board vacancy announcements.

It was announced the City currently is seeking members for the Board of Adjustment, Downtown Improvement Districts A-1 and A-2, Economic Development Plan Citizen Advisory Board, two junior ex-officio members of the Library Board and the Planning Commission. Anyone interest in serving on these Boards should contact the City Clerk's Office. Information on all of the City Boards is available on the web site, www.cityofalliance.net.

- Mayor Yeager stated, "there being no further business to come before the Alliance City Council, the meeting is adjourned at 7:04 p.m."

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Ralph Yeager, Mayor



Linda S. Jines, City Clerk