

July 24, 2018

ALLIANCE CITY COUNCIL

SPECIAL BUDGET WORKSHOP, TUESDAY, JULY 24, 2018

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 CITY OF ALLIANCE)

The Alliance City Council met in a Special Budget Workshop, Tuesday, July 24, 2018 at 6:00 p.m., at the Alliance Learning Center, 1750 Sweetwater Avenue. A notice of meeting was published in the Alliance Times Herald on July 18, 2018. 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 July 24, 2018 Special Budget Workshop of the Alliance, Nebraska City Council at 6:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Yeager, Council Members Jones, Korber-Gonzalez and Reynolds. Also present were City Manager Kuckkahn, Assistant City Manager/Finance Director Waggener, City Attorney Shaver, and City Clerk Jines.

- Mayor Yeager read the Open Meetings Act Announcement and indicated a copy of the Act was posted on the east wall of the meeting room.
- A motion was made by Councilman Korber-Gonzalez and seconded by Councilman Jones to excuse Councilman Mischnick from the meeting.

Roll call with the following results:

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

Voting nay: None.

Motion carried.

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- Mayor Yeager announced the purpose of the Special Budget Workshop was to review the proposed budget for fiscal year 2018-2019.

The meeting began with a review of the City's primary funding sources: funds transfer, sales taxes, property taxes, enterprise transfers and major grants. City Manager Kuckkahn reported that sales tax for Alliance has been steady, which has not been the case for some of our surrounding communities. Our tax asking will increase 2% which will allow the City's mill levy to be reduced. There are no big changes within the proposed operations portion of the budget from last year. There have been some minor staffing realignments and this budget proposes a .5 full time equivalent increase. The budget also includes a 2% cost of living increase for non-union employees. Staff is proposing a transfer of funds in the amount of \$250,000 to the Golf Course Fund. The replacement warehouse buildings which were destroyed are included in the Airport Fund and insurance funds have been secured. The City is still awaiting the receipt of funds for the Laing Lake renovations; when received it is proposed to use a portion of the funds for improvements to the Central Park tennis courts.

Funding requests from the Chamber of Commerce, Box Butte Development Corporation, Heartland Expressway, Alliance Recreation Center, and Keep Alliance Beautiful were reviewed.

Matt Harris, representing the Softball Association asked about improvements to the softball complex. City Manager Kuckkahn informed him the proposed budget includes \$65,000 for improvements to the softball complex.

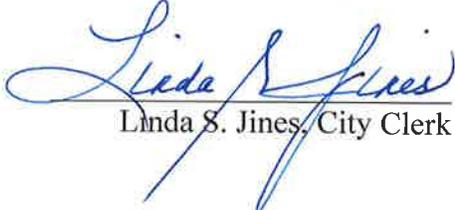
No action was taken on any of the discussed issues. Council will have the first reading of the ordinance to adopt the budget at the August 7, 2018 regular meeting.

- Mayor Yeager stated, "there being no further business to come before the Alliance City Council, the meeting is adjourned at 7:19 p.m."



Ralph Yeager, Mayor

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Linda S. Jines, City Clerk