

October 16, 2018

ALLIANCE CITY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2018

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The Alliance City Council met in a Regular Meeting, October 16, 2018 at 7:00 p.m., in the Board of Education Meeting Room, 1604 Sweetwater Avenue. A notice of meeting was published in the Alliance Times Herald on October 10, 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 October 16, 2018 regular meeting of the Alliance, Nebraska City Council at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Yeager, Council Members Mischnick, Jones and Reynolds. Also present were City Manager Kuckkahn, Finance Director Waggener, City Attorney Hoelsing and City Clerk Jines.

- Mayor Yeager read the Open Meetings Act Announcement.
- The first action by Council was a motion made by Councilman Jones to excuse Councilman Korber-Gonzalez from the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Reynolds.
- Council next introduced to our new employees: Kyrstin Schleicher, Meter Reader; Denice Phillips, Utility Office Account Clerk 1; and Alysha Gunn, Katelyn Gomez, and Shawna Banks, Library Pages.
- The next item on the Council’s agenda was the Consent Calendar. A motion was made by Councilman Mischnick and seconded by Councilman Reynolds to approve the Consent Calendar as follows:

CONSENT CALENDAR – OCTOBER 16, 2018

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1. Approval: Minutes of the Regular Meeting, October 2, 2018.
2. Approval: Payroll Costs for the period September 22 through October 5, 2018: \$262,140.75.
3. Approval: Claims against the following funds for the period of October 2-10, 2018: 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; \$1,140,184.70.
4. Approval: Update to the Alliance Volunteer Fire Department Roster by adding Megan Huff.
5. Approval: Submittal of Unclaimed Property to the Nebraska State Treasurer's office in the amount of \$54.95.
6. Approval: Resolution No. 18-125 appointing Jeff Sprock as Alliance's Representative and Randy Waggener as the Alternate on the MEAN Boards.
7. For Your Information: Attached is a listing of Demand Checks which were generated over the last financial quarter ending September 30, 2018. The report lists checks that have been issued which are not expenses within the budget. These are primarily made up of fund transfers, meter deposit refunds, utility overpayments and an occasional check which was required to be reissued.
8. For Your Information: The City of Alliance has been notified by Charter Communications, locally known as Spectrum of the following rate changes effective November 1, 2018:

Services/Products/Equipment	Current Rate	New Rate
Broadcast Surcharge		
Digital Receivers		
Latino View		

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 vote with the following results:

Voting Aye: Yeager, Mischnick, Reynolds, Jones.

Voting Nay: None.

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Motion carried.

- Council next reviewed the request of the American Legion Post #7 for a Veterans' Day Parade on Saturday, November 10, 2018. A motion was made by Councilman Mischnick and seconded by Councilman Jones to approve the request.

Mr. Steve Stanec, the Commander for American Legion Post No. 7, 413 Cheyenne Avenue appeared before Council describing the details of the parade and thanking Council for their support of the event.

Roll call vote with the following results:

Voting Aye: Yeager, Mischnick, Reynolds, Jones.

Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

- Resolution No. 18-123 which recommends approval of the Special Designated License Application of D-Head, Inc. on behalf of Allo Communications' for an After Business Hours Open House on November 15, 2018 was the next matter before Council.

A motion was made by Councilman Jones and seconded by Councilman Mischnick to approve the Resolution No. 18-123 which follows in its entirety:

RESOLUTION NO. 18-123

WHEREAS, The City Clerk has received an application of D-Head, Inc. dba The Gathering Spot for a special designated license pursuant to the Nebraska Liquor Control Act; and

WHEREAS, Said act requires the approval of applications by the local governing body prior to such a license being issued by the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission; and

WHEREAS, The application appears to be complete and meet the statutory requirements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and City Council of Alliance, Nebraska, that the Application for Special Designated License of D-Head, Inc. dba The Gathering Spot for an event on November 15, 2018 being held at 203 West 3rd Street, Alliance, NE is hereby approved for the premises as described in the application, and the City Clerk shall inform applicant of the approval of the application for forwarding to the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission, and the Clerk shall deliver the license issued by said Commission to the permittee upon receipt of the required fees.

Jennifer Herbert, 744 West 13th Street addressed Council and answered questions regarding her catering experience.

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Roll call vote with the following results:

Voting Aye: Yeager, Mischnick, Reynolds, Jones.

Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

- Resolution No. 18-124 which will authorize the purchase of a new Fairway Mower for the Golf Course was the next item for Council's consideration. Council was provided with the following information:

[Funds for a replacement fairway mower are included in the 2019 Golf Course budget. This purchase will replace an existing fairway mower that has been having extensive mechanical issues.

Superintendent Halstead is recommending the purchase of a mower with a 138" cut width to ensure efficient mow times on the course. The widest cut width offered by Toro is 100" which is not adequate for Sky View Golf Course. In addition, we are unable to purchase a mower from Jacobsen because the vendor for our region, which was located in Denver, CO, has recently gone bankrupt. At this time we are unable to even get parts for our existing Jacobsen fleet, so until this situation is remedied, we are not comfortable moving forward with purchasing Jacobsen equipment.

I discussed the above mentioned supplier issues with the City Attorney and they stated that based on that information we could purchase this mower as a single source purchase. In addition, staff has secured the ability supplier. In an effort to ensure we are getting a fair price for this equipment, I researched the equipment price being offered through Source Well Purchasing. The list price for this mower, if purchased through the cooperative purchasing group would be \$69,178.40 which is \$2,178.00 more than the price being offered by Stotz Equipment.

I recommend the purchase of a John Deere 8900A Precision Cut Large Area Reel Mower in the amount of \$67,000.00 from Stotz Equipment of Evansville, Wyoming. This price includes a \$4,000.00 credit for the trade-in of our Jacobsen LF4677 mower.]

A motion was made by Councilman Reynolds and seconded by Councilman Mischnick to approve Resolution No. 18-124 which follows in its entirety:

RESOLUTION NO. 18-124

WHEREAS, The City of Alliance Golf Course Division had on their capital improvements for this fiscal year, the purchase of a replacement fairway mower; and

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WHEREAS, The City of Alliance has received a quote in the amount of \$67,000.00 from Stotz Equipment for a John Deere 8900A Precision Cut Large Area Reel Mower (Tier 4) 3.3 m(130-in.) which includes the trade-in allowance of \$4,800.00 for our Jacobsen LF4677 mower; and

WHEREAS, The purchase is being recommended from Stotz Equipment of Evansville, WY; and

WHEREAS, Due to the cut width needs for the mower and the lack of an available Jacobsen equipment dealer we are considering Stoltz Equipment of Evansville, WY as a sole-source provider.

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 8900A Precision Cut Large Area Reel Mower (Tier 4) 3.3 m (130-in.) in the amount of Sixty-seven Thousand and no/100ths Dollars (\$67,000.00) from Stotz Equipment of Evansville, WY.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the purchase price includes a Four Thousand Eight Hundred and no/100th Dollars (\$4,800.00) trade-in for our Jacobsen LF4677 mower.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the purchase will be funded from Golf Course Account No. 21-71-75-59-950.

Roll call vote with the following results:

Voting Aye: Yeager, Mischnick, Reynolds, Jones.

Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

- Council next discussed the renegotiation of the contract with the Panhandles Men's Club for use of City facilities at the golf course. The City would like to review and renegotiate the contract to best serve the community.

A motion was made by Mayor Yeager and seconded by Councilman Mischnick to authorize staff to send the following letter:

[Mr. Jeff Jensen
Panhandle Men's Club President
5641 Sarpy Road
Alliance, NE 69301

Dear Mr. Jensen,

I am sending this letter to inform the Panhandle Men's Club that the City of Alliance intends to renegotiate the lease for operation of the bar in the SkyView

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Golf Course clubhouse. Our intent is to consider options, and compare our operation to other courses, we have determined that this is the most responsible way to ensure long term sustainability and continue improving the course.

The City of Alliance realizes the importance of this quality recreational facility to the citizens of Alliance. This appreciation has been shown for many years, as the City Council continued to support capital and operational costs to ensure its success. In the 2018 golf season we saw a considerable increase in green fees and course usage, and this is a trend that council is dedicated to continuing. By capturing and expanding revenue streams at SkyView Golf Course, we can make changes and improvements to ensure the course remains competitive with area courses.

As a public course, our primary objective should be the equitable treatment of all golfers who patronize our course. As we compare ourselves with other courses it appears a single manager oversight will ensure we can better serve the very diverse population who utilize our public golf course. The ability to use the same staff for bar operations and facility operation will allow for more options and better services for the many shift workers in our community. This added service will also streamline staffing resources to allow the needed flexibility throughout the day.

We are confident that with these changes, the basic functions of the service groups who support the course can also evolve. We hope that the Panhandle Men's club can begin to function more like other men's clubs by focusing on activities and course promotion rather than the daily operations. We also hope to better utilize the Golf Course Advisory Board when making decisions regarding maintenance and improvements to the course. Utilization of the Men's and Ladies clubs, as well as the Golf Course Advisory Board will be vital to ensuring that golfers who use the course can participate in changes and improvements.

I understand and appreciate all the improvements and support that the Panhandle Men's club has contributed to our course over the years. I am hopeful that we can move forward with these changes cooperatively and in a positive manner to ensure the continued growth of the course.

I would like to meet with the executive board of the Men's Club as soon as possible to renegotiate our lease with the organization. I am also requesting to review the Men's Club books in regards to the operation of the bar. Please contact me at your earliest convenience to arrange a meeting between myself and members of your board. Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter and please contact me with any questions you may have.]

Roll call vote with the following results:

Voting Aye: Yeager, Mischnick, Reynolds, Jones.

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Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

- The next item before Council was the acknowledgement of a Political Subdivision Tort Claim from Farm Bureau Financial Services on the behalf of Midwest Farm Service.

A motion was made by Councilman Mischnick to acknowledge the Political Tort Claim and seconded by Councilman Reynolds.

Roll call vote with the following results:

Voting Aye: Yeager, Mischnick, Reynolds, Jones.

Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

- Board appointments and announcements were next for Council.

A motion was made by Councilman Reynolds and seconded by Councilman Mischnick to appoint Alysha Schneider to the A-1 Downtown Improvement Board for a term expiring October 31, 2019.

Roll call vote with the following results:

Voting Aye: Yeager, Jones, Mischnick, Reynolds.

Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Reynolds and seconded by Councilman Mischnick to appoint Randy Coleman to the A-1 Downtown Improvement Board for a term expiring October 31, 2020.

Roll call vote with the following results:

Voting Aye: Yeager, Jones, Mischnick, Reynolds.

Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

Currently, there are vacancies on the Board of Adjustment (2), Downtown Improvement Districts A-2 (2), Economic Development Plan Citizen Advisory Board (2), Housing Authority

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(1), junior ex-officio member of the Library Board (1), Park and Tree Board (1) and Planning Commission (1). Anyone interested in serving on these Boards should contact the City Clerk's Office. Information on all of the City Boards is also available on our web site, www.cityofalliance.net.

- The last matter before Council was a performance evaluation of City Clerk Jines.

Councilman Jones motioned, pursuant to Section 84-1410 Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska 1943, that Council finds it necessary to enter into a closed session to conduct the job performance of the City Clerk. The motion was seconded by Councilman Mischnick.

Roll call vote with the following results:

Voting Aye: Yeager, Jones, Mischnick, Reynolds.

Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

Council and City Clerk Jines entered into closed session at 7:20 p.m. The closed session concluded at 7:22 p.m. at which time Council returned to open session.

A motion was made by Councilman Jones, which was seconded by Councilman Reynolds to authorize a \$500.00 bonus to City Clerk Jines following a positive performance evaluation.

Roll call vote with the following results:

Voting Aye: Mischnick, Reynolds, Yeager, Jones.

Voting Nay: None.

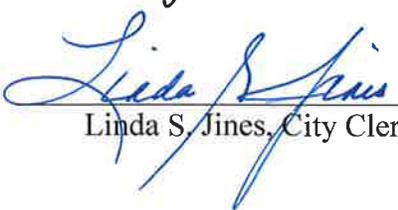
Motion carried.

- Mayor Yeager stated, "there being no further business to come before the Alliance City Council, the meeting is adjourned at 7:24 p.m."

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Ralph Yeager, Mayor



Linda S. Jines, City Clerk