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ALLIANCE CITY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2019

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COUNTY OF BOX BUTTE) §
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CITY OF ALLIANCE)

The Alliance City Council met in a Regular Meeting, September 3, 2019, 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 August 28, 2019. 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 Dafney opened the September 3, 2019 regular meeting of the Alliance, Nebraska City Council at 7:01 p.m. Present were Mayor Dafney, Council Members Mischnick, Jones, Reynolds and Bentley. Also present were City Manager Sprock, Finance Director Waggener, City Attorney Hoelsing and City Clerk Jines.

- Mayor Dafney read the Open Meetings Act Announcement.
- The Consent Calendar was the first matter before Council. A motion was made by Councilman Mischnick, seconded by Councilman Bentley to approve the Consent Calendar as follows:

CONSENT CALENDAR – SEPTEMBER 3, 2019

1. Approval: Minutes of the Regular Meeting, August 20, 2019.
2. Approval: Payroll Costs for the period August 10 through 23, 2019: \$221,353.65.
3. Approval: Claims against the following funds for the period of August 15 through 28, 2019: 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., Kenos, and Capital Improvement; \$1,115,579.69.
4. Approval: Certificate of Completion for the Landfill Dirt Borrow & Road Improvements.

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5. Approval: Box Butte Development Corporation will be hosting Autumn on the Bricks, Saturday, September 28, 2019. They are requesting the closure of the 200 and 300 blocks of Box Butte Avenue. The closure of the 200 block which will be used as the Entertainment District is between 1:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. The 300 block will be closed between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. The times requested include set-up and clean-up. A Certificate of Insurance naming the City as an additional insured has been received.
6. Approval: The American Legion Riders have submitted a *Request for Reserved or Exclusive Use of City Property*. As part of the Autumn on the Bricks event, they would like to use the Parking Lot at 4th Street and Niobrara Avenue on Saturday, September 28, 2019 between 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. for a motorcycle show with events. Approval is contingent upon receipt of a Certificate of Insurance naming the City as an additional insured a week prior to the event.
7. For Your Information: Charter Communications is making the following channel lineup change:

Channel	Change	Channel Number	Effective
ACC Network (Atlantic Coast Conference Network)	Launch (HD Only) – SPP Tier 1 HD, SBPP B/R Business Entertainment Sports HD, SBPP B/R Business Game Time TV HD, SBPP Variety Tier HD	411	9/10/19

NOTE: City Manager Sprock 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: Dafney, Mischnick, Jones, Reynolds, Bentley.

Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

- First item on the agenda for Council was the second reading of Ordinance No. 2896 which will approve the electric rate revisions. The following information was provided for Council:

[Andrew Ross (Director of Nebraska Municipal Power Pool, known as NMPP) has completed a review for the Cost of Service and Financial Planning rate study contract with NMPP. The financials are strong and show no immediate need to increase overall rates. However, as part of this study process, rates were redesigned

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for Council consideration to bring customer classes closer to their respective cost to serve. The proposed rate changes for 2019 are proposed for October 1, 2019 to allow for three readings of the ordinance.

The recommended rates are impacted by the following assumptions and financial considerations:

- As a conservative measure, energy consumption is projected to remain constant/stable (0% growth)
- Power Supply Costs from MEAN have stabilized and even reduced in recent years and are projected to continue that trend in the short term, including refunds paid directly to Alliance
- MEAN's wholesale rate structure was overhauled in April 1, 2015. This eliminated seasonal variance, increased fixed costs, and reduced marginal or incremental energy costs for the City
- Anticipated capital budgets were included in the model as part of the City's planning process. No debt is included or anticipated at this time for capital or any other utility expenditures
- Minimum cash reserve levels are maintained in accordance with the utility's recommended Cash Reserve Policy
- The Electric Department commits transfers to the City's General Fund and other departments as a percentage of gross revenues.

The Rate Design proposal is designed to produce a revenue neutral, or net zero overall rate adjustment to the City. As part of the COS process however, customer classes will see impacts ranging from 3.0% reductions to 5.0% increases to move rates toward a more equitable and accurate reflection of the electric utility's cost to serve those customers, reducing subsidies between various rate classes. Rates are also designed to more closely reflect Alliance's wholesale costs as well as the electric industry as a whole; this results in increasing fixed revenues (customer charges) and reducing variable and marginal revenues (energy charges) throughout the City's retail system.]

A motion was made by Councilman Reynolds, seconded by Councilman Jones to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 2896. City Clerk Jines read the ordinance by title which follows in its entirety:

ORDINANCE NO. 2896

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ALL RATE SCHEDULE CLASSIFICATIONS OF ELECTRIC ENERGY RATES, REPEALING PORTIONS OF ORDINANCES OR RESOLUTIONS NOT CONSISTENT WITH THE CHANGES HEREIN AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALLIANCE, NEBRASKA:

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SECTION 1. Staff from the City's Electric and Finance Departments has prepared amendments to all rate schedule classifications of electric energy rates resulting from the findings of the Cost of Service and Rate Design Study conducted by the Nebraska Municipal Power Pool for submission to the City Council.

SECTION 2. The City Council has received and reviewed the proposed changes and finds such changes to be in the best interest of the City of Alliance and should be therefore adopted. All is hereby amended with an effective date of this ordinance, in the following particulars:

RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING SERVICE ON RESIDENTIAL RATE SCHEDULE (CLASS 1)

1. Urban Residential Rates: (within corporate limits)

	<u>October 1, 2019</u>
Monthly Customer Charge	\$22.00
<u>Summer</u>	
First 600 kWh @	\$.1087 per kWh
Excess kWh @	\$.1087 per kWh
<u>Winter</u>	
First 600 kWh @	\$.1087 per kWh
Excess kWh @	\$.0837 per kWh

2. Rural Residential Rates: (outside corporate limits)

	<u>October 1, 2019</u>
Monthly Customer Charge	\$30.00
<u>Summer</u>	
First 600 kWh @	\$.1087 per kWh
Excess kWh @	\$.1087 per kWh
<u>Winter</u>	
First 600 kWh @	\$.1087 per kWh
Excess kWh @	\$.0837 per kWh

RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING SERVICE ON GENERAL SERVICE RATE SCHEDULE (CLASS 2)

1. General Service Urban Rates Single Phase: (inside corporate limits)

	<u>October 1, 2019</u>
Monthly Customer Charge	\$25.50
<u>Summer</u>	
All use	\$.10826 per kWh

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Winter
All use \$.10826 per kWh

2. General Service Urban Rates Three Phase: (inside corporate limits)

Monthly Customer Charge October 1, 2019
\$58.00

Summer
All use \$.11080 per kWh

Winter
All use \$.11080 per kWh

3. General Service Rural Rates Single Phase: (outside corporate limits)

Monthly Customer Charge October 1, 2019
\$28.00

Summer
All use \$.10884 per kWh

Winter
All use \$.10884 per kWh

4. General Service Rural Rates Three Phase: (outside corporate limits)

Monthly Customer Charge October 1, 2019
\$70.00

Summer
All use \$.11597 per kWh

Winter
All use \$.11597 per kWh

RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING SERVICE ON GENERAL SERVICE DEMAND RATE SCHEDULE (CLASS 3)

1. General Service Demand Urban Rates: (inside corporate limits)

Monthly Customer Charge October 1, 2019
\$70.00

Energy Summer Winter
\$.08870 \$.08870

Demand Summer Winter
\$9.20 \$9.20

2. General Service Demand Rural Rates: (outside corporate limits)

Monthly Customer Charge October 1, 2019

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	\$70.00		
Energy	Summer	Winter	
	\$.07866	\$.07866	
Demand	Summer	Winter	
	\$12.25	\$12.25	

RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING SERVICE ON LARGE POWER RATE SCHEDULE (CLASS 4)

1. <u>Large Power Rates:</u>	<u>October 1, 2019</u>	
Monthly Customer Charge	\$130.00	
Energy	Summer	Winter
	\$.06959	\$.06959
Demand	Summer	Winter
	\$13.25	\$13.25

RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING SERVICE ON IRRIGATION RATE SCHEDULE (CLASS 5)

1. <u>Irrigation Rates:</u>	<u>October 1, 2019</u>
Customer charge per month	\$75.00
Energy	\$.10230 per kWh
Annual Horsepower charges [#]	

[#] The following annual horsepower charges will be made available at the discretion of the City:

	Summer/Winter
No Load Control	\$86.00
One (1) Day per Week Control	\$72.25
Two (2) Day per Week Control	\$57.75
Three (3) Day per Week Control	\$43.75
Four (4) Day per Week Control	\$28.75
Full Load Control	\$14.10

RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING MUNICIPAL SERVICE RATE (CLASS 6)

1. Municipal Rates will be charged on the applicable General Service Rates.

SECURITY LIGHT (CLASS 7)

1. Security Light Rates:
Rates - Urban: October 1, 2019

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150 W HPS/175 W MV	\$12.30 per month
250 W HPS/MV	\$16.60 per month
400 W	\$25.45 per month

Rates – Rural:

150 W HPS/175 W MV	\$13.60 per month
250 W HPS/MV	\$18.00 per month
400 W	\$26.85 per month

SECTION 3. All other ordinances, resolutions, or policies of the City of Alliance not consistent with the amendment made herein are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall go into effect on meter billings rendered October 1, 2019 and thereafter.

Roll call vote with the following results:

Voting Aye: Mischnick, Jones, Reynolds, Bentley.

Voting Nay: Dafney.

Motion carried.

- The third reading of Ordinance No. 2892 was next before Council. This ordinance will adopt the Budget for Fiscal Year 2019-2020. The following information was provided:

[The 2019-20 annual budget appropriations as proposed total \$46,462,800 compared to \$50,608,700 in the prior year. The primary differences are the result of different levels of capital projects in the electric, airport operating and capital projects funds.

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Prior Year</u>	<u>Current Year</u>
General	\$7,624,000	\$7,489,500
Electric	17,311,800	16,192,100
Refuse	1,787,500	1,431,000
Sewer	1,090,100	1,186,200
Water	2,413,000	2,324,600
Golf Course	454,800	549,800
Airport Operations	6,831,500	3,073,300
Public Transit	346,400	378,500
Streets	3,033,800	2,893,500
Handyman Services	64,200	65,500
RSVP	91,800	85,800
Museum Exhibit	14,600	14,600
BID #1 and #2	16,000	12,500
HUD/CDBG	150,000	150,000
Community Betterment (KENO)	20,200	18,200

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Economic Development	155,000	161,800
LB 840 Fund	405,000	357,500
Redevelopment (TIF)	850,000	800,000
Sales Tax Fund	2,000,000	2,000,000
Lodging Occupation Tax	181,000	201,200
Capital Projects Fund	950,000	1,160,000
Public Safety Tax	75,000	50,000
State 911 Funds	90,000	90,000
General Internal Service	1,326,600	1,366,400
Enterprise Internal Service	672,300	1,900,900
Health Support Internal Service	2,035,500	2,072,500
General Debt Service	58,600	378,400
Airport Capital Reserve	60,000	59,000
<i>Gross Expenditures</i>	<u>\$50,608,700</u>	<u>\$46,462,800</u>

A motion was made by Councilman Jones, seconded by Councilman Bentley to approve the third reading of amended Ordinance No. 2892 which includes the assessed valuation figures from the Box Butte County Assessor along with the levy calculations. City Clerk Jines read the ordinance by title which follows in its entirety:

ORDINANCE NO. 2892

AN ORDINANCE TERMED "THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION BILL" TO PROVIDE REVENUE FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES OF THE CITY OF ALLIANCE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2019 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2020, BY IMPOSING A TAX ON ALL PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY, ADOPTING A BUDGET, AND ADOPTING APPROPRIATIONS.

WHEREAS, The City Manager, in accordance with the requirements of the Nebraska R.R.S. 1943, §19-646, has submitted to the City Council a preliminary budget to the City Council at a workshop that was held on July 23, 2019 with a proposed budget being produced thereafter. A public hearing will be held on said proposed budget on August 20, 2019, as required by law; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS OF THE CITY OF ALLIANCE, NEBRASKA:

SECTION 1. The budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2019, submitted to and amended by the City Council, is hereby adopted.

SECTION 2. In order to provide revenue for municipal purposes, the following property tax revenues have been established for the City of Alliance:

City	MFO	Airport	Airport Reserves	Total
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Approved Budget Amount	1,180,700	175,400	266,500	55,500	1,678,100
County Treasurer's Fee (1%)	11,807	1,754	2,665	555	16,781
Total Property Tax Request	1,192,507	177,154	269,165	56,055	1,694,881
Using the following levies	0.228489	0.033943	0.051573	0.010740	0.324745
Approved Mill Levy for 2019	0.324745				
Based on Assessed Valuation	\$521,910,994				

SECTION 3. In accordance with Reissue Revised Statutes Nebraska Chapter 16, Section 704, the following amounts shall be and hereby are recognized as the budget for the City of Alliance, Nebraska for the fiscal year 2019-20.

General	\$7,489,500
Electric	16,192,100
Refuse	1,431,000
Sewer	1,186,200
Water	2,324,600
Golf Course	549,800
Airport Operations	3,073,300
Public Transit	378,500
Streets	2,893,500
Handyman Services	65,500
RSVP	85,800
Museum Exhibit	14,600
BID #1 and #2	12,500
HUD/CDBG	150,000
Community Betterment (KENO)	18,200
Economic Development	161,800
LB 840 Fund	357,500
Redevelopment (TIF)	800,000
Sales Tax Fund	2,000,000
Lodging Occupation Tax	201,200
Capital Projects Fund	1,160,000

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Public Safety Tax	50,000
State 911 Funds	90,000
General Internal Service	1,366,400
Enterprise Internal Service	1,900,900
Health Support Internal Service	2,072,500
General Debt Service	378,400
Airport Capital Reserve	59,000
<i>Gross Expenditures</i>	<u>46,462,800</u>

There is hereby included \$100,000 within the General Fund Budget [City Council Activity], \$10,000 within the General Fund Budget [Police Grant], \$60,000 within the Electric Fund, \$60,000 within the Water Fund, \$200,000 within the Sewer Fund, \$30,000 within the Refuse Fund, \$10,000 within the Airport Fund, and \$50,000 within the Streets Fund; to be known as "Contingency." Expenditures from any Contingency will not be authorized without an affirmative vote of the City Council for each amount to be expended.

SECTION 4. The City has a total Unused Restricted Funds Authority of \$510,754.53 for Fiscal Year 2019-20.

SECTION 5. The tax levied under this Ordinance shall become due and payable, shall become delinquent and shall be subject to penalties, the execution of distress warrants and sale of property levied upon as provided by law.

SECTION 6. The City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed forthwith upon the passage, approval and publication of this Ordinance to forward a certified copy thereof to the County Clerk of Box Butte County, Nebraska.

SECTION 7. This Ordinance shall become effective October 1, 2019.

Roll call vote with the following results:

Voting Aye: Dafney, Mischnick, Jones, Reynolds, Bentley.

Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

Mayor Dafney stated, "the passage and adoption of Ordinance No. 2892 has been concurred by a majority of all members elected to the Council, I declare it passed, adopted and order it published."

● Ordinance No. 2894 which will adopt the Classification and Compensation Plans being incorporated in the 2019-2020 Fiscal Year Budget was next for Council's consideration on third reading. The following information was provided for Council:

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[The attached ordinance will adopt the Classification and Compensation Plans that will be incorporated as a part of the 2019-20 FY budget. The Compensation Plan includes three categories: Exempt, Non-Exempt and Fire Employees.

The Classification Plan has the following changes from the most recent version approved by Council:

- COLA: Pay Grids reflect a 2.5% increase based on a cost of living adjustment.
- Landfill Transfer Station Operator: Increase paygrade from 213 to 214 incorporating DOT responsibilities.
- Electric: Increase Electric Line Apprentice IV from 218/6 to 218/7.
- Fire: Increase Firefighter EMT from 519 to 520.
- Miscellaneous: Title Change – Firefighter EMT to Fire Apparatus Engineer/EMT.]

A motion was made by Councilman Jones, seconded by Councilman Mischnick to approve the third reading of Ordinance No. 2894. City Clerk Jines read the ordinance by title which follows in its entirety:

ORDINANCE NO. 2894

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING REVISED CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION PLANS FOR THE CITY OF ALLIANCE, NEBRASKA.

WHEREAS, Section 16-310 of R.R.S. 1943 authorizes the Mayor and Council to establish the compensation for employees and officers by stating that "The officers and employees in cities of the first class shall receive such compensation as the mayor and council shall fix by ordinance;" and,

WHEREAS, The Alliance City Council adopted the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Budget which included funds for revised Classification/Compensation Plans.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALLIANCE, NEBRASKA:

SECTION 1. That the attached Classification Schedule for the City of Alliance dated to be effective October 5, 2019 and the attached Compensation Schedules for Exempt, Non-Exempt and Fire employees dated to be effective October 5, 2019 are hereby adopted by this reference.

SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall become effective October 5, 2019.

Roll call vote with the following results:

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Voting Aye: Dafney, Mischnick, Jones, Reynolds, Bentley.

Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

Mayor Dafney stated, "the passage and adoption of Ordinance No. 2894 has been concurred by a majority of all members elected to the Council, I declare it passed, adopted and order it published."

- A Public Hearing on the 2019 property tax request was the next matter to be conducted by the City Council. The following information was provided:

[A formal public hearing is required any time the tax request amount changes from one year to another. Following the hearing for public input on the proposed property tax levy, the resolution in the Council packet is scheduled for consideration. Based on the original amount of property taxes included in the appropriations ordinance as set by Council at their budget workshop and affirmed during the first two readings of the ordinance, the City of Alliance has resolved to decrease the mill levy from \$0.335341 to \$0.324745 (3.08% decrease). The corresponding tax request in the amount of \$1,694,881 will generate an estimated \$1,678,100 in property tax revenue for the City. This amount remains unchanged from the prior year request.

Also, enclosed for Council's information is a copy of the Box Butte County Assessor's certification of taxable value which has been set at \$521,910,994 representing an increase of 3.26% over last year's valuation of \$505,420,246.]

Mayor Dafney stated " now is the date, time, and place to conduct a Public Hearing to hear support, opposition, criticism, suggestions, or observations of the taxpayers relating to the 2019 Property Tax request" and opened the Public Hearing at 7:10 p.m.

No testimony was offered, the Public Hearing closed at 7:11 p.m.

A motion was made by Mayor Dafney, seconded by Councilman Mischnick to approve Resolution No. 19-75 which follows in its entirety:

RESOLUTION NO. 19-75

WHEREAS, Nebraska Revised Statute 77-1601.02 provides that the property tax request for the prior year shall be the property tax request for the current year for purposes of the levy set by the County Board of Equalization unless the City of Alliance passes by a majority vote a resolution or ordinance setting the tax request at a different amount; and

WHEREAS, A special public hearing was held as required by law to hear and consider comments concerning the property tax request; and

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WHEREAS, It is in the best interests of the City of Alliance that the property tax request for the current year remain the same amount as the property tax request for the prior year.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Mayor and Council of the City of Alliance, Nebraska, that the Council, by a majority vote, set the 2019 tax year request at \$1,694,881 and the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed forthwith to forward a certified copy of this resolution to the County Clerk of Box Butte County, to allow Box Butte County Board of Equalization to levy the necessary taxes on or before October 15, 2019 and set the appropriate levy.

Roll call vote with the following results:

Voting Aye: Dafney, Mischnick, Jones, Reynolds, Bentley.

Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

- Resolution No. 19-76 which provides direction to the City Manager for the hiring of City employees by adopting the Total Authorized Strength document was the next matter before Council. The following information was provided:

[The attached resolution provides direction to the City Manager for the hiring of City employees by adopting the Total Authorized Strength document. The document lists the number of employees by department for the 2019-20 fiscal year. The authorized strength will increase 1.94 FTEs from the current authorized strength of 105.88 to 107.82 for the upcoming year. The total authorized seasonal budget is increased by \$8,500 to \$200,000.

The primary changes are the addition of a contingent position for a full-time on-staff golf manager/pro and .91 increase in transit drivers. The Deputy City Manager position is removed (.50 FTE) as well as decrease of .23 FTE in meter reading staff. The HR/Finance part-time position is changed to full-time (.50 FTE) and part-time museum staff is increased .25 FTE. The plan continues with a contingent employee in police communications anticipating possible consolidation. The seasonal increase of \$8,500 is for golf shop assistance should the Golf Manager/Pro become a staff position.]

A motion was made by Councilman Reynolds, seconded by Councilman Jones to approve Resolution No. 19-76 which follows in its entirety:

RESOLUTION NO. 19-76

WHEREAS, The City of Alliance utilizes the Council-Manager form of government, in which the City Manager acts as the Chief Executive Officer for the City; and

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WHEREAS, The City Manager, appointed by the City Council and serving at their pleasure, is responsible for planning, organizing, staffing, directing, coordinating, researching, and budgeting the operations of the City in order to implement Council policies in an efficient and effective manner; and

WHEREAS, To implement the policies of the City Council the City Manager has to be able to hire the necessary employees to fulfill the obligations of the City of Alliance to the citizens of Alliance; and

WHEREAS, The City of Alliance needs to account for, track and budget the expenditures for employees; and

WHEREAS, The budget is directly related to the number of employees that are authorized to be hired by the City of Alliance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Alliance, Nebraska, that the City approve and adopt the “Total Authorized Strength” as follows:

Fund	Department	FTE	Temporary Wages
01	ADMINISTRATION	3.50	
01	POLICE ADMINISTRATION	3.00	
01	POLICE OPERATIONS	15.00	
01	POLICE SUPPORT SERVICES	7.00	
01	ANIMAL CONTROL	0.75	
01	FIRE DEPARTMENT	2.00	\$1,000
01	AMBULANCE	2.00	
01	FACILITY MAINTENANCE	1.00	
01	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	1.00	
01	CODE ENFORCEMENT	1.50	
01	NUISANCE ABATEMENT	0.25	
01	PARKS	5.55	\$36,000
01	CEMETERY	1.17	\$18,000
01	SWIMMING POOL	0.30	\$70,000
01	KNIGHT MUSEUM	4.235	\$3,500
01	LIBRARY	5.63	
01	SALLOWS MUSEUM	0.00	
01	TOURISM	0.00	
01	CARHENGGE	0.00	\$18,000
05	ELECTRIC ADMINISTRATION	2.00	
05	ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION	1.00	\$5,000
05	ELECTRIC URBAN DISTRIBUTION	3.85	
05	ELECTRIC RURAL DISTRIBUTION	3.15	
06	REFUSE COLLECTION	2.15	
06	REFUSE DISPOSAL	4.15	\$5,000

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07	SEWER	1.30	\$5,000
08	WATER TREATMENT	1.35	
08	WATER DISTRIBUTION	2.95	\$5,000
21	GOLF	3.13	\$25,000
22	AIRPORT	3.00	
23	PUBLIC TRANSIT	7.35	
24	STREETS	5.30	\$12,000
25	HANDYMAN	0.55	
26	RSVP	.95	
51	PERSONNEL	1.50	\$5,000
51	GIS/MIS	0.50	
51	FINANCE	3.50	
51	LEGAL/RISK	0.50	
55	UTILITY CUSTOMER SERVICE	3.63	
55	METER READERS	1.125	
55	WAREHOUSE	1.00	
	Total Authorized Strength	107.82	
	Total Temporary Wages		\$208,500

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager is authorized to hire employees for the City of Alliance as set forth in the “Total Authorized Strength.”

Roll call vote with the following results:

Voting Aye: Dafney, Mischnick, Jones, Reynolds, Bentley.

Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

- Resolution No. 19-77 which will give the City’s support to Box Butte Development Corporation in the recertification process for the Nebraska Economic Development Certified Community (EDCC) Program was now before Council. The following information was provided for Council:

[This resolution will give the Council’s pledge of full support, endorsement and cooperation for participation in Nebraska’s Economic Development Certified Community Program by Box Butte Development Corporation “BBDC”. This is a key component for receiving State assistance for economic development activities.

Alliance has been a Certified Community since 2009. Certified communities have demonstrated to the Nebraska Department of Economic Development their preparedness for business growth and their readiness to meet the needs of companies seeking new business and industrial locations. Currently there are 39

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Nebraska communities that hold this designation. Certified communities are evaluated on program standards related to their community's organization, community identified targets and/or markets, community infrastructure, local financing and business assistance, and existing sites and/or building information.]

A motion was made by Councilman Mischnick, seconded by Councilman Bentley to approve Resolution No. 19-77 which follows in its entirety:

RESOLUTION NO. 19-77

WHEREAS, Local municipal government, county government and regional economic development entities must provide leadership and coordination for economic development efforts; and

WHEREAS, Economic development needs can best be solved through a cooperative effort between local, county, regional and state economic development organizations and entities;

WHEREAS, There is a need to recognize and promote our community's organizational readiness, infrastructure investment, ability to respond to business needs; and

WHEREAS, The Economic Development Certified Community Program, administered by the Nebraska Department of Economic Development, has been reviewed and found to be a program promoting our community's economic development preparedness.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Alliance, Nebraska, that the City Council of Alliance does herewith pledge their full support, endorsement and cooperation for participation in Nebraska's Economic Development Certified Community Program by Box Butte Development Corporation.

Box Butte Development Corporation Executive Director Chelsie Herian addressed Council and provided an overview of the Certified Community application process. Alliance is one of 39 communities in Nebraska that holds this designation. Alliance has been a Certified Community for the past 10 years. There are 12 requirements a community must meet to be considered ready for economic development. Ms. Herian also outlined many of the projects her office has been working on and thanked the City Council for their partnership and continued financial support for the betterment of our community.

Roll call vote with the following results:

Voting Aye: Dafney, Mischnick, Jones, Reynolds, Bentley.

Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

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- Council discussed when to conduct a Special Meeting for the end of the fiscal year bill approval. By consensus, 8:00 a.m. Monday, September 30, 2019 in the City Manager's Office, 324 Laramie Avenue was selected.
- Board announcements was the final item on the agenda for Council.

Currently there remains two vacancies on the Board of Adjustment, three vacancies on the Economic Development Plan Citizen Advisory Board, two youth representatives on the Library Board, one vacancy on the Museum Board, two vacancies on the Park and Tree Board and the alternate position on the Planning Commission. 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.

There being no further business before Council, Mayor Dafney adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.



Mike Dafney, Mayor

(SEAL)



Linda S. Jines, City Clerk

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