

September 30, 2019

ALLIANCE CITY COUNCIL

SPECIAL MEETING, MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2019

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CITY OF ALLIANCE)

The Alliance City Council met in a Special Meeting, September 30, 2019, at 8:00 a.m. in the Conference Room of the Municipal Building, 324 Laramie Avenue, Alliance, Nebraska. A notice of meeting was published in the Alliance Times Herald on September 25, 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 30, 2019 special meeting of the Alliance, Nebraska City Council at 8:07 p.m. Present were Council Members Dafney, Mischnick, Jones, and Bentley. Councilman Reynolds arrived at 8:09 a.m. Also present were City Manager Sprock, Finance Director Waggener and City Clerk Jines.

- Mayor Dafney read the Open Meetings Act Announcement.
- The first action by Council was a motion made by Mayor Dafney to approved the Consent Calendar. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jones.

CONSENT CALENDAR – SEPTEMBER 30, 2019

1. Approval: Minutes of the Regular Meeting, September 17, 2019.
2. Approval: Payroll Costs for the period September 7 - 20, 2019: \$229,132.72.
3. Approval: Claims against the following funds for the period of September 11 through September 26, 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., Keno, and Capital Improvement; \$1,773,749.22.
4. Approval: Authorizing an additional payment of \$5,178 from Capital Outlay-Machinery and Equipment Account No. 06-41-42-59-950. The City Council at the August 6, 2019 Council

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Meeting approved the expenditure of \$27,700 for the purchase of trash containers from Snyder Industries of Lincoln, NE, the successful low bidder. \$40,000 had been budgeted for the purchase of trash containers. After the initial purchase was placed, complaints were received from the public schools regarding the size of their trash containers. The City has placed two yard trash containers at the school this year; and previously they had three yard trash containers. The two yard containers were deemed insufficient for their needs. As a result we ordered six three yard containers to meet the schools needs and relocated the two yard containers. Adequate funds were available in this account to cover the necessary expense.

A motion was made by Councilman Bentley, seconded by Councilman Mischnick to correct the September 17, 2019 minutes to (1) reflect Councilman Bentley seconded the motion to change the ending date within the Agricultural Lease; (2) to correct a typographical error within the introduction sentence for the purchase of a John Deere 772 GP Motor Grader as the "P" was left out; and (3) note there are two youth representative vacancies on the Library Board.

Roll call vote for corrections to the September 17, 2019 Minutes with the following results:

Voting Aye: Dafney, Mischnick, Jones, Bentley.

Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

Roll call vote approving the Consent Calendar:

Voting Aye: Dafney, Mischnick, Jones, Bentley.

Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

- Councilman Reynolds arrived at 8:09 a.m.
- Resolution No. 19-84 establishing the four enterprise funds percentage transfers to the General Fund at approximately 12% for the current fiscal year, 2018-19 was the next matter before Council. The attached table was provided to Council which shows the amount of the transfer at the 11%, 11½%, 12% and 12½% levels.

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Enterprise Fund	Budgeted		E					
	Revenue	Transfer	Revenue	%	11.0%	11.5%	12.0%	12.5%
Electric	14,748,200	1,769,800	13,628,879	13.0%	1,499,200	1,567,300	1,635,500	1,703,600
Refuse	1,257,600	150,900	1,133,490	13.3%	124,700	130,400	136,000	141,700
Sewer	463,600	55,600	487,818	11.4%	53,700	56,100	58,500	61,000
Water	1,958,700	235,000	1,646,211	14.3%	181,100	189,300	197,500	205,800
Totals	18,428,100	2,211,300	16,896,398	13.1%	1,858,700	1,943,100	2,027,500	2,112,100

A motion was made by Councilman Bentley, seconded by Councilman Mischnick to approve Resolution No. 19-84 as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 19-84

WHEREAS, The City of Alliance each year transfers Enterprise Fees to the General Fund to assist in balancing the budget; and

WHEREAS, Enterprise Fees are derived from the Electric, Water, Sewer and Refuse Funds; and

WHEREAS, The transfer has been maintained at approximately 12% of budgeted Enterprise Fund Revenues over the last few years; and

WHEREAS, The transfer was budgeted at \$2,211,300 for the 2018-19 fiscal year with the provision that the amount be reviewed prior to the end of the year to determine reasonableness in regard to actual Enterprise Revenue and General Fund operations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Alliance, Nebraska, that staff is authorized to transfer Enterprise Fees of approximately 12% of Enterprise Fund Revenues to the General Fund for the fiscal year 2018-19 in the amount of \$2,027,500.

Roll call vote with the following results:

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

Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

- Mayor Dafney next provided an overview of his recent trip to Washington D.C. Mayor Dafney met with Members of Congress on Capitol Hill as part of the National League of Cities 2019 Local Leaders Fly-In. Congress is proposing to reduce transportation funding 7.6 billion

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dollars in the next year. Mayor Dafney shared with Members of Congress the impact that cut would have not only on the State of Nebraska with the Heartland Expressway but the City of Alliance with our public transit program. He also discussed the impacts of the flooding Nebraska sustained and the need for a long-term extension of the National Flood Insurance Program. Mayor Dafney was also able to share the true needs for franchise fees to utilize municipal right-of-ways in order to maintain and improve our infrastructure. The meeting was a great opportunity to share the concerns of our citizenry.

Mayor Dafney also informed Council he would be representing Alliance at the Ports to Plains meeting in October and will not be present for the October 15th Council meeting as a result.

- The final matter before Council was an Executive Session for the protection of the public interest to conduct a strategy session regarding a potential litigation matter.

Mayor Dafney motioned pursuant to Section 84-1410 Reissue Revised Status of Nebraska 1943, that the Alliance City Council finds it necessary to enter into a closed session to protect the public interest to discuss a potential litigation matter. The City Manager, City Clerk, Airport Manager, Airport Engineer were requested to remain for the session. The City's legal counsel participated by telephone. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bentley.

Roll call vote with the following results:

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

Voting Nay: None.

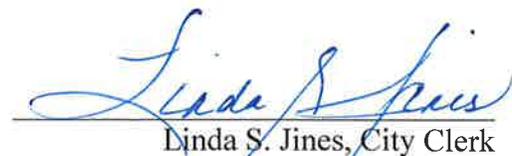
Motion carried.

The closed session began at 8:14 a.m. and concluded at 9:14 a.m. No additional action was taken.

There being no further business before Council, Mayor Dafney adjourned the meeting at 9:15 a.m.


Mike Dafney, Mayor

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Linda S. Jines, City Clerk

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