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ALLIANCE CITY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING, TUESDAY, AUGUST 18, 2020

STATE OF NEBRASKA)
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COUNTY OF BOX BUTTE) §
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CITY OF ALLIANCE)

The Alliance City Council met in a Regular Meeting, August 18, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. in the Alliance Learning Center Community Meeting Room, 1750 Sweetwater Avenue, Alliance, Nebraska. A notice of meeting was published in the Alliance Times Herald on August 12, 2020. 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 read the Open Meetings Act Announcement.
- Council was first introduced to the City's new Police Officer Reina Muniz.
- The Consent Calendar was next on the agenda. A motion was made by Councilman Jones and seconded by Councilman Mischnick to approve the Consent Calendar as follows:

CONSENT CALENDAR – AUGUST 18, 2020

1. Approval: Minutes of the Regular Meeting, August 4, 2020.
2. Approval: Payroll Costs for the period July 11, 2020 through July 24, 2020: \$237,797.23.
3. Approval: Claims against the following funds for the period of July 29, 2020, through August 12, 2020: 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; \$1,482,807.39.
4. Approval: AVFD Roster update by removing Bailey Gorsuch.
5. Approval: Resolution No. 20-85 authorizes the City to write-off charges that have remained uncollected over the past year, including balances that remain uncollected by the collection agency and other amounts that have not been collected by the City as of July 31, 2020. The

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charge-off action removes the items from the active financials of the City but does not limit further collection efforts by the City.

6. Approval: The Special Events Request to close Box Butte Avenue for the annual Homecoming Parade. The parade will be held on Friday, October 2, 2020 beginning at 2:30 p.m. and lasting approximately one hour. Line-up for the parade will begin at 2:00 p.m. The parade will start on 16th Street and proceed south to 4th Street. A Certificate of Insurance naming the City as an additional insured will be provided. The applicant is aware that this approval is contingent upon the Directed Health Measures at the time of the event.
7. Approval: The Special Events Request of United Way of Nebraska to conduct a disc golf tournament at the Rolling Prairie Disc Golf Course at Laing Lake Park on September 12, 2020 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The request includes the closure of the parking lot to allow for food vendors. A Certificate of Insurance has been received naming the City an additional insured.

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.

- Council next conducted a Public Hearing on the proposed 2020-2021 Budget. Following the Public Hearing, Council was introduced Ordinance No. 2907 on second reading. The following information was provided:

[The 2020-21 annual budget appropriations as proposed total \$54,517,200 compared to \$46,462,800 in the prior year. The primary differences are the result of different levels of capital projects in the general, enterprise, streets, airport operating and capital projects funds.

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Prior Year</u>	<u>Current Year</u>
General	\$7,489,500	\$9,090,700
Electric	16,192,100	17,541,600
Refuse	1,431,000	1,968,700
Sewer	1,186,200	1,310,100
Water	2,324,600	2,539,800
Golf Course	549,800	645,400
Airport Operations	3,073,300	6,387,800
Public Transit	378,500	381,000

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Streets	2,893,500	5,176,600
Handyman Services	65,500	43,700
RSVP	85,800	75,300
Museum Exhibit	14,600	14,600
BID #1 and #2	12,500	12,500
HUD/CDBG	150,000	150,000
Community Betterment (KENO)	18,200	20,200
Economic Development	161,800	168,400
LB 840 Fund	357,500	400,000
Redevelopment (TIF)	800,000	875,000
Sales Tax Fund	2,000,000	2,000,000
Lodging Occupation Tax	201,200	301,000
Capital Projects Fund	1,160,000	1,175,000
Public Safety Tax	50,000	50,000
State 911 Funds	90,000	100,000
General Internal Service	1,366,400	1,414,500
Enterprise Internal Service	1,900,900	634,200
Health Support Internal Service	2,072,500	1,930,000
General Debt Service	378,400	51,100
Airport Capital Reserve	59,000	60,000
Gross Expenditures	\$46,462,800	\$54,517,200

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 proposed 2020-21 Budget” and opened the Public Hearing at 7:07 p.m.

No testimony was offered, the Public Hearing closed at 7:07 p.m.

A motion was made by Mayor Dafney, seconded by Councilman Jones to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 2907. City Clerk Johnson read the ordinance by title which follows in its entirety:

ORDINANCE NO. 2907

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, 2020 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2021, 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 21, 2020 with a proposed budget being produced thereafter. A public hearing will be held on said proposed budget on August 18, 2020, as required by law; and

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

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SECTION 1. The budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2020, 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
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

Approved Mill Levy for
2020

Based on Assessed
Valuation

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 2020-21.

General		\$9,090,700
Electric	17,541,600	17,600,300
Refuse	1,968,700	1,969,900
Sewer	1,310,100	1,291,900
Water	2,539,800	2,518,200
Golf Course		645,400
Airport Operations		6,387,800
Public Transit		381,000
Streets		5,176,600
Handyman Services		43,700
RSVP		75,300
Museum Exhibit		14,600
BID #1 and #2		12,500
HUD/CDBG		150,000
Community Betterment (KENO)		20,200
Economic Development		168,400
LB 840 Fund		400,000
Redevelopment (TIF)		875,000

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Sales Tax Fund	2,000,000
Lodging Occupation Tax	301,000
Capital Projects Fund	1,175,000
Public Safety Tax	50,000
State 911 Funds	100,000
General Internal Service	1,414,500
Enterprise Internal Service	634,200
Health Support Internal Service	1,930,000
General Debt Service	51,100
Airport Capital Reserve	60,000

Gross Expenditures

54,517,200

54,537,300

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; \$260,000 within the Water Fund; \$200,000 within the Sewer Fund; \$30,000 within the Refuse Fund; \$25,000 within the Airport Fund; and \$50,000 within the Streets Fund; to be known as "Contingency Reserves." Expenditures from any Contingency Reserve 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 \$_____ for Fiscal Year 2020-21.

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.

Roll call vote to waive the statutory reading with the following results

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

Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

- The next item on the agenda was the second reading Ordinance No. 2908 which will allow the City of Alliance with a 75% affirmative vote by Council to exceed the Allowable Growth and Basic Allowable Growth for the 2020-21 Fiscal Year Budget by 1%. The following information was provided:

[The attached ordinance will allow the City of Alliance (with a 75% affirmative vote by Council) to exceed the base allowable growth limitation of the restricted funds authority for the 2020-21 fiscal year budget by 1% (or \$72,791.36) with total

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restricted funds authority at \$7,533,905.27.

This does not increase the new fiscal budget, but rather allows the City to increase the unused budget authority for use in future years.]

A motion was made by Councilman Mischnick, seconded by Councilman Bentley to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 2908. City Clerk Johnson read the ordinance by title which follows in its entirety:

ORDINANCE NO. 2908

AN ORDINANCE ALLOWING FOR EXCEEDING THE ALLOWABLE GROWTH AND BASIC ALLOWABLE GROWTH LIMITS FOR THE 2020-2021 FISCAL YEAR BY ONE PERCENT OF BUDGETED RESTRICTED FUNDS, AND CORRECTING THE ADOPTED BUDGET STATEMENT AND ACCOMPANYING FORMS.

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

SECTION 1. Governmental units are authorized pursuant to State law at Chapter 13, Section 519, to exceed the Allowable Growth (§13-518(1)) and the Basic Allowable Growth (§77-3446) for budgeted restricted funds authority up to an additional one percent, by affirmative vote of the City Council of at least 75%.

SECTION 2. The City Council finds that such limit as provided by Section 13-519 (a) and (b) should be exceeded by one percent.

SECTION 3. An affirmative vote of at least 75% in favor of this increase is hereby cast.

SECTION 4. Section 13-511 allows correction of an adopted budget statement for clerical, mathematical, and accounting errors, which correction does not affect the total amount budgeted by more than one percent or increase the amount required from property taxes. The one percent limit increase is calculated into the current budget statement; however the unused budget authority amount is in need of modification.

SECTION 5. The allowable increase in “restricted funds authority” with the additional 1% of \$72,791.36 and included in the resulting “total restricted funds authority” in the adopted budget ordinance is hereby amended to the amount of \$7,533,905.27.

SECTION 6. Those portions of the existing budget ordinance for 2020-2021 are amended accordingly.

SECTION 7. The City Treasurer is authorized to make appropriate changes in the submitted forms for computation of the limit for fiscal year 2020-2021, and transmit those changes to the State Auditor’s office.

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SECTION 8. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its approval, passage, and publication according to law.

A motion was made by Councilman Jones, seconded by Councilman Mischnick to suspend the statutory rule requiring three separate readings of Ordinance No. 2908.

Roll call vote to waive the statutory reading with the following results

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

Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

Roll call to approve Ordinance No. 2908 on final reading 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. 2908 has been concurred by a majority of all members elected to the Council, I declare it passed, adopted and order it published."

- Ordinance No. 2910 which will adopt the Classification and Compensation Plans to be incorporated in our 2020-21 Fiscal Year Budget, was next on the agenda. The following information was provided:

[The attached ordinance will adopt the Classification and Compensation Plans that will be incorporated as a part of the 2020-21 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% increased based on a cost of living adjustment.
- **Public Transit Driver** – Increase in wages based on comparability study from 204 to 207.
- **Inventory and Purchasing Clerk** – Increase in wages based on adding purchasing agent job responsibilities.

The City Manager is in the process of making adjustments to the organization chart. These adjustments will come in an amendment to the Classification Plan

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that will be considered by council at a later meeting (i.e. second or third reading of the ordinance or an amendment to the ordinance at a future council meeting).]

A motion was made by Councilman Bentley, seconded by Councilman Mischnick to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2910. City Clerk Johnson read the ordinance by title which follows in its entirety:

ORDINANCE NO. 2910

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 2020-2021 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 3, 2020 and the attached Compensation Schedules for Exempt, Non-Exempt and Fire employees dated to be effective October 3, 2020 are hereby adopted by this reference.

SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall become effective October 3, 2020.

Roll call vote with the following results:

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

Voting Nay: None.

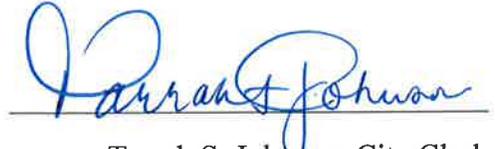
Motion carried.

There being no further business before Council, Mayor Dafney adjourned the meeting at 7:11 p.m.


Mike Dafney, Mayor

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Tarrah S. Johnson, City Clerk

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