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ALLIANCE CITY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 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, September 1, 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 26, 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.
- The Consent Calendar was the first item on the agenda for Council. A motion was made by Councilman Bentley and seconded by Councilman Mischnick to approve the Consent Calendar as follows:

CONSENT CALENDAR – SEPTEMBER 1, 2020

1. Approval: Minutes of the Regular Meeting, August 18, 2020.
2. Approval: Payroll Costs for the period July 25, 2020 through August 7, 2020: \$314,286.50.
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; \$287,970.09.
4. Approval: Special Event Request of Atlas Obscura to host a drive-in experience “off-Road Experience” at Carhenge the first week of November. The written request with staff comments along with a brochure has been included for Council’s review.
5. Approval: Street Closure Request of Steph’s Studio to close the 200 Block of Box Butte Avenue on September 10, 2020 from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. to conduct an Open Mic night

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and mask decorating contest. This will be a free event open to the public. A Certificate of Liability Insurance is required prior to the event.

6. Approval: An estimate for the new City equipment storage barn and offices in the amount of \$1,500,000 to \$2,000,000 was provided to Council earlier in the summer. Baker and Associates, Inc. has provided final design plans and costs for the expansion project. It is anticipated that the project will be advertised for bids in early September.

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.

Councilman Jones requested Item No. 6 of the Consent Calendar be discussed as a separate item.

Roll call vote with the following results:

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

Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

- The final design plans and cost estimates for the Public Works Expansion Project was presented to Council for approval. The following was discussed:

Councilman Jones expressed his concerns with the ongoing expenses to maintain the facility and requested an estimate of utility costs be provided to Council.

Councilman Mischnick stated the citizens of Alliance are against this project and Council needs to put that into consideration.

Jack Baker with Baker and Associates, Inc. was in attendance to discuss the project. He mentioned this has been an ongoing project for 10 years and it has not moved forward. 1200 Flack Avenue was purchased with the idea of renovating it for the purpose of this project and it did not move forward. He included that he has been working with staff for several months to design an efficient and productive facility to accommodate all departments that are housed at the Utility Facility.

Kirby Bridge, Electric Superintendent, stated when the facility was originally built, they immediately outgrew it. They are having to store a majority of the equipment outside with and larger facility, they will be able to store all equipment and maintain it longer.

Ross Grant, Public Works Director, stated they continue to outgrow the facility as departments expand and they also have to store equipment and vehicles outside.

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Shana Brown, Cultural & Leisure Services Director, stated their current facility doesn't allow them to store equipment and they have no space to complete maintenance, which is extremely difficult during the snow removal season. Overall, Brown stated we need facilities that accommodate the employees so they are successful in providing services to the community.

With no further discussion, Mayor Dafney motioned to accept the project plans and cost estimate for the Public Works Facility and move forward with advertising for bids. Councilman Reynolds seconded the motion.

Roll call vote with the following results:

Voting Aye: Dafney, Reynolds, Bentley.

Voting Nay: Mischnick, Jones.

Motion carried.

- Ordinance No. 2907 was next before Council on third reading. This ordinance presents to Council the 2020-2021 proposed budget. 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
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

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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

A motion was made by Councilman Reynolds, seconded by Councilman Bentley to approve the third 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:

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	1,178,900	177,200	266,500	55,500	1,678,100
County Treasurer's Fee (1%)	11,789	1,772	2,665	555	16,781
Total Property Tax Request	1,190,689	178,972	269,165	56,055	1,694,881
Using the following levies	0.225841	0.033950	0.051054	0.010632	0.321477
Approved Mill Levy for 2020	0.321477				

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Based on Assessed Valuation 527,217,168

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
Refuse	1,968,700
Sewer	1,310,100
Water	2,539,800
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
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
<i>Gross Expenditures</i>	<u>54,517,200</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; \$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 \$116,924.27 for Fiscal Year 2020-21.

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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, 2020

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. 2907 has been concurred by a majority of all members elected to the Council, I declare it passed, adopted and order it published."

● Next for Council's consideration was the second reading of Ordinance No. 2910 which will adopt the Classification and Compensation Plans being incorporated in our 2020-21 Fiscal Year Budget. 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 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).]

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A motion was made by Councilman Jones, seconded by Councilman Mischnick to approve the second 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.

- Council next conducted a Public Hearing on the 2020 Property Tax request. Following the Public Hearing, Resolution No. 20-86 which approves the Property Tax request was introduced to Council. The following information was provided:

[A formal public hearing is required each year to allow community input regarding the annual property tax request by the City. 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 \$0.324745 to \$0.321477. The corresponding tax request in the amount

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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 two years' 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 \$527,217,168 representing an increase 1.02% over last year's valuation of \$521,910,994.]

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 property tax request" and opened the Public Hearing at 7:25 p.m.

Hearing no further testimony, the Public Hearing closed at 7:25 p.m.

A motion was made by Mayor Dafney, seconded by Councilman Jones to approve Resolution No. 20-86 which follows in its entirety:

RESOLUTION NO. 20-86

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

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 2020 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, 2020 and set the appropriate levy.

Roll call vote with the following results:

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

Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

- Next on the agenda was Resolution No. 20-87 which provides direction to the City Manager for the hiring of City employees by adopting the Total Authorized Strength document. The following information was provided:

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[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 2020-21 fiscal year. The authorized strength will decrease .175 FTEs from the current authorized strength of 107.95 to 107.775 for the upcoming year. The total authorized seasonal budget is increased by \$500 to \$209,000.

The extra public safety dispatch position added last year will be split with police administration as an evidence clerk. Other FTE adjustments are to transition more of the public transit FTEs to full time with an overall decrease of .42 FTE. The museum and administrative intern positions were eliminated with a part-time museum page added for an average of 15 hours per week (or .375 FTE). One utility office clerk has been reduced by 5 hours per week with the possibility of elimination of the position within the next year. An additional \$10,000 in temporary wages were included for golf pro shop. Some realignment of manager reports is also reflected in the FTEs by department.]

A motion was made by Councilman Mischnick, seconded by Councilman Bentley to approve Resolution No. 20-87 which follows in its entirety:

RESOLUTION NO. 20-87

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

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.

WHEREAS, Due to accepting additional responsibilities for the Aging Office of Western Nebraska modifications needed to be made within the Senior Center and Handyman Departments for Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

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
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			Wages
01	ADMINISTRATION	3.500	
01	POLICE ADMINISTRATION	3.500	
01	POLICE OPERATIONS	15.000	
01	POLICE SUPPORT SERVICES	6.500	
01	ANIMAL CONTROL	0.750	
01	FIRE DEPARTMENT	2.000	
01	AMBULANCE	2.000	
01	FACILITY MAINTENANCE	1.000	
01	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	1.000	
01	CODE ENFORCEMENT	1.500	
01	NUISANCE ABATEMENT	0.250	
01	PARKS	5.650	\$ 36,000
01	SENIOR CENTER	0.330	
01	CEMETERY	1.300	\$ 18,000
01	SWIMMING POOL	0.400	\$ 70,000
01	KNIGHT MUSEUM	4.610	
01	LIBRARY	5.380	
01	SALLOWS MUSEUM	0.000	
01	TOURISM	0.000	
01	CARHENGES	0.000	\$ 18,000
05	ELECTRIC ADMINISTRATION	2.000	
05	ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION	1.000	\$ 5,000
05	ELECTRIC URBAN DISTRIBUTION	3.850	
05	ELECTRIC RURAL DISTRIBUTION	3.150	
06	REFUSE COLLECTION	2.150	
06	REFUSE DISPOSAL	4.150	\$ 5,000
07	SEWER	1.300	\$ 5,000
08	WATER TREATMENT	1.350	
08	WATER DISTRIBUTION	2.950	\$ 5,000
21	GOLF	3.050	\$ 35,000
22	AIRPORT	3.000	
23	PUBLIC TRANSIT	6.930	
24	STREETS	5.300	\$ 12,000
25	HANDYMAN	0.350	
26	RSVP	0.950	
51	PERSONNEL	1.500	
51	GIS/MIS	0.500	
51	FINANCE	3.500	
51	LEGAL/RISK	0.500	

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55	UTILITY CUSTOMER SERVICE	3.500	
55	METER READERS	1.125	
55	WAREHOUSE	1.000	
	Total Authorized Strength	107.775	
	Total Temporary Wages		\$ 209,000

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.

- Next on the agenda for Council was Resolution No. 20-88 which amends the City of Alliance Employee Personnel Manual. The following information was provided:

[The attached resolution will incorporate the changes listed below in to the Employee Personnel Handbook effective October 1, 2020.

3.10 Religious Accommodation - The addition of this section ensures our policies explain how employees are to express their need for a religious accommodation, and that policies that cover standards for appearance do not discriminate against any employee (required by Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964). Religious accommodation continues to get attention from the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC), especially regarding dress and grooming standards.

11.9 Timekeeping - Federal and state laws require policies define which employees are required to keep their time, provide procedures for keeping time and correcting time entries as well as discipline procedures for falsifying time records. The highlighted language ensures our policy meets those requirements.

12.6 Payroll Deductions - Under both federal and state law, employers must inform employees of all deductions to their paycheck, including federal and state taxes, deductions for health care or other benefits plans, contributions to tax-deferred savings plans, and others. This language better describes those deductions and instructs employees of how they will be informed of said deductions.

13.1 Insurance Benefits - This modification provides necessary language regarding COBRA rights.

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13.9 Wellness Incentive Benefit – The intent of this new benefit is to encourage employees on the medical plan to attend an annual check-up to be informed and/or monitor potential medical issues. The City’s medical plan covers the cost of the annual check-up. Administration recommends Council authorize an incentive amount of \$100.00 as a taxable payment for employee. Costs will be allocated from the Health Support Fund. The potential return is better managed medical conditions and reduction in medical claims.

14.1 Holiday – This modification grants employees an additional half-day of holiday for Christmas Eve. The approximate cost for granting this additional half-day is \$12,657. This is calculated by total payroll costs divided by ten working days divided in half (for a half day). Those who work (e.g. Police and Fire) will be eligible for holiday pay.

14.4 Sick Leave – The use of sick leave is expanded to allow use for parents who are ill or those that need assistance with medical appointments. Leave lasting longer than three days will require a doctor’s note.

14.9 Military Leave - The highlighted content is model policy language consistent with federal and state law that specifies USERRA benefits. Language is also being removed that caused confusion between federal protections and City policy.

14.13 Voting Leave - This new policy ensures our compliance with state laws regarding an employee’s time off to vote. This will specify how much time (if any) employers will provide employees to vote and procedures for requesting such time off to vote.]

A motion was made by Councilman Mischnick, seconded by Councilman Reynolds to approve Resolution No. 20-88 which follows in its entirety:

RESOLUTION NO. 20-88

WHEREAS, The City of Alliance is revising certain Personnel Policies; and

WHEREAS, The proposed policy revisions have been reviewed by management and legal staff; and

WHEREAS, The following Policies are proposed to be revised and made part of the Personnel Policies of the City of Alliance:

- 3.10 Religious Accommodation
- 11.9 Timekeeping
- 12.6 Payroll Deductions
- 13.1 Insurance Benefits
- 13.9 Wellness Incentive Benefit
- 14.1 Holiday

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- 14.4 Sick Leave
- 14.9 Military Leave
- 14.13 Voting Leave

WHEREAS, City Council has reviewed the proposed Policies and finds them appropriate for the needs of the Employees of the City of Alliance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and City Council of Alliance, Nebraska, that the City of Alliance Personnel Policies set forth herein, are hereby approved, and adopted effective October 1, 2020, as the Policy of the City of Alliance.

Councilman Mischnick asked if it was considered to remove another paid holiday and replace it with Christmas Eve.

Human Resources Director Carla Mayhew stated it was not considered and this was an addition to the Personnel Policy at Council's. She also added, this will put the City at 11.5 paid holidays, which includes floating holidays, compared to 10 paid holidays at surrounding communities.

Councilman Mischnick motioned to remove the language of Section 14.1 that included a half of day of paid holiday leave on Christmas Eve. Motion died due to the lack of a second.

Councilman Bentley asked about the timekeeping amendments and if that prevents employees from working outside of business hours?

Director Mayhew was in attendance and stated this amendment will provide direction on discrepancies on time cards and the process for it to be corrected.

Councilman Bentley questioned the ability to confirm employees attending appointments in order to receive the Wellness Incentive Benefit.

Director Mayhew stated the City's ability to verify appointments, however due to HIPPA laws, details are limited.

Councilman Bentley questioned the two-hour allotment for voting and if two hours was an excessive amount of time authorized.

Director Mayhew shared that it is a state requirement to provide two hours for voting purposes.

Councilman Bentley then stated she would like Human Resources to address the inequality within the organization. Specifically, break times and employees with children vs. employees without children. It is her belief that employees without children work on average 2.5 hours more per week as they are not leaving work to take and pick up kids from school, drive them to extra-curricular activities, etc.

With no further discussion, Mayor Dafney asked the Clerk to call the roll on Resolution

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No. 20-88 as presented.

Roll call vote with the following results:

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

Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

- Council was next introduced to Resolution No. 20-89 which will award the Lift Station A Rehabilitation Project to K.L. Wood & Co. The following information was provided to Council:

[Lift Station A has been identified as a Capital Improvement Project. Lift station A was originally constructed in 1968 and upgraded in 1986. It currently processes all of the sanitary sewer produced by the City of Alliance.

M.C. Schaff & Associates, Inc. designed the reconstruction project and provided plans to several contractors. The estimated cost for the project was \$350,242.00. Staff recommended placing \$500,000.00 in the Capital Budget for the project with Council approval. K.L. Wood & Co. was the sole bidder on this project with a bid of \$623,522.00.

M. C. Schaff & Associates, Inc. contacted K.L. Wood & Co. as well as the manufacturer of the materials due to the significant difference between the Engineer's estimate and the submitted Bid. A written statement explaining the significant differences and explanation of cost discrepancies has been provided for Council. Staff recommends proceeding with this project using the funds available this year as well as the funds set aside for the rehabilitation of Lift Station D for next year. Lift Station D has less of an impact on the citizens of Alliance, making Lift Station A priority.]

A motion was made by Councilman Bentley, seconded by Councilman Mischnick to approve Resolution No. 20-89 which follows in its entirety:

RESOLUTION NO. 20-89

WHEREAS, The City of Alliance owns and operates the sanitary sewer system within the community; and

WHEREAS, Bid Specifications were prepared and issued for the Rehabilitation of Sewer Lift Station A; and

WHEREAS, One bid packet was issued and one was returned with the lowest, responsible and responsive bidder being K. L. Wood & Co. of Alliance, NE in the amount of Six

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Hundred Twenty-three Thousand Five Hundred Twenty-two Dollars and no/100th (\$623,522.00); and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Alliance, Nebraska, that the Mayor is authorized to sign a contract with K. L. Wood & Co. in the amount of Six Hundred Twenty-three Thousand Five Hundred Twenty-two Dollars and no/100th (\$623,522.00) for the Sewer Lift Station A Rehabilitation Project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that funding for this project is authorized from Account No. 07-52-58-59-921.

Roll call vote with the following results:

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

Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

- Resolution No. 20-90 was the next item before Council. This resolution authorizes staff to place 1200 Flack Avenue for sale. The following information was provided:

[City Attorney Hoelsing has prepared an Invitation to Bid for the sale 1200 Flack Avenue (Block 1, Wheeler Addition City of Alliance, Box Butte County, Nebraska). The bid process allows interested parties to submit bids to the City for the purpose of purchasing the property.

Bids must be provided to the City in a sealed envelope and will be opened on September 29, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. Council will review the bids at a future meeting and have the ability to approve or reject an agreement for sale with the highest bidder. As with any sale of property by the City of Alliance, there is a 30-day remonstrance period as established within State Statutes.]

A motion was made by Councilman Reynolds, seconded by Councilman Bentley to approve Resolution No. 20-90 which follows in its entirety:

RESOLUTION NO. 20-90

WHEREAS, the City of Alliance Nebraska owns the following described real estate that has been determined to be surplus Real Estate which is appropriate to be sold by the City (“Real Estate”):

Block 1, WHEELER ADDITION, an Addition to the City of Alliance, Box Butte County Nebraska, more commonly known as 1200 Flack Avenue Alliance Nebraska 69301.

WHEREAS, the City of Alliance desires to sell the Real Estate and to invite multiple

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offers to purchase the Real Estate; and

WHEREAS the City of Alliance believes that an invitation for sealed bids is the most appropriate and prudent manner of soliciting offers to purchase the Real Estate; and

WHEREAS, the City staff has presented the City Council of the City of Alliance documents related to the invitation to bid process, including the invitation to bid and the proposed Real Estate purchase agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Alliance Nebraska, that the City Council authorizes the invitation for sealed bid process for the Real Estate and directs the officers of the City to act on the City's behalf as indicated below;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Alliance City Council retains the right and discretion to reject any and all bids received as part of the invitation for sealed bid process, and the acceptance of any bid for the purchase of the Real Estate shall be made and approved only upon further action of the City Council.

Roll call vote with the following results:

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

Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

- Council next established a date and time to conduct a Special Meeting for the end of the fiscal year bill approval. By consensus, Tuesday September 29, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. in the City Manager's Office, 324 Laramie Avenue was selected.
- Board announcements were the final items on the agenda. The City is in receipt of a Board Application from Maverick Churchill to serve on the Economic Development Citizen Advisory Board.

A motion was made by Councilman Mischnick, seconded by Councilman Jones to appoint Maverick Churchill to serve on the EDCAB Board with a term ending December 31, 2023.

Roll call vote with the following results:

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

Voting Nay: None.

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Motion carried.

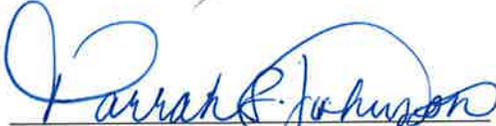
Currently there remains two vacancies on the A-2 Downtown Improvement District Board, one vacancy on the Economic Development Plan Citizen Advisory Board, one youth representative on the Library Board, one vacancy on the Park and Tree Board, the alternate position on the Planning Commission and three vacancies on the Police Advisory Board (High School Rep, Retired Rep, School Admin Rep).

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 7:49 p.m.


Mike Dafney, Mayor

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Tarrah S. Johnson, City Clerk

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