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ALLIANCE CITY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2020

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CITY OF ALLIANCE)

The Alliance City Council met in a Regular Meeting, September 15, 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 September 9, 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 Reynolds and seconded by Councilman Mischnick to approve the Consent Calendar as follows:

CONSENT CALENDAR – SEPTEMBER 15, 2020

1. Approval: Minutes of the Regular Meeting, September 1, 2020; Special Meeting, September 4, 2020.
2. Approval: Payroll Costs for the period August 8, 2020 through August 21, 2020: \$226,467.65.
3. Approval: Claims against the following funds for the period of August 26, 2020, through September 9, 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; \$1,356,326.22.
4. Approval: Capital Budget Transfer in the amount of \$3,500 from Capital Outlay – Machine, Equipment to Capital Outlay – Buildings for the engineering fees associated with the golf cart storage barn expansion at SkyView Golf Course.

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5. Approval: The Alliance Public Library has an opportunity to apply for a Virtual Learning Enhancement Grant from the American Library Association in the Amount of \$1,000. Due to the increase use of online education and virtual meetings, this will provide the Alliance Public Library the opportunity to host digital skills programs for library patrons. Resolution No. 20-92 will authorize the submittal of the grant application.
6. Approval: Resolution No. 20-93 will approve the Digital Marketing Grant Application of Pasha Korber in the amount of \$2,500 for the expansion of Posh website.
7. Approval: Recommend approval to the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission of the Special Designated Liquor License Application of Carnegie Arts Center to host a Gala at the Center on October 18, 2020 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
8. Approval: The *Special Events Request for Use of Public Facilities, Parks, Streets* of the American Legion Post 7 and the Veterans Service Office to conduct a Veteran's Day Parade. The parade will be held on Saturday, November 14, 2020 starting at 11:00 a.m. The route will be starting at 14th Street and Box Butte Avenue traveling south to 4th Street, turning east and ending. The required Certificate of Insurance has been provided to the City.

NOTE: Interim City Managers Johnson and Waggener have reviewed these expenditures and to the best of their knowledge confirm 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.

- The first reading of Ordinance No. 2911 was next on the agenda for Council. This ordinance will authorize an amendment to the City of Alliance Economic Development Plan by including businesses that derive their principal source of income from early childhood care and education programs under the City's Economic Development Plan. The following information was provided:

[In 2019, the Legislature amended Neb. Rev. Stat. § 18-2709 to include a business that derives its principal source of income from early childhood care and education programs, and it further amended Neb. Rev. Stat. § 18-2705 to allow grants, loans, for funds for early childhood infrastructure development. Currently, the City's Economic Development Plan does not include early childhood care and education programs as a qualifying business.

The City's Application Review Committee has reviewed the concept of including

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businesses that derive their principal source of income from early childhood care and education programs as a “qualifying business” under the City’s Economic Development Plan. The Application Review Committee is in support of the approach and is willing to consider avenues for funding if such an application should arise.

Neb. Rev. Stat. § 18-2714 provides that the City’s Economic Development Plan may be amended without a vote of the residents when it is an amendment that adds a type of qualifying business. The City’s Advisory Review Committee must first make the recommendation for amendment, and it has done so in its September 8, 2020 meeting.]

A motion was made by Councilman Jones, seconded by Councilman Mischnick to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2911. City Clerk Johnson read the ordinance by title which follows in its entirety:

ORDINANCE NO. 2911

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ALLIANCE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN TO PROVIDE FOR ADDITIONAL QUALIFYING BUSINESSES.

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

1. The City Council, has by Ordinance, adopted an Amended Economic Development Plan (the "Plan"), which was effective as of April 1, 2020.
2. The Citizen Advisory Committee, on September 8, 2020, has recommended an amendment to the Plan as provided for in this Ordinance, and the City Council has held a public hearing on the recommended amendment.
3. Paragraph 3.a. of the Plan is amended to add the following Qualifying Businesses:
 - (12) a business that derives its principal source of income from early childhood care and education programs;
4. This Ordinance was approved by a two-thirds vote of the members of the City Council. It shall become effective upon its passage, approval and publication. Publication shall be in pamphlet form.

Roll call vote with the following results:

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

Voting Nay: None.

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Motion carried.

- Next for Council was the third reading of Ordinance No. 2910 which will adopt the Classification and Compensation Plans being incorporated in our 2020-2021 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.]

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

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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. 2910 has been concurred by a majority of all members elected to the Council, I declare it passed, adopted and order it published."

- Resolution No. 20-94 which accepts a donation from WESTCO in the amount of \$10,000 was the next agenda item. This donation is a match of a \$10,000 grant that was awarded by the Land O'Lakes Foundation.

WESTCO General Manager David Briggs and WESTCO Fuel Manager Jess Wimmer were in attendance to present the \$10,000 check to Police Chief John Kiss.

A motion was made by Councilman Bentley, seconded by Councilman Mischnick to approve Resolution No. 20-94 which follows in its entirety:

RESOLUTION NO. 20-94

WHEREAS, The City of Alliance provides law enforcement services for the citizens of Alliance; and

WHEREAS, WESTCO and the Land O'Lakes Foundation have offered to provide funding in the amount of \$20,000 (\$10,000 WESTCO and \$10,000 Land O' Lakes Foundation) for the purchase of body cameras and protective armor for use by our law enforcement personnel; and

WHEREAS, The use of body cameras by law enforcement will have multiple benefits for both our police officers and citizenry with the increase in accountability and transparency, improved officer training and assisting officers in gathering evidence; and

WHEREAS, The protective armor and gear will ensure our police officers will conduct their duties safely and effectively; and

WHEREAS, The City Council believes it is in the best interest of the City of Alliance to accept this gracious donation from WESTCO and Land O' Lakes Foundation and move forward with the purchase of the equipment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Alliance, Nebraska, that the donation of WESTCO and the Land O'Lakes Foundation be graciously accepted on behalf of the Alliance citizens.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that staff is authorized to proceed with the purchase of the body cameras and protective armor.

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Roll call vote with the following results:

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

Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

- Board announcements was the final item on the agenda for Council.

A motion was made by Councilman Reynolds, seconded by Councilman Jones to appoint Trish Neely to serve on the Park and Tree Board with a term ending February 28, 2023.

Roll call vote with the following results:

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

Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Reynolds, seconded by Councilman Bentley to appoint Caisey Pfeiffer to serve as the High School Student Representative on the Police Advisory Board with a term ending July 31, 2021.

Roll call vote with the following results:

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

Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Reynolds, seconded by Councilman Jones to appoint George Clear to serve on the Police Advisory Board as the School Administration Representative with a term ending on December 31, 2021.

Roll call vote with the following results:

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

Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

Currently there remains two vacancies on the A-2 Downtown Improvement District

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Board, one vacancy on the Economic Development Plan Citizen Advisory Board, one youth representative on the Library Board, the alternate position on the Planning Commission and one vacancy on the Police Advisory Board (Retired 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 7:12 p.m.


Mike Dafney, Mayor

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Tarrah S. Johnson, City Clerk

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