

April 20, 2021

ALLIANCE CITY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING, TUESDAY, APRIL 20, 2021

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CITY OF ALLIANCE)

The Alliance City Council met in a Regular Meeting, April 20, 2021, 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 April 14, 2021. 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 April 20, 2021 regular meeting of the Alliance, Nebraska City Council at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Dafney, Council Members Jones, Bentley and McGhehey. Also present were Finance Director Waggener, City Attorney Hoelsing and City Clerk Johnson.

- Mayor Dafney read the Open Meetings Act Announcement.
- The first action for Council was to excuse Councilman Mischnick. A motion was made by Mayor Dafney and seconded by Councilman Jones to excuse Councilman Mischnick.

Roll call vote with the following results:

Voting Aye: Dafney, Jones, Bentley, McGhehey.

Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

- Council was next introduced to new City of Alliance employee, McKenna Leach.
- Council next proclaimed April 30, 2021 as Arbor Day. Councilman Jones presented the following proclamation:

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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, In 1872 J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees; and

WHEREAS, This holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world; and

WHEREAS, Trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce oxygen and provide habitat for wildlife; and

WHEREAS, Trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products; and

WHEREAS, Trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community; and

WHEREAS, Trees are a source of joy and spiritual renewal; and

WHEREAS, The City of Alliance has been recognized as a Tree City USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation and desires to continue its tree-planting ways,

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of Alliance, Nebraska, does hereby proclaim April 30, 2021 as:

ARBOR DAY

in the City of Alliance, Nebraska, and I urge all citizens to support efforts to care for our trees and woodlands and to support our City's community forestry program; and

FURTHER, I urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the hearts and promote the well-being of present and future generations.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Alliance to be affixed on this 20th day of April in the year of the Lord Two Thousand Twenty-One.

- The Consent Calendar was the next matter before Council. A motion was made by Mayor Dafney and seconded by Councilman McGhehey to approve the Consent Calendar as follows:

CONSENT CALENDAR – April 20, 2021

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1. Approval: Minutes of the Regular Meeting, April 6, 2021.
2. Approval: Payroll Costs for the period March 6, 2021 through March 19, 2021: \$232,853.38 and for the period March 20, 2021 through April 2, 2021: \$313,212.73.
3. Approval: Claims against the following funds for the period of March 30, 2021 through April 28, 2021: 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; \$1,512,980.02.
4. Approval: Attached is a listing of Demand Checks which were generated over the last financial quarter ending March 31, 2021. The report lists checks that have been issued which are not expenses within the budget. These are primarily made up of fund transfers, meter deposit refunds, utility overpayments and an occasional check which was required to be reissued.
5. Approval: Issuance of the following Cemetery Certificates:

The East Half (E½) of Lot Nine (9), Section Ten (10), Block Twenty (20); Third Addition to the Alliance Cemetery to Kristy J. and Travis T. Shoemaker;

The West Half (W½) of Lot Fifteen (15), Section One (1), Block Twenty-seven (27) and The West Half (W½) of Lot Sixteen (16), Section One (1), Block Twenty-seven (27); Alliance Cemetery Fourth Addition to Robert B. and Marcia L. Boots

The South Half (S½) of the Southeast Quarter (SE ¼) of Lot Twelve (12), Section Two (2), Block Seventeen (17); Second Addition to the Alliance Cemetery to Tammy Rosson and Venita L. Brians.
6. Approval: Resolution No. 21-37 will approve a Haying Lease with 4-T Cattle Company for approximately 814 acres located on Alliance Municipal Airport property for five years beginning May 15, 2021.
7. Approval: Resolution No. 21-38 will approve a Haying Lease with Jason Loomis for approximately 22.5 acres located on Alliance Municipal Airport property for five years beginning May 15, 2021.

NOTE: Interim Managers Johnson and Waggener have reviewed these expenditures and to the best of their 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, Jones, Bentley, McGhehey.

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Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

- The next item on the agenda was Resolution No. 21-39 which will authorize the purchase of a 2021-F150 Ford Pickup from Cover Jones Motor Company of Alliance, NE in the amount of \$33,080 for the Water Department. The following information was provided:

[Replacement of a pickup was approved for the Street Department as part of the 2020-21 CIP process. After evaluating other vehicle needs, staff determined that transferring vehicles between departments would result in fewer new vehicle purchases. The following chart describes the purchase and transfer of vehicles as recommended:

Origin	Vehicle	Destination	Reason
New	2021 F-150	Water Department	Replace Unit #500
Water Department	2013 F-150 2WD 49,000 miles Unit #500	Facility Maintenance	Fuel economy and desirable configuration
Facility Maintenance	2008 F-250 58,000 miles Unit #2001	Street Department	Maintenance box and desirable configuration
Street Department	2005 Dodge 2500 77,000 miles flatbed	Other department or Purple Wave	Scheduled replacement

A 2021 F-150 Ford 4X4 extended cab pickup was priced through the State of Nebraska bid at \$33,080 with that price being matched by Cover Jones Motor Company of Alliance. A transfer of budget authority in the amount of \$35,500 (less than the \$55,000 budget) is being requested from Streets Capital Outlay-Vehicles (GL #24-41-41-59-960) to Water Capital Outlay Vehicles (GL #08-52-52-59-960) to cover the cost of the pickup along with estimated sales tax of \$2,316.]

A motion was made by Councilman Bentley, seconded by Mayor Dafney to approve Resolution No. 21-39 which follows in its entirety:

RESOLUTION NO. 21-39

WHEREAS, The Streets Department had part of the 2020-2021 Capital Improvement Purchases, a new vehicle; and

WHEREAS, Additional vehicle needs have arose within the Facility Maintenance Division; and

WHEREAS, The current Facility Maintenance vehicle meets the needs of the Streets Department; and

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WHEREAS, the Water Department has a 2013 F-150 Pickup 2WD that will be transferred to Facility Maintenance; and

WHEREAS, Public Works Director Grant is recommending the purchase of one 2021 Ford F-150 Pickup in the amount of \$33,080 from Cover Jones Motor Company of Alliance for the Water Department; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Alliance, Nebraska, that Mayor Dafney be and hereby is authorized to enter into a contract with Cover Jones Motor Company for the purchase of one 2021 Ford F-150 Pickup in the amount of Thirty-three Thousand Eighty Dollars and no/100ths (\$33,080).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council is authorizing the budget transfer in the amount of \$35,500 from Streets Capital Outlay – Vehicle Account No. 24-41-41-59-960 to Water Capital Outlay – Vehicles Account No. 08-52-52-59-960 to allow for the purchase.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The taxes and licensing for this purchase is \$2,316 making the total unit price \$35,396.

Roll call vote with the following results:

Voting Aye: Dafney, Jones, Bentley, McGhehey.

Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

- Resolution No. 21-40 which will authorize the purchase of a 2021 Ford F-150 from Cover Jones Motor Company of Alliance, NE in the amount of \$33,080. The following information was provided:

[The Electric Department has a 2012 Chevrolet 1500 pickup with 62,500 miles. This unit was tentatively scheduled for replacement in the 2021-22 fiscal year; however, budget authority remains after the purchase of a smaller bucket truck and this will allow transfer of a low-mileage vehicle to general fund operations.

Staff has received a bid from Cover Jones Motor Company of Alliance for the purchase of a 2021 Ford F-150 4x4 extended cab pickup. Cover Jones is matching the State of Nebraska bid price of \$33,080. The purchase of this unit will be paid from the Electric Capital Outlay-Vehicles (GL #05-51-53-59-60). The total price of this unit including sales taxes is \$35,396. The 2012 Chevrolet will be transferred to the Police Department.]

A motion was made by Councilman McGhehey, seconded by Councilman Bentley to approve Resolution No. 21-40 which follows in its entirety:

RESOLUTION NO. 21-40

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WHEREAS, The Electric Department has part of the 2021-22 Capital Improvement Purchases, a new vehicle to replace a 2012 Chevrolet 1500 Pickup; and

WHEREAS, The 2012 Chevrolet 1500 Pickup will be transferred to the Police Department Fleet; and

WHEREAS, Electric Superintendent Bridge is recommending the purchase of one 2021 Ford F-150 Pickup in the amount of \$33,080 from Cover Jones Motor Company of Alliance for the Electric Department; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Alliance, Nebraska, that Mayor Dafney be and hereby is authorized to enter into a contract with Cover Jones Motor Company for the purchase of one 2021 Ford F-150 Pickup in the amount of Thirty-three Thousand Eighty Dollars and no/100ths (\$33,080).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The taxes and licensing for this purchase is \$2,316 making the total unit price \$35,396.

Roll call vote with the following results:

Voting Aye: Dafney, Jones, Bentley, McGhehey.

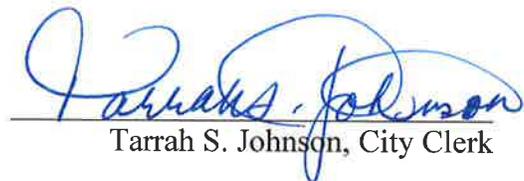
Voting Nay: None.

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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