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## ALLIANCE CITY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2021

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 7, 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 September 1, 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 September 7, 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 City Manager Sorenson, Finance Director Waggener, City Attorney Hoelsing and City Clerk Johnson.

- Mayor Dafney read the Open Meetings Act Announcement.
- Mayor Dafney announced that Councilman Mischnick would not be in attendance.
- City Manager Sorensen announced the new addition of Public Transit Driver, Don Tschacher.
- The Consent Calendar was next on the agenda. A motion was made by Councilman Jones and seconded by Councilman McGhehey to remove Resolution No. 21-93, which was the National Fitness Campaign Grant Submittal authorization.

Roll call vote with the following results:

Voting Aye: Dafney, Jones, Bentley and McGhehey.

Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

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A motion was then made to approve the Consent Calendar as amended by Councilman Jones, seconded by Councilman Bentley.

**CONSENT CALENDAR – September 7, 2021**

1. Approval: Minutes of the Regular Meeting, August 17, 2021 and Special Meeting, August 17, 2021.
2. Approval: Payroll Costs for August 27, 2021: \$244,096.80.
3. Approval: Claims against the following funds: 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; \$843,318.34.
4. Approval: Approval of a capital budget transfer to transfer unused budget authority from the Airport Fund to the General Fund to cover the unbudgeted repair of the fire hall roof.
5. Approval: Street Closure Request for the AHS Homecoming Parade on October 15, 2021.
6. Approval: Resolution No. 21-89 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, 2021. The charge-off action removes the items from the active financials of the City but does not limit further collection efforts by the City.
7. Approval: Resolution No. 21-90 authorizes the submittal of a grant application to the CALEA Agency Support Program to be utilized within the police department.
8. Approval: Resolution No. 21-91 authorizes the submittal of a grant application to the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission for the purpose of extending trail systems within the community.
9. Approval: Resolution No. 21-92 authorizes the submittal of a grant application to the Economic Development Administration for the purpose of extending trail systems within the community.
10. Approval: Resolution No. 21-94 authorizes the purchase of body cameras and dash mounted cameras from the University of Nebraska Police Department. In addition, approves the capital budget transfer for the purchase.

NOTE: Manager Sorensen and Finance Director 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.

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Roll call vote with the following results:

Voting Aye: Dafney, Jones, Bentley and McGhehey.

Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

- Council next held a Public Hearing in regards to Resolution No. 21-81, which was passed on August 3, 2021, authorizing staff to apply for the Community Development Block Grant to assist with the replacement of the HVAC system at the Alliance Learning Center. Grant guidelines require the public hearing prior to the consideration of the grant application.

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 application for the Community Development Block Grant” and opened the public hearing at 7:11 p.m.

City Manager Sorensen presented the grant details and guidelines with City Council. Manager Sorensen shared the purpose of the grant is for financial assistance towards the replacement of the HVAC system at the Alliance Learning Center.

Hearing no further testimony, the Public Hearing closed at 7:12 pm.

- The next item on the agenda for Council was the third reading of Ordinance No. 2923 which presents the 2021-2022 proposed budget. The following information was provided:

[The 2021-22 annual budget appropriations as proposed total \$58,123,400 compared to \$54,537,300 in the prior year. The primary difference results from \$4 million of storm damage repairs in 2021-22.

<b>Fund</b>	<b>Prior Budget</b>	<b>Proposed Budget</b>
General	9,090,700	11,748,300
Electric	17,541,600	15,853,300
Refuse	1,968,700	2,141,900
Sewer	1,310,100	1,017,900
Water	2,539,800	2,692,800
Golf Course	645,400	889,900
Airport Operations	6,387,800	7,567,100

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Public Transit	381,000	449,100
Streets	5,176,600	3,341,300
Handyman Services	43,700	39,900
RSVP	75,300	77,700
Museum Exhibit	14,600	14,600
BID #1 and #2	12,500	12,500
HUD/Housing	150,000	450,000
Community Betterment (KENO)	20,200	20,200
Economic Development	168,400	188,400
LB 840 Fund	400,000	510,000
Redevelopment (TIF)	875,000	825,000
Sales Tax Fund	2,000,000	2,370,000
Lodging Occupation Tax	301,000	251,000
Capital Projects Fund	1,175,000	1,964,000
Public Safety Tax	50,000	150,000
State 911 Funds	100,000	140,000
General Internal Service	1,414,500	1,538,200
Enterprise Internal Service	634,200	534,300
Health Support Internal Service	1,930,000	1,842,000
General Debt Service	51,100	1,800
Airport Capital Reserve	60,000	60,000
American Rescue Plan Act Fund	0	1,432,200
	<b>54,517,200</b>	<b>58,123,400</b>

A motion was made by Councilman Jones, seconded by Councilman Bentley to approve the third reading of Ordinance No. 2923. City Clerk Johnson read the ordinance by title which follows in its entirety:

ORDINANCE NO. 2923

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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, 2021 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2022, 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 22, 2021 with a proposed budget being produced thereafter. A public hearing will be held on said proposed budget on August 17, 2021, 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, 2021, 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:

	<u>City</u>	<u>MFO</u>	<u>Public Safety</u>	<u>Airport</u>	<u>Airport Reserves</u>	<u>Total</u>
Approved Budget Amount	1,171,507	181,134	160,059	266,500	55,500	1,834,700
County Treasurer's Fee (1%)	11,715	1,811	1,601	2,665	555	18,347
Total Property Tax Request	<u>1,183,222</u>	<u>182,945</u>	<u>161,660</u>	<u>269,165</u>	<u>56,055</u>	<u>1,853,047</u>
Using the following levies	0.219576	0.033950	0.030000	0.049950	0.010402	0.343878
Approved Mill Levy for 2021	0.343878					
Based on Assessed Valuation	538,866,847					

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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 2021-22.

General	\$11,748,300
Electric	15,853,300
Refuse	2,141,900
Sewer	1,017,900
Water	2,692,800
Golf Course	889,900
Airport Operations	7,567,100
Public Transit	449,100
Streets	3,341,300
Handyman Services	39,900
RSVP	77,700
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Capital Projects Fund	1,964,000
Public Safety Tax	150,000
State 911 Funds	140,000
General Internal Service	1,538,200
Enterprise Internal Service	534,300
Health Support Internal Service	1,842,000
General Debt Service	1,800
Airport Capital Reserve	60,000
American Recovery Plan Act Fund	1,432,200
<b>Gross Expenditures</b>	<b>\$58,123,400</b>

There is hereby included \$110,000 within the General Fund Budget [City Council Activity]; \$10,000 within the General Fund Budget [Police Grant]; \$60,000 within the Electric Fund; \$160,000 within the Water Fund; \$200,000 within the Sewer Fund; \$30,000 within the Refuse Fund; \$25,000 within the Airport Fund; \$50,000 within the Streets Fund; and \$932,200 within the American Recovery Act Plan 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 \$416,344.95 for Fiscal Year 2021-22.

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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, 2021

Voting Aye: Dafney, Jones, Bentley and McGhehey.

Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

Mayor Dafney stated, "the passage and adoption of Ordinance No. 2923 has been concurred by a majority of all members elected to the Council, I declare it passed, adopted and order it published."

- The second reading of Ordinance No. 2925 which will adopt the Classification and Compensation Plans to be incorporated in our 2021-22 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 2021-22 FY budget. The Compensation Plan includes three categories: Exempt, Non-Exempt and Fire Employees. (Police officer and dispatcher wages are contracted and previously approved and are not included in these documents).

The Classification Plan has the following changes from the most recent version approved by Council:

- **COLA** - Pay Grids reflect a 1.5% increase based on a cost of living adjustment.
- **Administrative Secretary – Human Resources** moves from 212 to 214 and will be provide full-time assistance the Human Resources Department. The job description now requires the employee to become a Certified Professional through the Society of Human Resource Management (SHRM-CP) before moving to this pay grade.]

A motion was made by Councilman Bentley, seconded by Councilman Jones to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 2925. City Clerk Johnson read the ordinance by title which follows in its entirety:

ORDINANCE NO. 2925

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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 2021-2022 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 2, 2021 and the attached Compensation Schedules for Exempt, Non-Exempt and Fire employees dated to be effective October 2, 2021 are hereby adopted by this reference.

Roll call vote with the following results:

Voting Aye: Dafney, Jones, Bentley and McGhehey.

Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

- Next on the agenda for Council was the first reading of Ordinance No. 2926 which will authorize the City to apply for financing for a landfill equipment lease through First National Capital Markets, Inc. The following information was provided:

[The City accepted delivery of a new air burner (purchase authorized by Resolution 21-22 dated February 16, 2021 in the amount of \$134,451.65) and a proposed baler waste conveyor expected within the next few months (purchase authorized by Resolution 21-70 dated July 6, 2021 in an amount up to \$198,500.00). The most recent refuse rate study recommends financing of equipment purchases in order to alleviate strained cash flow and limit upward rate movement for the refuse enterprise fund.

The Finance Director contacted all of the local insured banks along with two brokerage houses to determine options for funding of the landfill equipment. Four banks and two brokerage houses initially responded with estimated terms for five- and seven-year financing. Loan rates ranged from 1.98% to 2.94% for five-year loans and 2.20% to 3.08% for seven-year loans. The brokerage houses recommended private placement financing options with all-inclusive costs estimated between 1.00% and 1.20%.

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Staff is recommending that an application be made to First National Capital Markets, Inc. for a seven-year private placement in an amount not to exceed \$300,000 necessitating annual payments between \$40,000 and \$45,000 plus interest. Discounts, bond counsel and trustee origination costs not to exceed \$5,250 will be included in the financing with total of payments not expected to exceed \$310,000.]

A motion was made by Councilman Bentley, seconded by Councilman McGhehey to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2926. City Clerk Johnson read the ordinance by title which follows in its entirety:

ORDINANCE NO. 2926

CITY OF ALLIANCE, IN THE STATE OF NEBRASKA

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO ENTER INTO A LEASE-PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH A BANK, IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED THREE HUNDRED FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$315,000) TO PROVIDE FINANCING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN LANDFILL EQUIPMENT AND FOR THE CITY AND RELATED IMPROVEMENTS; PROVIDING FOR THE PLEDGE OF CERTAIN FUNDS FOR THE PAYMENT OF SUCH LEASE-PURCHASE AGREEMENT; APPROVING CERTAIN TERMS OF SUCH LEASE-PURCHASE AGREEMENT AND RELATED DOCUMENTS; DELEGATING AUTHORITY TO CERTAIN OFFICERS OF THE CITY TO APPROVE FINAL TERMS RELATED TO THE LEASE-PURCHASE AGREEMENT AND ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTATION; AND RELATED MATTERS

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALLIANCE, IN THE STATE OF NEBRASKA:

Section 1. The Mayor and City Council (the “**Council**”) of the City of Alliance, in the State of Nebraska (the “**City**”) does hereby find and determine as follows:

(a) The City is a city of the first class and political subdivision duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Nebraska, and pursuant to Sections 16-201 and 19-2421, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska and other applicable statutes, is authorized to purchase, lease or lease with option to buy real and personal property within or without the city limits.

(b) It is necessary for the City to acquire and install certain landfill equipment and make related improvements (the “**Equipment**”);

(c) The City has proposed to enter into a Lease-Purchase Agreement with a bank (the “**Bank**”) to be determined by an Authorized Officer (defined herein) in substantially the form presented with this ordinance (the “**Lease Agreement**”) among the City as Lessee, and the Bank as Lessor to finance the acquisition of the Equipment by the City.

Section 2. The Council hereby finds and determines that the City shall enter into the Lease Agreement and thereby provide for the acquisition of the Equipment and financing of the Equipment and that the documents for such financing should be approved and their execution authorized.

Section 3. The City shall enter into the Lease Agreement, whereby the City will lease and acquire the Equipment from the Bank. The Lease Agreement in a form approved by an Authorized Officer

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(as defined below) is hereby approved, together with such changes and modifications as the Authorized Officer executing the same deems necessary, desirable or appropriate. Until the rental payments (as described in the Lease Agreement) are fully paid or payment provided for, the City covenants and agrees that it shall apply monies from its general fund and/or other available funds to pay such rental payments pursuant to the Lease Agreement as and when the same fall due. The final terms and conditions of the Lease Agreement shall be approved by an Authorized Officer, provided that: (a) the principal amount of the Lease Agreement shall not exceed \$315,000, (b) the final lease payment shall not be later than December 31, 2028, (c) rental payments shall be subject to full or partial prepayment as shall be determined by an Authorized Officer in the Lease Agreement, (d) the placement agent fee shall not exceed 1.00% of the principal amount of the Lease Agreement, (e) rental payments shall be payable quarterly or semiannually, and (f) the true interest cost of such rental payments shall not exceed 1.75%, computed on the basis of a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months.

Section 4. The Mayor, City Manager, City Clerk and City Finance Director (each, an “**Authorized Officer**”) are each hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver on behalf of the City the Lease Agreement, including necessary counterparts and other related documentation in substantially the form and content as presented herewith, or with such changes and modifications therein as to them seem necessary, desirable or appropriate for and on behalf of the City, and each Authorized Officer is further authorized and directed to execute and deliver all such documents or certificates and do all other things, necessary or appropriate to carry out said Lease Agreement.

Section 5. The Council further states that it is the intention of the City that interest component of the rental payments payable under the Lease Agreement shall be excludable from gross income under the federal income tax by virtue of Section 103(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and any Authorized Officer is hereby authorized to take all actions necessary and appropriate to carry out said intention and for obtaining such interest exclusion. The Lease Agreement is hereby authorized to be designated by any Authorized Officer as the City’s “qualified tax-exempt obligations” pursuant to Section 265(b)(3)(B)(i)(III) of the Code, and such officers are hereby authorized to make any representations and warranties in connection therewith. The City hereby covenants, as and to the fullest extent that it may lawfully do so, to take all actions necessary to preserve the tax-exempt status of the interest payable with respect to the Lease Agreement.

Section 6. Without in any way limiting the power, authority, or discretion elsewhere herein granted or delegated, the City hereby (1) authorizes and directs all of the officers, employees, and agents of the City to carry out, or cause to be carried out, and to perform such obligations of the City and such other actions as they or any one of them shall consider necessary, advisable, desirable, or appropriate in connection with this ordinance, and the issuance, sale, and delivery of the Lease Agreement including, without limitation and whenever appropriate, the execution and delivery thereof and of all other related documents, instruments, certifications, and opinions; and (2) delegates, authorizes, and directs each Authorized Officer the right, power, and authority to exercise her or his own independent judgment and absolute discretion in determining and finalizing the terms, provisions, form, and contents of each of the documents related to the Lease Agreement and other documents described above. The execution and delivery by any Authorized Officer shall indicate their approval of all changes, modifications, amendments, revisions, and alterations made therein, and shall conclusively establish their absolute, unconditional, and irrevocable authority with respect thereto from the City and the authorization, approval, and ratification by the City of the documents, instruments, certifications, and opinions so executed and the action so taken.

Section 7. The transactions described herein may be conducted and this ordinance and related documents may be sent, received and stored by electronic means. All closing documents, certificates, and related instruments may be executed by electronic transmission. Copies, telecopies, facsimiles, electronic files and other reproductions of original executed documents (or documents executed by electronic

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transmission) shall be deemed to be authentic and valid counterparts of such documents for all purposes, including the filing of any claim, action or suit in the appropriate court of law.

Section 8. If any one or more of the provisions of this ordinance should be determined by a court of competent jurisdiction to be contrary to law, then such provisions shall be deemed severable from the remaining provisions of this ordinance and the invalidity thereof shall in no way affect the validity of the other provisions of this ordinance or of the Lease Agreement and the Bank shall retain all the rights and benefits accorded to them under this ordinance and under any applicable provisions of law. If any provisions of this ordinance shall be held or deemed to be or shall, in fact, be inoperative or unenforceable or invalid in any particular case in any jurisdiction or jurisdictions, or in all cases because it conflicts with any constitution or statute or rule of public policy, or for any other reason, such circumstances shall not have the effect of rendering the provision in question inoperative or unenforceable or invalid in any other case or circumstances, or of rendering any other provision or provisions herein contained inoperative or unenforceable or invalid to any extent whatever.

Section 9. This Ordinance shall be in force and take effect from and after its passage and approval according to law. This Ordinance shall be published in pamphlet or electronic form.

A motion was made by Councilman Jones, seconded by Councilman Bentley to suspend the statutory rule requiring three separate readings of Ordinance No. 2926.

Roll call vote with the following results:

Voting Aye: Dafney, Jones, Bentley and McGhehey.

Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

Roll call to approve Ordinance No. 2926 on final reading with the following results:

Roll call vote with the following results:

Voting Aye: Dafney, Jones, Bentley and McGhehey.

Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

Mayor Dafney stated, "the passage and adoption of Ordinance No. 2926 has been concurred by a majority of all members elected to the Council, I declare it passed, adopted and order it published."

- Council next conducted a Public Hearing on the 2021 Property Tax request. Following the public hearing, Resolution No. 21-95 which approves the Property Tax request was introduced to Council. The following information was provided:

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[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 proposed to leave the base property tax unchanged at levels similar to the last three years, but to add back the public safety tax at three cents per \$100 of assessed value. This tax existed for the tax years 2010 to 2015 and is used primarily to generate funds for police, fire and EMS capital purchases and replacements. The overall mill levy will increase from \$0.321477 to \$0.343878. The corresponding tax request in the amount of \$1,853,047 will generate an estimated \$1,834,700 in property tax revenue for the City. This increase equates to an estimated \$22.40 on an average Alliance residence after three years of no change.

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 \$538,866,847 representing an increase 2.21% over last year's valuation of \$527,217,168.]

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 7:18p.m.

Hearing no further testimony, the Public Hearing closed at 7:18 p.m.

A motion was made by Councilman McGhehey, seconded by Councilman Jones to approve Resolution No. 21-95 which follows in its entirety:

RESOLUTION NO. 21-95

WHEREAS, Nebraska Revised Statute 77-1601.02 provides that the Governing Body of the City of Alliance passes by a majority vote a resolution setting the tax request; and

WHEREAS, a special public hearing was held as required by law to hear and consider comments concerning the property tax request;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Governing Body of the City of Alliance resolves that:

1. The 2021-2022 property tax request be set at:

General Fund	\$1,183,222
Bond Fund	
MFO/Public Safety	344,605
Airport/Sinking Fund	<u>325,220</u>

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**Total Tax Request**

**\$1,853,047**

2. The total assessed value of property differs from last year's total assessed value by 2.21 percent.
3. The tax rate which would levy the same amount of property taxes as last year, when multiplied by the new total assessed value of property would be 0.314527 per \$100 of assessed value.
4. The City of Alliance proposes to adopt a property tax request that will cause its tax rate to be 0.343878 per \$100 of assessed value.
5. Based on the proposed property tax request and changes in other revenue, the total operating budget of the City of Alliance will increase or decrease last year's budget by 6.61 percent.
6. A copy of this resolution be certified and forwarded to the County Clerk on or before October 13, 2021.

Roll call vote with the following results:

Voting Aye: Dafney, Jones, Bentley and McGhehey.

Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

- The next item on the agenda was Resolution No. 21-96 which is a new Liquor Manager Application from the NLCC on behalf of Paul Stavropoulos for Eagles Fraternal Order No. 136. The following information was provided:

[The City of Alliance is in receipt of a Manager Application from Paul Stavropoulos for the liquor license of Eagles Fraternal Order No. 136, 1520 West Third Street, Alliance, Nebraska. The Police Department has completed a background check and has found no reason to deny the application.]

A motion was made by Councilman McGhehey, seconded by Councilman Bentley to approve Resolution No. 21-96 which follows in its entirety:

**RESOLUTION NO. 21-96**

*WHEREAS*, The City of Alliance has received a notice and copy of a Manager Application for Eagles Fraternal Order No. 136, 1520 West Third Street, Alliance, Nebraska submitted by Paul Stavropoulos; and

*WHEREAS*, City staff has reviewed the application and finds no reason why the proposed manager, Paul Stavropoulos, would be disqualified from serving as manager.

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*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED*, by the Mayor and Council of the City of Alliance, Nebraska, that the Manager's Application of Paul Stavropoulos for Eagles Fraternal Order No. 136, 1520 West Third Street, Alliance, Nebraska is hereby recommended for approval to the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission.

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED*, that the City Clerk shall notify the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission of this Council decision.

Roll call vote with the following results:

Voting Aye: Dafney, Jones, Bentley and McGhehey.

Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

- Resolution No. 21-97 which authorizes the use of \$15,000 from the City Council Contingency Fund to secure inventory at the Carhenge Pitstop was next on the agenda. The following information was provided:

[The 2021 tourism season has been very successful at the Carhenge Pit Stop. Revenue in the gift shop was up 43% compared to 2020, which far exceeded staff expectations. We credit this increase in sales to an expansion of inventory items and increased traffic, as people are more comfortable traveling after the restrictions in 2020. While that is a positive outcome for this tourist season, it creates a significant challenge for staff as the inventory line item is exhausted and inventory is extremely low.

For that reason, staff is requesting \$15,000 from Council Contingency funds to purchase necessary items to ensure the Pit Stop is adequately stocked for this fall and more importantly, next summer. This unexpected spike in sales leaves the Pit Stop without the normal "roll over" inventory of many items, which typically gets us through the first part of the next tourist season. If this request is granted, Council Contingency funds will be used to purchase t-shirts, coffee mugs, Carhenge license plates, sweatshirts, penny bands, magnets, pilsner glasses and shot glasses.]

A motion was made by Councilman McGhehey, seconded by Councilman Bentley to approve Resolution No. 21-97 which follows in its entirety:

#### RESOLUTION NO. 21-97

*WHEREAS*, The City of Alliance is in need of securing inventory at the Carhenge Pitstop;  
and

*WHEREAS*, The Carhenge Inventory Costs budget has been exhausted due to the 2021 tourism season; and

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*WHEREAS*, There are funds available in the City Council Contingency funds; and

*WHEREAS*, Staff is requesting a transfer from City Council Contingency funds in the amount of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) for the purchase of inventory for the Carhenge Pitstop.

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED* by the Mayor and Council of the City of Alliance, Nebraska, that Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) shall be transferred from City Council Contingency funds to the Carhenge Inventory Costs budget for the purpose of securing inventory for the Carhenge Pitstop.

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED* that the Finance Director is authorized to make the Fifteen Thousand Dollar (\$15,000) transfer from City Council Contingency (01-10-10-47-791) into Carhenge Inventory Costs (01-79-80-46-626).

Roll call vote with the following results:

Voting Aye: Dafney, Jones, Bentley and McGhehey.

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, Wednesday September 29, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. in the City Manager's Office, 324 Laramie Avenue was selected.

There being no further business before Council, Mayor Dafney adjourned the meeting at 7:22 p.m.

  
Mike Dafney, Mayor

(SEAL)

  
Tarrah S. Johnson, City Clerk

