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ALLIANCE CITY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING, TUESDAY, February 15, 2022

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CITY OF ALLIANCE)

The Alliance City Council met in a Regular Meeting, February 15, 2022, 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 February 9, 2022. 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 February 15, 2022 regular meeting of the Alliance, Nebraska City Council at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Dafney, Council Members Mischnick, Jones, Bentley and McGhehey. Also present were City Attorney Hoelsing and City Clerk Johnson and Finance Director Waggener.

- 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 Mayor Dafney and seconded by Councilman Bentley to approve the Consent Calendar as follows:

CONSENT CALENDAR – February 15, 2022

1. Approval: Minutes of the Regular Meeting, February 1, 2022.
2. Approval: Payroll Costs for the period February 11, 2022: \$323,310.52.
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; \$1,018,199.98.
4. Approval: Capital Budget Transfer in the amount of \$26,000 to purchase entry shields for the Alliance Police Department.

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5. Approval: Updated Alliance Volunteer Fire Department Roster by adding Fernando Ruvalcaba.

NOTE: City Manager Sorensen and Finance Director 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, Bentley, McGhehey.

Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

- The first item on the agenda for Council was Resolution No. 22-06 which authorizes the purchase of a 2022 Hustler Super 104 mower for the cemetery department. The following information was provided:

[The Parks 2021-22 budget includes \$35,000 for the purchase of a commercial wing mower. This mower will replace an existing zero turn radius mower with a 122" deck. The City is specifically purchasing a Hustler because they offer the largest cutting width (104 inches) in a zero turn mower.

In addition, the Hustler mowers have proven to be extremely durable, parts will be interchangeable with other machines in our fleet, and repairs can be completed locally which limits down time. For those reasons, quotes for this equipment were requested from Midwest Farm Service, the Hustler dealer for our region. Those price comparisons are shown below.

The three quotes compiled by Midwest Farm Service of Alliance, NE compare the MSR, SourceWell and dealer quote from Midwest Farm Service. The price offered by Midwest Farm Service is lowest at approximately 25% under retail price.

Vendor	Price
Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price	\$31,963.00
SourceWell - Contract Price (031121-HTE)	\$23,972.00
Midwest Farm Service, Alliance-Dealer Price Quote	\$23,900.00

Staff is recommending purchase of the mower from Midwest Farm Service of Alliance, NE in the amount of \$23,900.00. A 2003 John Deere mower (currently used at the cemetery) will be sold at auction and this mower will be used for mowing larger spaces in the parks and at the cemetery.]

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A motion was made by Councilman Bentley, seconded by Councilman McGhehey to approve Resolution No. 22-06 which follows in its entirety:

RESOLUTION NO. 22-06

WHEREAS, The City of Alliance cemetery budget includes \$35,000 for the purchase of a commercial wing mower; and

WHEREAS, Three quotes were received, with the purchase being recommended from Midwest Farm Service of Alliance, NE in the amount of Twenty-Three Thousand Nine Hundred Dollars and no/100ths (\$23,900.00).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and City Council of Alliance, Nebraska, that the Mayor be and hereby is authorized to enter into a contract for the purchase of 2022 Hustler Super 104 Mower in the amount of Twenty-Three Thousand Nine Hundred Dollars and no/100ths (\$23,900.00) from Midwest Farm Service of Alliance, NE.

Roll call vote with the following results:

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

Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

- Next on the agenda for Council was Resolution No. 22-07 which authorizes the submittal of a grant application to the FAA and approves the Agency Agreement with the NDOT, Aeronautics Division. The following information was provided:

[The Alliance Municipal Airport has included on its Capital Improvement Program through the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) a project to rehabilitate Taxiways and Apron.

The proposed project will consist of removing the existing asphalt, replacing any concrete sections that are heaving, and installing new surface and pavement markings. The existing surfaces were originally installed in 1943 as part of WWII. The asphalt course was installed in the late 1980's. The surfaces are becoming very susceptible to raveling and rutting from aircraft operations. This rehabilitation is necessary to prevent FOD (foreign object debris) and pavement deformation.

Following are items that need to be approved before the City of Alliance can accept a grant for the project:

1. Agency Agreement with Department of Transportation, Aeronautics Division. State law requires that the City have an Agency Agreement completed to allow the Nebraska Department of Transportation, Aeronautics Division to act as the Airport's agent for these funds.

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2. Grant Application. The grant application is the airport's final notice to the FAA that they will proceed with the project. The all-inclusive cost of this project will not be known until the bidding process is completed, however the estimate for this project is \$4,950,000 with the FAA participating at the current funding levels of 90% and the City of Alliance providing the 10% match. The formal application must be completed before a grant can be issued.

This is the final step in proceeding with the project. City Council approved Airport Engineer Selection on December 15, 2020 and the consultant agreement for this specific project on September 21, 2021.]

A motion was made by Councilman McGhehey, seconded by Councilman Bentley to approve Resolution No. 22-07 which follows in its entirety:

RESOLUTION NO. 22-07

WHEREAS, The City of Alliance owns and operates the Alliance Municipal Airport; and

WHEREAS, The City of Alliance is eligible to receive grant funding for the development of the airport, identified as, Grant Project No. 3-31-0003-025-2022; and

WHEREAS, The City finds it is in the City's best interest to submit a grant application for the rehabilitation of taxiways and apron at the Alliance Municipal Airport; and

WHEREAS, State law requires that the City have an Agency Agreement established for these funds; and

WHEREAS, The City Council finds it is in the City's best interest to have the Nebraska Department of Transportation – Aeronautics Division to act as the agent for City of Alliance Municipal Airport for Grant Project No. 3-31-0003-025-2022; and

WHEREAS, The Nebraska Department of Transportation – Aeronautics Division has provided the City with an Agency Agreement for execution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Alliance, Nebraska, that the City of Alliance submit a grant application to obtain assistance for the rehabilitation of taxiways and apron at the Alliance Municipal Airport, identified as Grant Project No. 3-31-0003-025-2022.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Alliance, Nebraska, that the City of Alliance shall enter into an Agency Agreement with the Nebraska Department of Transportation – Aeronautics Division for Grant Project No. 3-31-0003-025-2022 and that such an Agreement is attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The Mayor is authorized to sign all documents associated with the grant application and acceptance of the grant funding.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor of the City of Alliance is hereby authorized and directed to execute said Agency Agreement on behalf of the City of Alliance and the City Clerk is hereby authorized to attest said execution.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said Agreement, referred to herein, is inserted in full and attached herewith and made a part hereof as Exhibit "O".

Airport Manager Lynn Placek reviewed with Council the project in its entirety and provided a map outlining the areas included in the project.

Roll call vote with the following results:

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

Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

- Council next had before them Resolution No. 22-08 which will authorize the CESF Grant purchases for the Alliance Police Department. The following information was provided:

[Alliance Police Department effectivity has been impacted from the coronavirus in multiple aspects. This supplemental funding from the Nebraska Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding (CESF) grant provides opportunity to purchase equipment to help with 21st century policing tactics while preparing for the future with the coronavirus and how it affects policing

There are many items that were suggested and discussed in the application request as presented at the council meeting on August 10, 2021. These items were included in the capital budget request which were contingent upon the awarding of a grant in order to purchase:

- Robot
- Incident Command Vehicle
- SWAT Vehicle
- Laptops
- Plastic Shields
- FLIR
- Evidence Handling Equipment
- Cameras
- Total Station
- Officer Training

After review of the grant application, the state crime commission awarded the grant in the amount of \$563,520 for the items listed on the following page. The City of Alliance Police Department is able to utilize these funds to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus without compromise to police tactics and community services. These purchases enhance our ability to police the community without additional staff. It should be noted we are aware of blacklisted cameras

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which could have counter intelligence software installed and all recommendations are equipment which has been US-verified safe.]

Police Chief Lukens reviewed the purchases with Council and answered questions of concern.

A motion was made by Councilman Jones, seconded by Councilman Bentley to approve Resolution No. 22-08 which follows in its entirety:

RESOLUTION NO. 22-08

WHEREAS, The City of Alliance Police Department has been impacted from the coronavirus in multiple aspects; and

WHEREAS, Supplemental funding from the Nebraska Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding (CESF) grant provides opportunity to purchase equipment to help while preparing for the future with the coronavirus and how it affects policing; and

WHEREAS, Items were suggested in the application request and were included in the capital budget request contingent upon the awarding of a grant in order to purchase; and

WHEREAS, The state crime commission awarded a grant in the amount of \$563,520 for items requested; and

WHEREAS, Police Chief Lukens is recommending the purchase of a Website Interface for public access in the amount of \$30,000 from Datalytics; and

WHEREAS, Staff is recommending the purchase of used Body Cams from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in the amount of \$8,520; and

WHEREAS, Staff is recommending the purchase of Computer Software from Sire and Central Square in the amount of \$24,840; and

WHEREAS, Staff is recommending the purchase of Evidence Handling Equipment from Tiffen Andwin Thomas in the amount of \$24,333.16; and

WHEREAS, Staff is recommending the purchase of a Thermal Imager from FLIR in the amount of \$4,990; and

WHEREAS, Staff is recommending the purchase of License Plate Reader Cameras from Rekor in the amount of \$41,650; and

WHEREAS, Staff is recommending the purchase of Security and License plate reader cameras for City Parks and accesses from Motorola-INA Alert in the amount of \$430,107.56.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Alliance, Nebraska, hereby is authorized to approve the purchase of a Website interface for public access from Datalytics in the amount of Thirty Thousand Dollars and no/100ths (\$30,000).

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council is authorizing the purchase of used Body Cams from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in the amount of Eight Thousand Five Hundred Twenty Dollars and no/100ths (\$8,520).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council is authorizing the purchase of Computer software from 5ire and Central Square in the amount of Twenty-four Thousand Eight Hundred Forty Dollars and no/100ths (\$24,840).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council is authorizing the purchase of Evidence Handling Equipment from Tiffin Andwin Thomas in the amount of Twenty-four Thousand Three Hundred Thirty-three Dollars and 16/100ths (\$24,333.16).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council is authorizing the purchase of a Thermal Imager from FLIR in the amount of Four Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety Dollars and no/100ths (\$4,990).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council is authorizing the purchase of License Plate Reader Cameras for patrol cars from Rekor in the amount of Forty-one Thousand Six Hundred Fifty and no/100ths (\$41,650).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council is authorizing the purchase of Security and License Plate reader cameras for city parks and accesses from Motorola-INA Alert in the amount of Four Hundred Thirty Thousand One Hundred Seven Dollars and 56/100ths (\$430,107.56).

Roll call vote with the following results:

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

Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

- A board appointment was the final item on the agenda for Council's consideration.

A motion was made by Councilman Mischnick, seconded by Councilman Jones to appoint Kody Wolf to serve on the Economic Development Plan Citizen Advisory Board with a term ending December 31, 2023 and to serve on the Senior Facility Advisory Board for a term set to expire February 28, 2024.

Roll call vote with the following results:

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

Voting Nay: None.

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Motion carried.

There being no further business before Council, Mayor Dafney adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.


Mike Dafney, Mayor

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Tarrah S. Johnson, City Clerk