

April 19, 2022

ALLIANCE CITY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING, TUESDAY, APRIL 19, 2022

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COUNTY OF BOX BUTTE) §
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CITY OF ALLIANCE)

The Alliance City Council met in a Regular Meeting, April 19, 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 April 13, 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 April 19, 2022 regular meeting of the Alliance, Nebraska City Council at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Dafney, Council Members Mischnick, Jones, and Bentley. Also present were City Attorney Hoelsing, City Manager Sorensen, Finance Director Waggener and City Clerk Johnson.

- Mayor Dafney read the Open Meetings Act Announcement.
- Council approved the absence of Councilman McGhehey.
- The first item on the agenda was a proclamation acknowledging National Infertility Week, April 24 through 30, 2022. Councilman Jones next read the following proclamation:

PROCLAMATION

Whereas, According to the CDC, 1 in 8 couples have trouble getting pregnant or sustaining a pregnancy; and

Whereas, The World Health Organization and American Medical Association define infertility as a disease; and

Whereas, Infertility affects women and men equally and does not discriminate based on race, religion, sexual orientation, marital status or socioeconomic level; and

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Whereas, The LGBTQ community also faces challenges when building their families;
and

Whereas, All people challenged in their family building journey should have access to all family building options; and

Whereas, Family building options include adoption and medical treatment, such as in vitro fertilization and third-party reproduction: and

Whereas, Cost and lack of insurance coverage are barriers for many in the City of Alliance to access the family building option they need; and

Whereas, Raising awareness of infertility and the barriers faced by the family building community is the first step to removing these barriers; and

Whereas, The City of alliance joins RESOLVE: The National Infertility Association, and dedicated volunteers, health care professionals, and members of the infertility and family building community by participating in this promotion;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mike Dafney, Mayor of Alliance, Nebraska, do hereby proclaim the week of April 24 – 30, 2022 as

NATIONAL INFERTILITY AWARENESS WEEK

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and call this observance to the attention of all our citizens this 19th day of April, Two Thousand Twenty-two.

- The Consent Calendar was the next item on the agenda. A motion was made by Councilman Mischnick and seconded by Councilman Bentley to approve the Consent Calendar as follows:

CONSENT CALENDAR – April 19, 2022

1. **Approval:** Minutes of the Regular Meeting, April 5, 2022.
2. **Approval:** Payroll Costs for April 8, 2022: \$325,107.68.
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; \$1,181,103.19.
4. **Approval:** Street Closure Request from the Alliance Chamber of Commerce to host Bicycle Ride Across Nebraska (BRAN) from 5:00 p.m. on Friday, June 3 through 12:00 O'clock noon on Sunday, June 5. BRAN will arrive in Alliance via buses and will be camping in the Alliance High School practice field. The request is to close 14th Street from Box Butte

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Avenue to Sweetwater Avenue to park vehicles for the event. A Certificate of Liability Insurance has been received.

NOTE: City Manager Sorensen and Finance Director Waggner 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.

Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

- Next on the agenda for Council was Resolution No. 22-24 which adopts the amended Commercial Use of Public Parks and Spaces Policy.

A motion was made by Councilman Bentley, seconded by Councilman Mischnick to approve Resolution No. 22-24 which follows in its entirety:

RESOLUTION NO. 22-24

WHEREAS, The Alliance City Council adopted the Commercial Use of Public Parks and Spaces Policy on May 1, 2018 to allow commercial activities within public parks when associated with a bonafide community event with staff approval; and

WHEREAS, City staff has recommended amendments to the Commercial Use of Public Parks and Spaces Policy; and

WHEREAS, City Council has reviewed the policy and finds it appropriate for the City of Alliance and believes it to be in the best interest of the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and City Council of Alliance, Nebraska, that the Revised Commercial Use of Public Parks and Spaces Policy proposed by staff and is hereby approved and adopted as the policy of the City of Alliance, Nebraska effective immediately.

Roll call vote with the following results:

Voting Aye: Dafney, Mischnick, Jones, Bentley.

Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

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There being no further business before Council, Mayor Dafney adjourned the meeting at 7:07 p.m.



Mike Dafney, Mayor

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Tarrah S. Johnson, City Clerk

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