

July 5, 2022

ALLIANCE CITY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING, TUESDAY, JULY 5, 2022

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CITY OF ALLIANCE)

The Alliance City Council met in a Regular Meeting, July 5, 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 June 29, 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 July 5, 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 Selzer, City Manager Sorensen, Finance Director Waggener and City Clerk Johnson.

- Mayor Dafney read the Open Meetings Act Announcement.
- The Consent Calendar was the first item on the agenda. A motion was made by Councilman Bentley and seconded by Councilman Mischnick to approve the Consent Calendar as follows:

CONSENT CALENDAR – July 5, 2022

1. Approval: Minutes of the Regular Meeting, June 21, 2022.
2. Approval: Payroll Costs for July 1, 2022: \$356,742.41.
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; \$388,649.27.
4. Approval: Resolution No. 22-35 authorizing City Manager Sorensen to apply for funding through Community Development Block Grants and oversee the management of grant applications.

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5. Approval: Resolution No. 22-36 accepts the donation of a memorial plaque in remembrance of Dee Lewis and Carol Bauer for placement at SkyView Golf Course from the Ladies Golf Association.
6. Approval: Resolution No. 22-37 accepts the donation of a memorial bench in remembrance of Mike Leisy for placement at SkyView Golf Course
7. Approval: Resolution No. 22-38 approves the Memorandum of Understanding, authorizing City Manager Sorensen to obtain outside employment.

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.

Councilman Bentley motioned to discuss and amend item number five, Resolution No. 22-36, on the Consent Calendar. Councilman Bentley wanted to clarify that the donation from the Ladies Golf Association was a sculpture with the addition of a plaque and will be placed on Hole No. 7 at SkyView Golf Course. Councilman Jones seconded the motion.

Mayor Dafney motioned to discussion and amend item number four, Resolution No. 22-36, on the Consent Calendar. Mayor Dafney requested to amend verbiage in the resolution by removing “to obtain outside employment” within the *NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED* portion. Mayor Dafney stated he approves Manager Sorensen to establish and operate his independent software company, however any further outside employment is not authorized. Councilman Bentley seconded the motion.

There being no further discussion, Mayor Dafney asked Clerk Johnson to conduct a roll call vote on the Consent Calendar as amended.

Roll call vote with the following results:

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

Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

- Next, Council reviewed Resolution No. 22-39 which will authorize the City to enter into an agreement with Vacanti Municipal Consulting Services, LLC for project management assistance and grant writing services.

A motion was made by Councilman McGhehey, seconded by Councilman Jones to approve Resolution No. 22-39 which follows in its entirety:

RESOLUTION NO. 22-39

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WHEREAS, The City of Alliance desires to obtain a consultant to assist the City with project management and grant writing services; and

WHEREAS, in order to complete and submit grant applications, the City would like to obtain the services of a grant writer familiar with grant processes; and

WHEREAS, Al Vacanti has previously demonstrated success with the City of Alliance and has offered his services to aid with project management assistance and grant writing services; and

WHEREAS, a Consultant Agreement between Vacanti Municipal Consulting Services, LLC and the City of Alliance, Nebraska authorizes payment in the amount of Fifty Thousand and no/100ths Dollars (\$50,000.00) per each 12-month period to be paid at the rate of Twelve Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and no/100ths quarterly to Mr. Vacanti for his services; and

WHEREAS, City Council believes entering into a Consultant Agreement with Vacanti Municipal Consulting Services, LLC is in the best interest of the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Alliance, Nebraska, that the Mayor is authorized to sign an Agreement with Al Vacanti to provide project management assistance and grant writing services.

Roll call vote with the following results:

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

Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

- The final agenda item was to establish a date and time to conduct a budget workshop. Councilman Jones motioned to conduct a budget workshop on July 26 at 9:00 a.m. The motion was seconded by Councilman Mischnick.

Roll call vote with the following results:

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

Voting Nay: None.

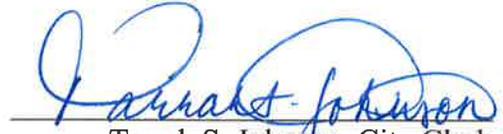
Motion carried.

There being no further business before Council, Mayor Dafney adjourned the meeting at 7:18 p.m.

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Mike Dafney, Mayor

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Tarrah S. Johnson, City Clerk

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