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ALLIANCE CITY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 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, September 20, 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 September 14, 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 September 20, 2022 regular meeting of the Alliance, Nebraska City Council at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Dafney and Council members Mischnick, Bentley, Jones and McGhehey. Also present were City Attorney Hoelsing, City Manager Sorensen, Finance Director Waggener, City Treasurer Baker, 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 Mischnick and seconded by Councilman Jones to approve the Consent Calendar as follows:

CONSENT CALENDAR – September 20, 2022

1. Approval: Minutes of the Regular Meeting and Special Budget Hearing on September 6, 2022.
2. Approval: Payroll Costs for September 9, 2022: \$345,845.29.
3. Approval: Claims against the following funds for the period of: 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; \$1,684,167.45.

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4. Approval: Letter of Support for Constitutional amendment LR283CA, which authorizes the City to expend revenue for developing regularly scheduled commercial passenger air service at the Alliance Municipal Airport.
5. Approval: Resolution No. 22-58 was before Council at their September 6 meeting. Although the donation was presented from WESTCO and accepted by Chief Shoemaker, formal action to approve the Resolution was missed. This will formally approve Resolution No. 22-58.
6. Approval: Resolution No. 22-65 will approve the three-year Lease Agreement with Masek Golf Car Company from Scottsbluff, NE to lease thirty-two (32) golf cars for SkyView Golf Course.

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 and McGhehey.

Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

- Next before Council was the second reading of Ordinance No. 2944 which will amend the Alliance Municipal Code in regards to the dates and times fireworks may be legally discharged and sold. Council was provided with the following information:

[Per Council's direction, staff drafted an ordinance to amend Sections 22-175 and 25-177 of the Alliance Municipal Code to amend the dates and times fireworks may be legally discharged and sold. The attached ordinance will reduce the sale and discharge of fireworks from July 1 to July 4, whereas currently Code reads, June 25 through July 4.

Council tabled this ordinance at their August 2nd meeting for further discussion. This ordinance will need to be brought off the table and reintroduced for second reading.]

Due to the second reading of Ordinance No. 2944 being tabled at the August 2 meeting, Mayor Dafney stated a motion was required to bring the second reading off the table for discussion. A motion was made by Mayor Dafney and seconded by Councilman Jones to bring the second reading of Ordinance No. 2944 off the table.

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Roll call vote with the following results:

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

Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

Mayor Dafney announced that Kevin and Roxane Foster requested to speak before Council on this matter and invited them to the podium.

Roxane Foster, 916 Blackhills Avenue, co-owner and operator of Foster Fireworks Stand, approached Council to speak against the Code amendments that will reduce the sale and discharge of fireworks. Mrs. Foster discussed the following reasons to keep the current regulations as is:

1. Nebraska law allows for ten days and believes the City should mirror what the state allows.
2. If shortened, the community will travel to other cities to purchase fireworks, negatively impacting local sales tax.
3. Firework tents are delivered on a specific date, shortening the days will require rent to be paid on the tent during dates fireworks wouldn't be allowed to be sold.
4. If shortened to four days, depending on when the 4th of July holiday falls, it may not be over a weekend making it harder for families to celebrate due to schedules.
5. Will reduce fundraising opportunities for local schools and churches.

Following Mrs. Foster's presentation, Mayor Dafney opened the discussion for Council.

Councilman Bentley shared the reason Council tabled the second reading of this ordinance at the August 2 meeting was to give the community the opportunity to contact Council regarding the matter. She stated that during that time she only heard from individuals wanting fireworks to be reduced.

Councilman McGhehey believes reducing to four days is too short and believes seven days would be a good compromise. He continued to say that Alliance is a community that enjoys celebrating the 4th of July and agrees with depending on when the holiday falls within the week, it will prevent weekend celebrations.

Mayor Dafney shared the only feedback he received was to reduce fireworks to four days.

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Councilman Mischnick stated four days is too restrictive and would like to see a compromise of seven days.

Councilman Jones stated he believes reducing fireworks to four days would be a good change and also stated those he spoke with would like if lighting fireworks in the street was illegal as it is a huge safety concern.

Mayor Dafney asked Chief Lukens to come to the podium and share the number of calls the police received this year. Chief Lukens stated over the ten days, a total of 20 firework complaint calls were received and were in regards to lighting off outside of allowed hours. Chief Lukens continued with stating there is a voluntary compliance ordinance and it is extremely hard to police, even more so with limited staff.

With no further discussion, Mayor Dafney asked for a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 2944.

A motion was made by Councilman Bentley and seconded by Councilman Jones to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 2944. City Clerk Johnson read the ordinance by title which follows in its entirety:

ORDINANCE NO. 2944

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 22-175 AND 22-177 OF THE ALLIANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO AMEND DATES AND TIMES WHEREIN FIREWORKS MAY BE LEGALLY DISCHARGED; REPEALING EXISTING ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS, POLICIES, OR PORTIONS THEREOF NOT CONSISTENT HERewith; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALLIANCE, NEBRASKA:

SECTION 1. The City Code, at Section 22-175. – Prohibited, nonapplicability, is hereby amended as follows:

“Sec. 22-175. - Prohibited; nonapplicability.

- (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to manufacture, display, sell, offer for sale, give away, use, start, discharge or explode, or cause to be manufactured, displayed, sold, offered for sale, given away, used, started, discharged, or exploded, any firework.
- (b) The provisions of the immediately preceding subsection shall not apply to:
 - (1) Non-wire sparklers, toy pistols or toy pistol caps;
 - (2) The possession of pyrotechnics which are in transportation to points outside the city;

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- (3) The possession or transportation of such pyrotechnics held by wholesale dealers for sale and shipment in unbroken packages to points or places outside the city;
 - (4) The sale, storage, or use of railroad track torpedoes or other signaling devices used by railroads;
 - (5) The sale, storage or use of flashlight compositions by photographers or dealers in photographic supplies;
 - (6) Pyrotechnic displays on the occasion of public celebrations or festivals, if the person conducting such pyrotechnic display shall first have applied for and have been granted by resolution of the mayor and city council permission to conduct such display;
 - (7) The sale and use of fireworks between July 1 and July 4 each year, during time periods authorized by state statute as modified by resolution of the mayor and city council, or by another section of this article;
 - (8) The use of blank cartridge pistols at sporting events by authorized persons; or
 - (9) The use of blank cartridge pistols or other pyrotechnics by a person designated by the city manager or designee to implement the waterfowl management policy.
- (c) The terms "firework" or "fireworks" in this article shall refer to "consumer fireworks" as they are defined and amended by R.R.S. 1943, ch. 28, art. 12."

SECTION 2. The City Code, at Section 22-177. – Legal Dates, times, and age restrictions for discharging fireworks, permit required, is hereby amended as follows:

“Sec. 22-177. - Legal dates, times and age restrictions for discharging fireworks; permit required.

- (a) It shall be unlawful to discharge any firework as defined and permitted by state statute, prior to July 1, and after July 4 and at any time other than the dates and times specifically authorized by state statute and as modified by resolution of the mayor and city council.
- (b) Fireworks may be legally discharged between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. on July 1 to July 3; and between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 midnight on July 4. The city manager or his or designee may authorize in writing the discharge of fireworks between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 midnight on July 5 if, in the discretion of the city manager or his or her designee, sufficient circumstances warrant an extension of the holiday celebration, provided that no firework may be discharged on July 5 without the written authorization of the city manager or his or her designee.
- (c) The use or possession of fireworks by any person under 12 years of age is prohibited unless direct supervision is provided by a person 18 years of age or older.

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- (d) The city manager or designee shall issue a permit allowing the sale of fireworks during permitted periods for that calendar year under the following standards:
 - (1) Proof of fireworks license from the state fire marshal under state administrative code title 157, chapters 2 and 4, permissible fireworks list and licensing requirements, as per the current International Fire Code, fireworks as adopted by the city;
 - (2) Sale and retail display with storage in type 5 magazine 3301.1.3, 3301.2.3, 3302 and 3308.11.
- (e) At no time shall it be lawful to discharge a firework in any manner that is unsafe or dangerous to persons or property in any manner prohibited by R.R.S. 1943, § 28-1242 as now constructed or hereafter amended.
- (f) At no time shall it be lawful to discharge a firework into or upon any city recreational property unless the city has granted a special permit for such discharge.”

SECTION 3. All other Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are repealed as of the effective date of this Ordinance.

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its approval, passage, and publication according to law.

Roll call vote with the following results:

Voting Aye: Dafney, Jones, Bentley.

Voting Nay: Mischnick, McGhehey.

Motion carried.

- Ordinance No. 2945 was next before Council on final reading and presents to Council the 2022-2023 proposed Budget.

[The 2022-23 annual budget appropriations as proposed total \$67,625,100 compared to \$58,123,400 in the prior year. The primary differences result from increased capital projects and inter-fund transfers in 2022-23.

Fund	Prior Budget	Proposed Budget
General	\$11,748,300	\$15,777,600
Electric	15,853,300	19,876,600
Refuse	2,141,900	2,361,400
Sewer	1,017,900	855,100
Water	2,692,800	3,008,300
Golf Course	889,900	895,100
Airport Operations	7,567,100	6,373,200

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Public Transit	449,100	537,900
Streets	3,341,300	3,532,900
Handyman Services	39,900	-
RSVP	77,700	98,200
Museum Exhibit	14,600	14,700
BID #1 and #2	12,500	15,000
HUD/Housing	450,000	170,000
Community Betterment (KENO)	20,200	30,200
Economic Development	188,400	813,300
LB 840 Fund	510,000	510,000
Redevelopment (TIF)	825,000	1,750,000
Sales Tax Fund	2,370,000	2,400,000
Lodging Occupation Tax	251,000	301,000
Capital Projects Fund	1,964,000	2,200,000
Public Safety Tax	150,000	150,000
State 911 Funds	140,000	80,000
General Internal Service	1,538,200	1,843,700
Enterprise Internal Service	534,300	620,900
Health Support Internal Service	1,842,000	1,898,000
General Debt Service	1,800	0
Airport Capital Reserve	60,000	62,000
American Rescue Plan Act Fund	1,432,200	1,450,000
	\$58,123,400	\$67,625,100

a motion was made by Councilman Bentley and seconded by Councilman Mischnick to approve the final reading of Ordinance No. 2945. City Clerk Johnson read the ordinance by title which follows in its entirety:

ORDINANCE NO. 2945

AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE BUDGET STATEMENT TO BE TERMED THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION BILL FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2022; TO APPROPRIATE SUMS FOR NECESSARY EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALLIANCE, NEBRASKA:

Section 1: The City Manager, in accordance with the requirements of Nebraska Revised Statute § 19-646, has submitted a proposed budget statement to the City Council, which statement is attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference (the "Budget Statement").

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Section 2. A public hearing will be held on the Budget Statement in accordance with the requirements of Nebraska Revised Statute § 13-506. Before the final passage and approval of this Ordinance, the Budget Statement may be amended in accordance with comments received at the public hearing, the property valuations provided by Box Butte County, any action to exceed the allowable growth for restricted funds as determined by law, and as necessary to adjust for any other information gathered by the City before October 1, 2022.

Section 3. In accordance with the requirements of the Nebraska Budget Act and Nebraska Revised Statute § 16-704, the amounts set forth in the attached and incorporated Budget Statement shall be and are hereby recognized as the budget appropriations for the City of Alliance, Nebraska for the fiscal year 2022-2023. The fund descriptions and amounts are as follows:

Fund Description	Amount
General	\$15,777,600
Electric	19,876,600
Refuse	2,361,400
Sewer	855,100
Water	3,008,300
Golf Course	895,100
Airport Operations	6,373,200
Public Transit	537,900
Streets	3,532,900
RSVP	98,200
Museum Exhibit	14,700
BID #1 and #2	15,000
HUD/Housing	170,000
Community Betterment (KENO)	30,200
Economic Development	813,300
LB 840 Fund	510,000
Redevelopment (TIF)	1,750,000
Sales Tax Fund	2,400,000
Lodging Occupation Tax	301,000
Capital Projects Fund	2,200,000
Public Safety Tax	150,000
State 911 Funds	80,000
General Internal Service	1,843,700
Enterprise Internal Service	620,900
Health Support Internal Service	1,898,000
Airport Capital Reserve	62,000
American Recovery Plan Act	1,450,000
Fund	
Total Appropriations	\$67,625,100

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Section 4. Upon final passage and approval of this Ordinance, the Budget Statement is adopted by the City of Alliance Nebraska as the adopted budget statement. A copy of the Budget Statement shall be forwarded as provided by law to the Auditor of Public Accounts, State Capitol, Lincoln, Nebraska, and to the County Clerk of Box Butte County, Nebraska, for use by the levying authority.

Section 5. This Ordinance shall become effective October 1, 2022.

Roll call vote with the following results:

Voting Aye: Mischnick, Bentley, Dafney and McGhehey.

Voting Nay: Jones.

Motion carried.

Mayor Dafney stated, “the passage and adoption of Ordinance No. 2945 has been concurred by a majority of all members elected to the Council, I declare it passed, adopted and order it published.”

- Next item on the agenda was the final reading of Ordinance No. 2946 which will allow the City of Alliance with a 75% affirmative vote by Council to exceed the Allowable Growth and Basic Allowable Growth for the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year Budget by 1%. The following information was provided:

[The attached ordinance will allow the City of Alliance (with a 75% affirmative vote by Council) to exceed the base allowable growth limitation of the restricted funds authority for the 2022-23 fiscal year budget by 1% (or \$77,975.92) with total restricted funds authority at \$8,070,507.67.

This does not increase the new fiscal budget, but rather allows the City to increase the unused budget authority for use in future years.]

A motion was made by Councilman McGhehey and seconded by Councilman Bentley to approve the final reading of Ordinance No. 2946. City Clerk Johnson read the ordinance by title which follows in its entirety:

ORDINANCE NO. 2946

AN ORDINANCE ALLOWING FOR EXCEEDING THE ALLOWABLE GROWTH AND BASIC ALLOWABLE GROWTH LIMITS FOR THE 2022-2023 FISCAL YEAR BY ONE PERCENT OF BUDGETED RESTRICTED FUNDS, AND CORRECTING THE ADOPTED BUDGET STATEMENT AND ACCOMPANYING FORMS.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALLIANCE, NEBRASKA:

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SECTION 1. Governmental units are authorized pursuant to State law at Chapter 13, Section 519, to exceed the Allowable Growth (§13-518(1)) and the Basic Allowable Growth (§77-3446) for budgeted restricted funds authority up to an additional one percent, by affirmative vote of the City Council of at least 75%.

SECTION 2. The City Council finds that such limit as provided by Section 13-519 (a) and (b) should be exceeded by one percent.

SECTION 3. An affirmative vote of at least 75% in favor of this increase is hereby cast.

SECTION 4. Section 13-511 allows correction of an adopted budget statement for clerical, mathematical, and accounting errors, which correction does not affect the total amount budgeted by more than one percent or increase the amount required from property taxes. The one percent limit increase is calculated into the current budget statement; however the unused budget authority amount is in need of modification.

SECTION 5. The allowable increase in “restricted funds authority” with the additional 1% of \$77,975.92 and included in the resulting “total restricted funds authority” in the adopted budget ordinance is hereby amended to the amount of \$8,070,507.67.

SECTION 6. Those portions of the existing budget ordinance for 2022-2023 are amended accordingly.

SECTION 7. The City Treasurer is authorized to make appropriate changes in the submitted forms for computation of the limit for fiscal year 2022-2023, and transmit those changes to the State Auditor’s office.

SECTION 8. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its approval, passage, and publication according to law.

Roll call vote with the following results:

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

Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

Mayor Dafney stated, “the passage and adoption of Ordinance No. 2946 has been concurred by a majority of all members elected to the Council, I declare it passed, adopted and order it published.”

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- A Public Hearing on the 2022 tax request was the next agenda item. Following the Public Hearing, Resolution No. 22-66 was presented to Council and will approve the 2022 tax request. The following information was provided:

[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 increase property tax request by 2.0% or \$36,966. With the increase in assessed property valuation, the overall mill levy will decrease from \$0.343878 to \$0.331257. The corresponding tax request in the amount of \$1,890,013 will generate an estimated \$1,871,300 in property tax revenue for the City. This equates to an estimated \$13.66 decrease on an average Alliance residence (valued at \$108,213).

RESOLUTION SETTING THE PROPERTY TAX REQUEST

RESOLUTION NO. 22-66

WHEREAS, Nebraska Revised Statute 77-1632 and 77-1633 provides that the Governing Body of the City of Alliance passes by a majority vote a resolution or ordinance 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 2022-2023 property tax request be set at \$1,890,013 distributed as follows:

General Fund:	\$ 1,468,077
MFO:	\$ 193,704
Public Safety:	\$ 171,167
Airport Sinking Fund:	\$ 57,065

2. The total assessed value of property differs from last year's total assessed value by 5.88 percent.

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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 0.324778 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 0.331257 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 over last year's budget by 16.35 percent.
6. A copy of this resolution be certified and forwarded to the County Clerk on or before October 15, 2022.

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 \$570,557,244 representing an increase of 5.88% over last year's valuation of \$538,866,847.]

Mayor Dafney stated "now is the date, time and place to conduct a public hearing on the 2022 tax request" and opened the public hearing at 7:24 p.m.

Hearing no discussion, Mayor Dafney closed the public hearing at 7:24 p.m.

A motion was made by Councilman Bentley, seconded by Councilman McGhehey to approve Resolution No. 22-66 which follows in its entirety:

Roll call vote with the following results:

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

Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

- Next item on the agenda for Council was Resolution No. 22-67 which will award the 12.47 KV Distribution Line Rebuild Project to Great Plains Power of Grand Island, NE. The following information was provided to Council:

[The City of Alliance budgets for system rebuilds and maintenance of electric lines. This year the 12.47kV distribution line starting at CR 59 east on Kansas Street to Woolrich Road, north on Woolrich Road to East 3rd Street, west on East 3rd Street to Elkhorn Avenue, were identified for total rebuilds. On December 7, 2021, City Council approved a contract with RVW Engineering for the design and engineering of this project. RVW Engineering, has received five quotes to perform the rebuild project, Great Plains Power, Watts Electric Company, Altitude Energy, IES Commercial and Ward Electric. RVW is recommending that the quote from Great Plains Power in the amount of \$435,305.81 be accepted. With this contract, Great

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Plains Power will be supplying the labor, services, supervision, tools and all of the smaller hardware necessary for the rebuild. The City will be providing the poles, crossarms, braces and transformers. The resolution also includes field change order authority not to exceed 5% should it be necessary. The rebuild was budgeted under Urban System Rebuild, Maintenance: GL # 05-51-53-53-948.

Great Plains Power, Grand Island, NE	435,305.81
Watts Electric Company, Waverly, NE	446,564.57
Altitude Electric, Keenesburg, CO	449,012.28
IES Commercial, Holdrege, NE	511,670.37
Ward Electric Company, Longmont, CO	674,451.39

A motion was made by Councilman Jones, seconded by Councilman Mischnick to approve Resolution No. 22-67 which follows in its entirety:

RESOLUTION NO. 22-67

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

WHEREAS, In order to maintain the quality and efficiency of our distribution system the City is continuously performing upgrades and maintenance; and

WHEREAS, The City working with our engineers prepared a Bid Invitation which included the plans and specifications for the 12.47 kV Distribution Line Rebuilds which were advertised; and

WHEREAS, Five (5) responses were received with Great Plains Power of Grand Island, NE being the lowest bidder in the amount of Four Hundred Thirty-five Thousand Three Hundred Five and 81/100ths (\$435,305.81).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and City Council of Alliance, Nebraska, the Mayor is authorized to enter into a contract with Great Plains Power of Grand Island, NE for the 12.47 kV Distribution Line Rebuilds Project subject to terms and conditions of the bid.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Electric Superintendent is authorized to make field change orders not to exceed five percent (5%) of the total contract amount without further Council approval.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor is authorized to execute the contract associated with this project.

Roll call vote with the following results:

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

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Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

- Resolution No 22-68 was the final item on the agenda for Council's consideration. This resolution approves to increase the City Manager's contract authority limits to \$30,000. The following information was provided:

[In 2007 the City Council approved resolution 07-57 authorizing the City Manager to administratively approve purchases up to \$20,000. At that time, and still today, State Law allows Cities of the First Class to delegate the City manager to Approve purchases up to \$30,000.

To convert from 2007 to 2022 purchasing power, \$20,000 then would be equivalent to approximately \$28,578 today. It is requested that the administrative purchasing authority be raised to \$30,000.]

A motion was made by Councilman Bentley, seconded by Councilman McGhehey to approve Resolution No. 22-68 which follows in its entirety:

RESOLUTION NO. 22-68

WHEREAS, The City of Alliance has adopted the City Manager form of government; and

WHEREAS, The City Council desires to update the policy giving the City Manager certain limited authority to sign contracts if conditions set forth by state law are met; and

WHEREAS, The City Council may delegate certain authority to sign contracts to the City Manager where funds are budgeted and the amount of the contract or purchase is less than or equal to \$30,000.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and City Council of Alliance, Nebraska, that the policy for City Manager Contract Authority presented herein, is hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all portions of ordinances and resolutions in conflict with this resolution are hereby replaced and superseded.

Roll call vote with the following results:

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

Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

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There being no further business before Council, Mayor Dafney adjourned the meeting at 7:27 p.m.

Mike Dafney, Mayor

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Tarrah S. Johnson, City Clerk

Complete minutes of the Alliance City Council may be viewed by the public during regular work hours at the City Clerk's Office, 324 Laramie Avenue, Alliance, Nebraska.