

**ALLIANCE, NEBRASKA  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
School Board Meeting Room  
1604 Sweetwater Avenue  
September 19, 2013 - 7:00 p.m.  
AGENDA**

- **Call to Order**
- **Roll Call**
- **Open Meetings Act Announcement**  
For the public's reference a copy of the Open Meetings Law has been posted on the north wall of this room in the audience area. This posting complies with the requirements of the Nebraska Legislature.
- **Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**

**A. Introduction of New Employees**

New Hire - Marissa Holman, Library Page  
New Hire - Makylee Kaping, Library Page  
Promotion - James Grumbles, Police Sergeant  
Promotion - Brent Kusek, Community Development Administrator

**B. Consent Calendar**

**C. Proclamations**

National Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve Week – September 22 – 28, 2013  
Fire Prevention Week – October 6 – 12, 2013

**D. City Manager's Report**

**E. Ordinance No. 2739 – Second Reading  
Classification and Compensation Plans**

This Ordinance will adopt the Classification and Compensation Plans which will be incorporated in our FY 2014 budget. The Classification Plan has several adjustments which have been identified in the attached memorandum. The Compensation Plan includes five categories: Exempt, Non-Exempt, Police Bargaining Unit, Communications Bargaining Unit, and Fire Employees and reflect a 1.7% cost of living adjustment. All wage adjustments will be made effective October 11, 2013. Staff is recommending the statutory required reading of this ordinance on three separate dates be waived.

**F. Ordinance No. 2740 – Second Reading  
Water Rates**

Ordinance No. 2740 is before Council on second reading and will amend the Alliance Municipal Code with regard to water rate revisions. The Ordinance was amended at our last meeting to reflect the rates outlined in Scenario 2. Staff is recommending the statutory required reading of this ordinance on three separate dates be waived.

**G. Ordinance No. 2736 – Third Reading  
Electric Rates**

Ordinance No. 2736 is before Council on third reading and will amend the Alliance Municipal Code with regard to electric rate revisions. The Ordinance will incorporate the rates that were recommended from the Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska (MEAN) rate study which was recently completed. The proposal provides for two adjustments the first being effective October 15, 2013 which includes the removal of the PCA, and the second effective April 1, 2014.

**H. Ordinance No. 2737 – Third Reading  
Refuse Rates**

Ordinance No. 2737 is before Council on third reading and will amend the Alliance Municipal Code with regard to refuse rate revisions. The Ordinance will incorporate the rates that were recommended from the Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska (MEAN) rate study which was recently completed.

**I. Ordinance No. 2733 – Third Reading  
Vacation of Alley for Grocery Kart**

Ordinance No. 2733 is before Council on third reading and will approve the vacation of an alley between Lots 15 and 16, Block 23, Original Town, Alliance, Nebraska. This is the alley which runs north and south in the 200 block between Niobrara and Sweetwater Avenues. The vacation of the alley will allow Alliance Grocery Kart, Inc. to expand their store. The owners of Alliance Grocery Kart, Inc., at their expense, will be moving the utilities currently located in the alley to allow for the construction. The proposed plans have been received by the City and meet with staff's approval.

**J. Ordinance No. 2728 – First Reading  
Amendment to the Municipal Code - Allowing Cell Towers in All Zoning Districts**

The Alliance City Council conducted a Public Hearing on the request of Viaero Wireless to amend the zoning regulations to allow wireless telecommunications facilities (WCF) in all zoning districts at their June 13, 2013 City Council Meeting. At that time the City Council took no legislative action. A representative of Viaero Wireless addressed Council at their July 11, 2013 meeting explaining the need for additional towers in Alliance. Ordinance No. 2728 has been drafted which will allow wireless telecommunications facilities in all zoning districts for Council's consideration. The Alliance Planning Commission, at their regular meeting May 28, 2013 recommended approval of the request.

**K. Resolution No. 13-96 – RSVP Program Funding**

Resolution No. 13-96 will authorize the use of \$5,000 from the Community Betterment Fund Contingency Account for the support of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) activities for this fiscal year due to a shortfall in expected revenue.

**L. Resolution No. 13-97 – Health Insurance Renewal**

Resolution No. 13-97 is before Council and will authorize the renewal of our health insurance program as well as our dental, vision, transplant, and life insurance programs. Our renewal offer reflects an approximate 15% reduction in premiums. The City will continue to offer three health plans for employees to select. Our reinsurance coverage will be provided by American National Life Insurance Company, with Regional Care, Inc. serving as our Third Party Administrator.

**M. Resolution No. 13-98 – Capital Transfer for Landfill Test Well**

Resolution No. 13-98 will ratify the mobilization of O'Malley Drilling, Inc. of Blair, NE as contractor to drill six monitoring wells for the landfill as required by NDEQ as part of the five-year landfill permit and authorizes the payment of \$33,000 to the firm. SCS Aquaterra is the engineer for the project and will be paid fees on a hourly basis under a 2011 Master Services Agreement. The resolution also allows the transfer of the well drilling project from the 2013-14 approved budget in exchange for building remodeling budget authority included in the 2012-13 capital plan. Total cost of the drilling project is estimated at \$59,000.

**N. Fireworks Discussion**

A detailed narrative has been included in Council's packet outlining the various issues.

**O. Future Council Meeting Location, Dates and Times Discussion**

† Added by addendum to agenda 24 hours prior to the meeting

**P. Board Vacancies**

The City of Alliance has received an application from Clay Messersmith to serve on several boards. City Manager Cox visited with Mr. Messersmith and he is willing to serve on both the Board of Adjustment and the Economic Development Plan Citizen Advisory Board. Both boards have vacancies with terms expiring December 31, 2016. A copy of his application has been made part of the packet for your consideration.

The City of Alliance continues to have vacancies on the Board of Adjustment, Community Garden Advisory Board, and the Economic Development Plan Application Review Board. Anyone interested in serving on these Boards should contact the City Clerk's Office. Information on all of the City Boards is also available on our web site, [www.cityofalliance.net](http://www.cityofalliance.net).

**Q. Recap Actions**

▪ **Adjournment**

Respectfully submitted,

Linda S. Jines  
City Clerk