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**ALLIANCE CITY COUNCIL**

SPECIAL MEETING, TUESDAY, MAY 16, 2017

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CITY OF ALLIANCE                )

The Alliance City Council met in a Special Meeting, May 16, 2017 at 4:30 p.m. in the meeting rooms of the Library/Learning Center, 1750 Sweetwater Avenue. A notice of meeting was published in the Alliance Times Herald on May 10, 2017. 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 Yeager opened the May 16, 2017 Special Meeting of the Alliance, Nebraska City Council at 4:30 p.m. Present were Council Members Yeager, Mischnick, Jones, Reynolds, and Korber-Gonzalez. Also present were City Manager Kuckkahn, Assistant City Manager/Finance Director Waggener and City Clerk Jines.

- The Council reviewed the Capital Improvements Plan which was recommended for approval at the May 9, 2017 Planning Commission meeting.

The following is a listing of the Capital Improvements which were reviewed by Council:

<b>Group</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Requested</b>	<b>CF</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Police	Police Operations	Portable and Handheld Radios	\$ 18,000		
Police	Police Operations	Tasers	\$ 21,900		
Police	Police Operations	Body Cameras	\$ 14,000		
Police	Police Operations	Ammunition Storage Vault	\$ 5,000		
Police	Police Operations	Unmarked Investigator Vehicle	\$ 30,000		
Police	Police Communication	Network Server	\$ 15,000		
Police	Police Communication	Recording Device	\$ 22,000		
Fire, EMS	Firefighting	Overhead Door Openers	\$ 8,500		
Fire, EMS	Ambulance	Power-Assist Cots	\$ 35,000		

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Group	Department	Project	Requested	CF	Notes
C&LS	Parks	Bandshell Block Wall	\$ 15,000		Possible Operating Cost
C&LS	Parks	Outdoor Trash Cans	\$ 20,000		
Electric, WH	Electric	Distribution Reclosure and Switches	\$ 130,000		Continuation of Upgrades
Electric, WH	Electric	Urban Rebuilds (Contract)	\$ 250,000		Continuation of Upgrades
Electric, WH	Electric	Urban Rebuilds	\$ 100,000		Includes Customer Request
Electric, WH	Electric	System Improvements - Customer Requests	\$ -		Included with Urban Rebuilds
Electric, WH	Electric	Automated Meter Program	\$ 350,000	Y	Phase 1
Electric, WH	Electric	Rural System Rebuilds (Contract)	\$ 250,000		Continuation of Upgrades
Electric, WH	Electric	Rural System Rebuilds	\$ 100,000		
Public Works	Refuse Collection	Refuse Containers	\$ 45,000		Annual Replacements
Public Works	Landfill	Dozer Replacement	\$ 450,000		
Public Works	Landfill	Concrete Pads/Engineered Drainage Ditch	\$ 150,000	Y	
Public Works	Landfill	Engineered Crossing to Dirt Farm	\$ 80,000	Y	
Public Works	Sewer	Lift Stations B&C	\$ 400,000	Y	
Public Works	Sewer	Lift Stations A Engineering	\$ 50,000		
Public Works	Sewer	Service Pickup Replacement	\$ 35,000		
Public Works	Water	Water Main Replacement	\$ 200,000		Annual Replacement Plan
Public Works	Water	Service Pickup Replacement	\$ 35,000		
C&LS	Golf	South Bathroom Roof Replacement	\$ 8,500		
Airport	Airport	Rchabilitate Runway 8/26	\$ 3,500,000		90% FAA Funding
Airport	Airport	Shoulder Sealcoat 8/26	\$ 10,000		
Airport	Airport	Hangar Construction	\$ 450,000	Y	Funded by Loan, When and if Feasible
Airport	Airport	Warehouse Renovations	\$ 10,000		
Airport	Airport	Airport Road Resurface	\$ 50,000	Y	City Portion
Public Works	Streets	Downtown Revitalization/Streetscape	\$ 440,000	Y	Phase 2
Public Works	Streets	Downtown Historical Lighting	\$ 160,000	Y	20% City Cost Share (from Electric)
Public Works	Streets	East Tenth Street	\$ 885,000	Y	20% Cost Share (Fed Capped)
Public Works	Streets	Meadowlark Pedestrian Trail	\$ 125,000	Y	20% Cost Share

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Public Works	Streets	Heartland Expressway (South)	\$ 1,100,000	Y	Cost Share
Public Works	Streets	Third Street - Howard to Elkhorn	\$ 575,000		Cost Share
Public Works	Streets	Street Sweeper Replacement	\$ 225,000		
Public Works	Streets	Service Pickup Replacement	\$ 45,000		
C&LS	Parks	Central Parks Garage	\$ 1,000,000	Y	Capital Project - NDOR Funded Max \$640K
C&LS	Parks	Central Park Tennis Court Refurbish	\$ 75,000	Y	Capital Project
C&LS	Parks	Sunken Garden Pillars and Refurbish	\$ 500,000		Capital Project - Private Fundraising
C&LS	Library	Lighting Upgrade	\$ 250,000		Capital Project
Technical Services	MIS	Annual Computer Upgrades	\$ 15,000		Migrate to Lower Cost WYSE Terminals
Technical Services	MIS	Software License Upgrades	\$ 15,000		
Technical Services	MIS	Network Hardware Upgrades	\$ 30,000		
Finance	Accounting	Multi Function Copier/Printer/Scanner/Fax	\$ 5,000	Y	Contingent on Need
Administration	Administration	Travel Car	\$ 20,000		
Finance	Meter Reading	Meter Reader Automobile Replacement	\$ 20,000	Y	Contingent on Need
Finance	Meter Reading	Meter Reader Handheld and Docking Station	\$ 6,500		
Electric, WH	Warehouse	Update Flooring	\$ 15,000	Y	
Electric, WH	Warehouse	South Parking Lot Pavement	\$ 20,000		Phase 1
Electric, WH	Warehouse	Update Furniture	\$ 10,000	Y	
Electric, WH	Warehouse	Outside Yard Expansion	\$ 50,000	Y	Phase 1
Electric, WH	Warehouse	Concrete Pads for Transformer Storage	\$ 30,000	Y	Regulatory Compliance - Phase 1
<b>Totals</b>			<b>\$ 12,574,400</b>		

Council reviewed each item and staff will be obtaining additional information on the following items and will report back to Council:

Police Operations	Ammunition Storage Vault
Firefighting	Overhead Door Openers
Emergency Management	State Radio Network Command Control (item deleted)
Golf	South Bathroom Roof Replacement
Landfill	Dozer Replacement

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Landfill	Restroom/Breakroom (possible addition)
Streets	Service Pickup Replacement
Streets	Street Sweeper Replacement
Parks	Central Park Tennis Court Refurbish
Parks	Trail Lighting (possible addition)
Warehouse	South Parking Lot Pavement

No formal action was taken by Council.

- The next agenda item was the discussion of the City's current revenue.

Finance Director Waggener shared with Council the three major sources of revenue to the City of Alliance: sales tax, property tax and transfers from the enterprise funds. Currently our sales tax revenue is stable, although surrounding communities are experiencing a decrease. Our Hotel Occupation taxes are down, but due to the upcoming Solar Eclipse event we believe that will adjust upward. Council asked if re-creating the Airport Authority would be beneficial at this time. Previously the Airport Authority tax base only included the corporate boundaries of the City of Alliance; and under that format there does not appear to be an advantage at this time. Staff will research this issue to see if a broader tax base is possible.

- The final agenda item was an update to Council concerning the City's security light service changes. Our current program is being changed that City employees will only be maintaining fixtures that are located on the City's right of ways and on City owned poles. Our employees will no longer perform maintenance on private property.

- Mayor Yeager stated, "there being no further business to come before the Alliance City Council, the meeting is adjourned at 6:17 p.m."

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Ralph Yeager, Mayor

  
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Linda S. Jines, City Clerk