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## ALLIANCE CITY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2023

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CITY OF ALLIANCE                )

The Alliance City Council met in a Regular Meeting, February 7, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the Alliance Learning Center Community Meeting Room, 1750 Sweetwater Avenue. A notice of meeting was published in the Alliance Times Herald on February 1, 2023. 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 provided 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 February 7, 2023 regular meeting of the Alliance, Nebraska City Council at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Dafney and Council members Mischnick, McGhehey, and Andersen. Also present were City Manager Sorensen, City Attorney Hoelsing, City Treasurer Baker and City Clerk Johnson.

- By consensus, Councilman Mashburn was excused from the meeting.
- Mayor Dafney read the Open Meetings Act Announcement.
- The Consent Calendar was the first item on the agenda. A motion was made by Councilman McGhehey and seconded by Councilman Mischnick to approve the Consent Calendar as follows:

### **CONSENT CALENDAR – February 7, 2023**

1. **Approval:** Minutes of the Regular Meeting, January 17, 2023.
2. **Approval:** Payroll from January 13, 2023 in the amount of \$383,391.46 and January 27, 2023 in the amount of \$277,382.30.
3. **Approval:** Claims against the following funds: General, General Debt Service, Trust and Agency, Street, Electric, Refuse Collection and Disposal, Sanitary Sewer, Water, Golf

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Course, Downtown Improvement Districts, R.S.V.P., Keno, and Capital Improvement;  
\$353,314.09.

4. Approval: Issuance of Cemetery Certificate for Chad Prella for the W ½ of Lot Eleven (11), Section Five (5), Block Twenty-two (22).
5. Approval: Resolution No. 23-08 will authorize the acceptance of the Rural Crime Reduction Grant in the amount of \$150,000.
6. Approval: Resolution No. 23-09 authorizes the submittal of the U.S. DOT RAISE Grant application.
7. Approval: Resolution No. 23-10 certifies the City has met all terms of the 2022 Maintenance Agreement No. 3 and authorizes the Mayor to sign the 2022 Certificate of Compliance for submittal and payment.
8. Approval: Authorizes the submittal of a mini grant to the Nebraska Department of Transportation for three preliminary breath testers to be utilized in the police department.
9. For Your Information: The City of Alliance has received the Official Notice of the Revised Rate Schedule for Service Schedule M Participants and the Energy Standard Avoided Cost Rate from NMPP Energy.

NOTE: City Manager Sorensen and City Treasurer Baker 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, McGhehey, Andersen.

Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

- Next for Council was the City of Alliance's Audit of the Financial Statement for the period October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022. Marci Luth of AMGL, P.C, reviewed via telephone.

A motion was made by Councilman Andersen, seconded by Councilman McGhehey to accept the Audit as presented.

Roll call vote with the following results:

Voting Aye: Dafney, Mischnick, McGhehey, Andersen.

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Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

- The presentation and acceptance of the First Quarter Financial Statement was next before Council.

City Treasurer Baker presented and reviewed the First Quarter Financial Report and Dashboards to Council.

A motion was made by Councilman Mischnick, seconded by Councilman McGhehey to accept the First Quarter Financial Report.

Roll call vote with the following results:

Voting Aye: Dafney, Mischnick, McGhehey, Andersen.

Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

- Board resignations was the next item on the agenda.

A motion was made by Councilman Mischneick, seconded by Councilman McGhehey to accept the resignation of Gail N. McMurtrey from the Knight Museum & Sandhills Center Board.

Roll call vote with the following results:

Voting Aye: Dafney, Mischnick, McGhehey, Andersen.

Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

- The final agenda item was Resolution No. 23-11 which accepts the resignation of City Clerk Johnson with a final employment date of February 17, 2023.

A motion was made by Councilman McGhehey, seconded by Councilman Mischnick to approve Resolution No. 23-11 in its entirety:

Resolution No. 23-11

*WHEREAS*, the City of Alliance, Nebraska (the “City”) has appointed Tarrah Johnson (“Johnson”) as the City Clerk of the City, under an employment contract for an unspecified term; and;

*WHEREAS*, Johnson has tendered her resignation to the City Council of the City on February 3, 2023; and

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*WHEREAS*, the City Council determines that it is in the best interests of the City to accept Johnson's resignation;

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED* by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Alliance, Nebraska, that the resignation of Johnson as City Clerk is accepted, that the last day of appointment and employment for Johnson shall be February 17, 2023, and that Johnson's services under her employment contract with the City shall end upon her resignation, which shall be February 17, 2023.

Roll call vote with the following results:

Voting Aye: Dafney, Mischnick, McGhehey, Andersen.

Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

There being no further business before Council, Mayor Dafney adjourned the meeting at 7:39 p.m.

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Mike Dafney, Mayor

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Tarah 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.