

March 7, 2023

**ALLIANCE CITY COUNCIL**

REGULAR MEETING, TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 2023

STATE OF NEBRASKA            )  
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CITY OF ALLIANCE                )

The Alliance City Council met in a Regular Meeting, March 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 March 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 March 7, 2023 regular meeting of the Alliance, Nebraska City Council at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Dafney and Council members Mischnick and Andersen. Also present were City Manager Sorensen, City Attorney Hoelsing, City Treasurer Baker and Recording Secretary Norris.

- By consensus, Councilman Mashburn and Councilman McGhehey were 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 Andersen and seconded by Councilman Mischnick to approve the Consent Calendar as follows:

**CONSENT CALENDAR – March 7, 2023**

1. **Approval:** Minutes of the Regular Meeting, February 21, 2023.
2. **Approval:** Payroll from February 24, 2023 in the amount of \$271,571.14
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; \$384,387.72.



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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 and Mashburn.

Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

- The first item on the agenda for Council was Resolution No. 23-15 which will assign Carla Mayhew as the MissionSquare retirement plan administrator. The following information was provided:

[MissionSquare, formally known as ICMA Retirement is the plan administrator for the City Manager Pension plan. In October of 2022, MissionSquare changed their contribution receiving bank from M&T to State Street Bank. They require new plan sponsor contact information from the City of Alliance which includes an official resolution designating the Plan Coordinator.]

A motion was made by Councilman Mischnick, seconded by Councilman Andersen to approve Resolution No. 23-15 which follows in its entirety:

#### RESOLUTION NO. 23-15

*WHEREAS*, The City of Alliance has employed a City Manager based on a contract dated April 6, 2021; and

*WHEREAS*, This contract requires the City to establish a retirement plan with MissionSquare (previously the ICMA Retirement Corporation) on the City Manager's behalf; and

*WHEREAS*, The City has created such account; and

*WHEREAS*, Due to a change in personnel it has become necessary to change the retirement plan administrator for MissionSquare.

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED*, by the Mayor and City Council of Alliance, Nebraska, that the Human Resources Director (currently Carla Mayhew) is hereby authorized to serve as the City's Retirement Plan Administrator for MissionSquare.



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Roll call vote with the following results:

Voting Aye: Dafney, Mischnick and Andersen.

Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

- The first reading of Ordinance No. 2952 which will authorize and direct execution of the Green Energy Program Subscription Confirmation by the City of Alliance, with the Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska. The following information was provided:

[The Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska (MEAN) is replacing the existing MEAN renewable energy and attributes pools with the MEAN – Green Energy Program. Currently, the City of Alliance is purchasing 6% of our power through the wind generation pool. Jointing this new Green Energy Program will insure the City’s portion of renewable energy. The new rate for wind energy will be slightly less than current pricing.]

A motion was made by Councilman Andersen, seconded by Councilman Mischnick to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2952. Recording Secretary Norris read the ordinance by title which follows in its entirety:

ORDINANCE No. 2952

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING EXECUTION OF THE GREEN ENERGY PROGRAM SUBSCRIPTION CONFIRMATION BY THE CITY OF ALLIANCE WITH THE MUNICIPAL ENERGY AGENCY OF NEBRASKA; TO PRESRIIBE THE TIME WHEN THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT

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

SECTION 1: The City hereby finds and declares it to be in the public interest and in the interest of the customers of the City’s electric utility that the City adopt and execute the Green Energy Program Subscription Confirmation with the Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska.

SECTION 2: It is hereby ordered and directed that the City of alliance, acting through its Mayor and City Clerk, execute the Green Energy Program Subscription Confirmation, a copy of the Subscription Confirmation being attached hereto and made a part thereof.



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SECTION 3: The City of Alliance does hereby adopt and approve each of the objectives, terms and conditions set forth in the Green Energy Program Subscription Confirmation.

SECTION 4: This ordinance shall be in full force and take effect after its passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

Roll call vote with the following results:

Voting Aye: Dafney, Mischnick and Andersen.

Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mayor Dafney, seconded by Councilman Mischnick to suspend the statutory rule requiring three separate reading of Ordinance No. 2952.

Roll call vote with the following results:

Voting Aye: Dafney, Mischnick and Andersen.

Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

Roll call vote to approve Ordinance No. 2952 on final reading with the following results:

Voting Aye: Dafney, Mischnick and Andersen.

Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

Mayor Dafney stated, “the passage and adoption of Ordinance No. 2952 has been concurred by a majority of all members elected to the Council, I declare it passed, adopted, and order it published.”

- Board Resignation and Board Appointments were the last item on the agenda for Council.

A motion was made by Councilman Mischnick, seconded by Councilman Andersen to accept Lori Curtiss’ resignation from the Museum Board. Leaving two vacancies on the Museum Board.

Roll call vote with the following results:



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Voting Aye: Dafney, Mischnick and Andersen.

Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Mischnick, seconded by Councilman Andersen to appoint Cheri Hopkins to the Museum Board for a term ending May 31, 2027.

Roll call vote with the following results:

Voting Aye: Dafney, Mischnick and Andersen.

Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Mischnick, seconded by Mayor Dafney to appoint Nancy Pumphrey to the Museum Board for a term ending May 31, 2025.

Roll call vote with the following results:

Voting Aye: Dafney, Mischnick and Andersen.

Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Mischnick, seconded by Councilman Andersen to adjourn the meeting.

Roll call vote with the following results:

Voting Aye: Dafney, Mischnick and Andersen.

Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

There being no further business before Council, Mayor Dafney adjourned the meeting at 7:08 p.m.



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Mike Dafney, Mayor

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Kaylin Norris, Recording Secretary

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