

March 19, 2024

**ALLIANCE CITY COUNCIL**

REGULAR MEETING, TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2024

STATE OF NEBRASKA            )  
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COUNTY OF BOX BUTTE        ) §  
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CITY OF ALLIANCE                )

The Alliance City Council met in a Regular Meeting, March 19, 2024 at 7:01 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 13, 2024. 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 Jones opened the March 19, 2024 regular meeting of the Alliance, Nebraska City Council at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Jones, Vice Mayor McGhehey and Council Members Mischnick and Mashburn. Also present were City Manager Sorensen, City Treasurer Baker, City Attorney Swanson and Recording Secretary Bedient.

- Mayor Jones read the Open Meetings Act Announcement.
- The Consent Calendar was the first item on the agenda. A motion was made by Councilman Mischnick, seconded by Vice Mayor McGhehey to approve the Consent Calendar as follows:

**CONSENT CALENDAR – March 19, 2024**

1. Approval: Minutes of the Regular Meeting, March 5, 2024.
2. Approval: Payroll from March 8, 2024 in the total amount of \$358,899.03.
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; \$1,234,050.08.
4. Approval: Alliance Volunteer Fire Department Roster Update.

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5. Approval: Cemetery Certificates for Carney, Shirley A. and Mundt, Danuel & Linda M.
6. Approval: Resolution No. 24-21 which will approve the third amendment to the Lease and Easement Agreement for Solar Energy System.
7. Approval: Resolution No. 24-22 which will authorize a Sign Lease agreement with Scott Westercamp for the placement of Carhenge advertisement and marketing billboard on NW1/4 of the NE1/4 of Section 28, Township 19 North, Range 48 West of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Morrill County, NE for the rate of \$300.00 per year.
8. Approval: Resolution No. 24-23 which will authorize the Mayor or City Manager to enter into an agreement with Nebraska Department of Transportation Municipality Program Agreement to place a crosswalk Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon to facilitate pedestrian traffic across 10<sup>th</sup> Street and Highway 87.
9. Approval: Resolution No. 24-24 which will adopt and approve the Interlocal Agreement be updated to the Multi-Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan and the City's share funding will be \$4,409.64, with Troy Shoemaker being said representative for the City of Alliance.
10. Approval: Resolution No. 24-25 which will authorize a budget transfer in the amount of \$4,000.00 from Capital Project-Tourism #01-79-79-59-970 to CNTSVC Other #01-79-79-44-479 to cover the Bands on the Bricks Event.

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: Mischnick, McGhehey, Mashburn and Jones.

Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

- The second item on the agenda for Council was the third and final reading of Ordinance No. 2975 which will approve the Final Plat for Lot 9A, Hillcrest Addition, A Replat of Lot 9, Block 3, Hillcrest Addition, to the City of Alliance, and Unplatted Lands in the Southeast Quarter of Section 25, Township 25 North, Range 48 West of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Box Butte County Nebraska.

A motion was made by Councilman Mashburn, seconded by Mischnick to approve Ordinance No. 2975 on third and final reading which approves the Final Plat for Lot 9A,

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Hillcrest Addition, A Replat of Lot 9, Block 3, Hillcrest Addition, to the City of Alliance, and Unplatted Lands in the Southeast Quarter of Section 25, Township 25 North, Range 48 West of the 6th P.M., Box Butte County Nebraska.. Which follows in its entirety:

**ORDINANCE NO. 2975**

**AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE FINAL PLAT OF LOT 9A, BLOCK 3, HILLCREST ADDITION TO THE CITY OF ALLIANCE, BOX BUTTE COUNTY, NEBRASKA, SITUATED IN THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 25, TOWNSHIP 25 NORTH, RANGE 48 WEST OF THE 6<sup>TH</sup> P.M., BOX BUTTE COUNTY, NEBRASKA, REPEALING PRIOR SECTIONS AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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

SECTION 1. The City of Alliance has received the application for approval of the Final Plat of a tract of land Situated in the Southeast Quarter of Section 25, Township 25 North, Range 48 West of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Box Butte County, Nebraska.

SECTION 2. The Planning Commission held a public hearing January 9, 2024, and has recommended the approval of the Final Plat of Lot 9A, Block 3, Hillcrest Addition to the City of Alliance, Box Butte County, Nebraska, Situated in the Southeast Quarter of Section 25, Township 25 North, Range 48 West of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Box Butte County, Nebraska.

SECTION 3. The City Council finds that the Final Plat contains the information required by Article 5 of the city of Alliance Municipal Code.

SECTION 4. The Final Plat of Lot 9A, Block 3, Hillcrest Addition to the City of Alliance, Box Butte County, Nebraska, Situated in the Southeast Quarter of Section 25, Township 25 North, Range 48 West of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Box Butte County, Nebraska is hereby approved by the City of Alliance and shall be filed with the County Clerk as provided by City Code and State law within 30 days of this approval. The plat map which has been prepared is a part of these proceedings and is attached hereto and is incorporated herein and made a part hereof by reference.

SECTION 5. All ordinances, parts of ordinances, resolutions, and policies of the City of Alliance in conflict with this Ordinance are repealed.

SECTION 6. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its approval, passage, and publication according to law.

Mayor Jones stated, “the passage and adoption of Ordinance No. 2975 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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Roll call vote with the following results:

Voting Aye: Mashburn, Mischnick, McGhehey and Jones.

Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

- The next item on the agenda for Council is a Board Resignation.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor McGhehey, seconded by Mischnick to accept Sally Hansen's resignation from the Knight Museum and Sandhills Center Advisory Board. Leaving one vacancy on the Knight Museum and Sandhills Center Advisory Board.

Roll call vote with the following results:

Voting Aye: McGhehey, Mischnick, Mashburn and Jones.

Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

- Next for Council was a Board Appointment.

A motion was made by Councilman Mischnick, seconded by McGhehey to reappoint Marlene Mischnick to the Knight Museum and Sandhills Center Advisory Board with a term ending May 31, 2029.

Roll call vote with the following results:

Voting Aye: Mischnick, McGhehey, Mashburn, and Jones.

Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

- An Agenda Request was brought to Council by Tim Smith to speak on behalf of the possible purchase of a warehouse and conversion of the facility to the Police Department and, Denise Yocum to speak on behalf of "We the people of Alliance".

Tim Smith, 186 Burnham Drive, Alliance, Nebraska, a concerned citizen spoke before council regarding the potential purchase of a vacant warehouse building which would be converted into the new police station. Mr. Smith's concerns of the building's isolated location, which may cause delayed response times, not being visible to patrons, and lack of parking. Mr. Smith stressed he was not opposed to the idea it makes sense but maybe a better location.

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Denise Yocum, 621 Emerson Avenue, Alliance, Nebraska, a citizen spoke before council with several concerns of “We the People” of the City of Alliance. First Denise brought up the concerns of the hire of the New Police Chief, which fell on deaf ears on the Council. As well as the call for the revocation of employment against City Manager Sorensen due to lack of internal investigations and is destroying the City.

The Alliance City Council adjourned the March 19, 2024 City Council Meeting at 7:20 p.m.



Earl Jones, Mayor

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Shelbi C. Pitt, 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