

August 19, 2024

**ALLIANCE CITY COUNCIL**

SPECIAL BUDGET WORKSHOP, MONDAY, AUGUST 19, 2024

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CITY OF ALLIANCE                )

The Alliance City Council met in a Special Budget Workshop, August 19, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. in the Alliance Learning Center Community Meeting Room, 1750 Sweetwater Avenue. A notice of meeting was published in the Alliance Times Herald on July 3, 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 McGhehey opened the August 19, 2024 Special Budget Workshop of the Alliance, Nebraska City Council at 9:00 a.m. Present were Mayor McGhehey, Vice Mayor Mashburn and Council Members Mischnick, Weisgerber, Liptack. Also present were City Manager Sorensen, City Treasurer Baker, and City Clerk Pitt.

- Mayor McGhehey read the Open Meetings Act Announcement.
- Council discussed budget.

Transfer of budget was discussed where the budget needs to be cut. Mayor McGhehey recommend City Engineer and Purchasing Manager could be cut, with an overall cut of \$450,000 from the General Fund.

Councilman Liptack felt the Human Resources Secretary position should be cut from the budget as well.

Vice Mayor Mashburn stated that the City needs to find responsible employees and who are want a career.

Councilman Weisgerber suggested bonus instead of COLA.

Councilman Liptack suggested that Department Heads make an overall budget cut of 3% from their Department's expenditures.

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Mayor McGhehey directs City Manager Sorenson to work budget numbers to include the COLA for non-exempt employees.

Mayor McGhehey and Councilman Mischnick concur that it's hard justifying a pumper truck for Fire Department currently.

An overall decision no City Engineer and Purchasing Manager, 2 – 2.5% COLA for non-exempt employees, Department Heads cut at least 3% overall budget, deplete public safety budget, remove pumper truck from the Fire Department budget until clearer decision with public safety center, terminate contract for Municipal Building ADA Design.

The Alliance City Council adjourned the August 19, 2024 Budget Workshop Meeting at 11:02 a.m.

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John McGhehey, Mayor

  
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Shelbi C. Pitt, City Clerk

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