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ALLIANCE CITY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING, TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2025

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, January 7, 2025 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 January 1, 2025. 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 January 7, 2025 regular meeting of the Alliance, Nebraska City Council at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mayor McGhehey, Vice Mayor Mashburn and Council Members Weisgerber, Liptack and, Turman. Also present were City Manager Sorensen, City Treasurer Baker, City Attorney Selzer and City Clerk Pitt.

- Mayor McGhehey read the Open Meetings Act Announcement.
- The first item on the agenda for Council was the Public Educational Presentation by Carver Hauptman.

Carver Hauptman, 2440 CR 58 Alliance, Nebraska, came before the Council to give an educational presentation to ban artificial turf and plastic bags in the community.

- The Consent Calendar was the next item on the agenda. A motion was made by Councilman Turman, seconded by Vice Mayor Mashburn to approve the Consent Calendar as follows:

CONSENT CALENDAR – January 7, 2025

1. Approval: Minutes of the Regular Meeting, December 17, 2024.
2. Approval: Payroll from December 13, 2024 and December 27, 2024 in the total amount of \$701,704.64.

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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; \$1,348,380.24.
4. Approval: Resolution No. 25-01 which will approve the use of Electric Fund cash reserves may be used for an interim interdepartmental loan to the Refuse Fund at the interest rate of 5.15% in an amount not to exceed \$300,000 for a period of 120 months (10 years). Budget authority is being transferred from the Urban Rebuild Account No. 05-51-53-53-948 and Capital Outlay-Vehicles Account No. 05-51-53-59-960 to the Electric Loans to Other Funds Account No. 05-51-50-38-863.
5. Approval: Resolution No. 25-02 which will authorize a Building Lease Agreement in the National Weather Service Building located at the Alliance Municipal Airport with Fair Winds Counseling in the amount of \$4,800 per year.
6. Approval: Resolution No. 25-03 which will accept the donation of a Challenger Professional Hydraulic Paper Cutter from Gene Bott to the Alliance Public Library.
7. Approval: Resolution No. 25-04 which will authorize the Mayor to execute the Certificate of Compliance and Release form for the Taxiway/Apron Rehabilitation Project.
8. Approval: Resolution No. 25-05 which will authorize the Mayor to execute the Maintenance Agreement No. 3 for the calendar year 2025, for and on behalf of the City of Alliance with Nebraska Department of Transportation.

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: Turman, Mashburn Weisgerber, Liptack and McGhehey.

Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

- Next before Council was a Conflict Claim of Mayor McGhehey for the travel and meal reimbursement while attending the NE Municipal League Conference in Lincoln, Nebraska.

A motion was made by Councilman Weisgerber to approve the reimbursement of \$498.20 to Mayor McGhehey. The motion was made by Vice Mayor Mashburn.

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Roll call vote with the following results:

Voting Aye: Weisgerber, Mashburn, Liptack and Turman.

Voting Nay: None.

Abstaining: McGhehey.

Motion carried.

- The next item on the agenda for Council was the second reading of Ordinance No. 2990 which will approve and amend the City of Alliance Municipal Code Chapter 26-127, titled *Restricted Parking*. The amendment will allow for the “no parking” restrictions at 9th and Big Horn Avenue.

A motion was made by Councilman Liptack, seconded by Councilman Turman to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 2990. City Clerk Pitt read the ordinance by title which follows in its entirety:

Ordinance No. 2990

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALLIANCE, NEBRASKA AMENDING ALLIANCE MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 26-127 TO RESTRICT PARKING ON THE EAST SIDE OF THE STREET IN FRONT OF THE PROPERTY AT 903 BIG HORN AVENUE FOR LONGER THAN ONE HALF HOUR DURING THE HOURS OF 9:00 A.M. AND 2:00 P.M. ON MONDAYS AND TUESDAYS; REPEALING EXISTING PROVISIONS OF THE CITY CODE NOT CONSISTENT WITH THIS ORDINANCE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

SECTION 1. Section 26-127 of the Alliance Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 26-127. Prohibited and limited parking.

- (a) No vehicle may park at any time in the following spaces or locations, which spaces or locations may be painted red as appropriate but are not required to be:
 - (1) In front of or within a space of 40 feet in front of the front entrance or entrances of any school;
 - (2) Where any other street or avenue intersects another, in the intersection of or within 25 feet from the intersection of the streets or avenues, beginning at the nearest perpendicular curb of the intersection;
 - (3) On the north side of First Street between the west line of Niobrara Avenue, if extended south, and the east line of Laramie Avenue if extended south;
 - (4) Within any alley or in a manner that obstructs the entrance or exit to the alley, and on a street or avenue within five feet of any alley entrance or exit, on either side, except when the actual operation of loading or unloading merchandise is in progress;

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- (5) In a manner that obstructs entrance or exit to any private drive, and on any street or avenue within five feet of any private drive entrance or exit, on either side, except when the actual operation of loading or unloading is in progress;
 - (6) On any street or avenue within ten feet of any fire hydrant, on either side of the fire hydrant, and within ten feet of any stop sign on the right side of any two-way street or on either side of any one-way street;
 - (7) Outside of the business district as herein defined, on that portion of any right-of-way outside the roadway, including in any curb strip as prohibited by chapter 20 of the City Code;
 - (8) On the south side of Sixth Street between the east line of Flack Avenue and the west line of Boyd Avenue;
 - (9) On the north side of Fourth Street between the east line of Flack Avenue and the west line of Boyd Avenue;
 - (10) On the north side of Fourth Street between the east line of Box Butte Avenue and a point 70 feet from said east line of Box Butte Avenue;
 - (11) On the east side of Boyd Avenue from Fourth Street to Sixth Street, except for those vehicles parked for residential purposes for immediately adjacent residential property;
 - (12) On the east side of U.S. Highway 385 beginning at a point 301 feet south of the northwest corner of Section 4, Township 24 North, Range 48 West of the 6th Principal Meridian, Box Butte County, Nebraska, northerly along the highway right-of-way to a point where the highway intersects West Third Street in the city;
 - (13) On the north and south sides of Third Street from the west line of Howard Street Avenue westerly to the east line of Highway 385;
 - (14) On the south side of Sixteenth Street from the west line of Emerson Avenue to the east line of Buchfinck Avenue.
 - (15) On any area and at any time where parking has become prohibited pursuant to article IV, chapter 26 of the City Code.
 - (16) In any manner not stated herein but that otherwise violates the State of Nebraska statutory rules of the road, as codified in R.R.S. 1943, ch. 60, as re-codified or amended from time to time.
 - (17) Any other parking space or spaces which may hereafter be designated by the city manager where parking shall be prohibited to provide for safety and the orderly flow of traffic and after such prohibited parking is plainly marked, painted on the curb or posted.
- (b) No vehicle may park Monday through Friday of any week between the hours of 8:00 a.m., and 6:00 p.m., and on Saturdays between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., holidays excepted, as follows:
- (1) No vehicle shall park in the posted area in front of the U.S. Post Office building located on the northeast corner on Box Butte Avenue and Fourth Street;
 - (2) No vehicle shall park for more than two consecutive hours on the following described streets:
 - a. Box Butte Avenue from the north line of First Street to the south line of Sixth Street;
 - b. Laramie Avenue from the north line of Third Street to the north line of Fourth Street;
 - c. Third Street from the west line of Niobrara Avenue to the east line of Cheyenne Avenue;
 - d. Fourth Street from the west line of Niobrara Avenue to the east line of Laramie Avenue;
 - e. Fifth Street from the west line of Niobrara Avenue to the east line of Laramie Avenue;

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- f. Laramie Avenue north of Fourth Street for two parking spaces on the east side of the street and three parking spaces on the west side of the street.
 - g. For the west one-half block on the north side of Tenth Street between Niobrara and Sweetwater Avenues and the east side of Niobrara Avenue between 10th and 11th Streets, which time-limited spaces are plainly marked, painted on the curb or posted.
- (c) No vehicle shall park for a period of time longer than 15 minutes or 30 minutes, as either may be marked by signs, in a parking space in the municipal parking lot located southwest of the Library/Learning Center, Lot 1, Block 1, Library/Attendance Center Addition, which time-limited spaces are plainly marked, painted on the curb or posted.
- (d) Notwithstanding applicable portions of subsection (b)(2) above, no vehicle shall park for a period of time longer than 15 minutes in a parking space, or spaces, on Box Butte Avenue, which time-limited spaces are plainly marked, painted on the curb or posted.
- (f) Notwithstanding applicable portions of subsection (b)(2) above, no vehicle shall park between the hours of 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on the east side of the 400 block of Niobrara Avenue from the north line of Fourth Street to a point 87 feet north of the north line of Fourth Street in the parking space or spaces which are plainly marked, painted on the curb, or posted.
- (g) No vehicle shall park for longer than one half hour on the East side of the street in front of the property at 903 Big Horn Avenue in the area designated by signage during the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. on Mondays and Tuesdays.

SECTION 2. All ordinances, parts of ordinances, resolutions, and policies of the City of Alliance in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its approval, passage, and publication according to law.

Roll call vote with the following results:

Voting Aye: Liptack, Turman, Weisgerber, Mashburn and McGhehey.

Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Liptack, seconded by Councilman Turman to suspend the statutory rule requiring three separate readings Ordinance No. 2990.

Roll call vote with the following results:

Voting Aye: Liptack, Turman, Weisgerber, Mashburn and McGhehey.

Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

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Mayor McGhehey stated, “the passage and adoption of Ordinance No. 2990 has concurred by majority of all members elected to the Council, I declare it passed, adopted and order it published.”

● The next agenda item for Council was the second reading of Ordinance No. 2992 which will approve and amend the City of Alliance Municipal Code Chapter 26-127, titled *Restricted Parking*. The amendment will The following information was provided:

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Mashburn, seconded by Councilman Turman to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 2992. City Clerk Pitt read the ordinance by title which follows in its entirety:

Ordinance No. 2992

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALLIANCE, NEBRASKA AMENDING ALLIANCE MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 26-127 RESTRICTING PARKING IN FRONT OF 511 NIOBRARA AVENUE AS POLICE PARKING ONLY; REPEALING EXISTING PROVISIONS OF THE CITY CODE NOT CONSISTENT WITH THIS ORDINANCE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

SECTION 1. Section 26-127 of the Alliance Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 26-127. Prohibited and limited parking.

- (a) No vehicle may park at any time in the following spaces or locations, which spaces or locations may be painted red as appropriate but are not required to be:
- (1) In front of or within a space of 40 feet in front of the front entrance or entrances of any school;
 - (2) Where any other street or avenue intersects another, in the intersection of or within 25 feet from the intersection of the streets or avenues, beginning at the nearest perpendicular curb of the intersection;
 - (3) On the north side of First Street between the west line of Niobrara Avenue, if extended south, and the east line of Laramie Avenue if extended south;
 - (4) Within any alley or in a manner that obstructs the entrance or exit to the alley, and on a street or avenue within five feet of any alley entrance or exit, on either side, except when the actual operation of loading or unloading merchandise is in progress;
 - (5) In a manner that obstructs entrance or exit to any private drive, and on any street or avenue within five feet of any private drive entrance or exit, on either side, except when the actual operation of loading or unloading is in progress;
 - (6) On any street or avenue within ten feet of any fire hydrant, on either side of the fire hydrant, and within ten feet of any stop sign on the right side of any two-way street or on either side of any one-way street;
 - (7) Outside of the business district as herein defined, on that portion of any right-of-way outside the roadway, including in any curb strip as prohibited by chapter 20 of the City Code;

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- (8) On the south side of Sixth Street between the east line of Flack Avenue and the west line of Boyd Avenue;
 - (9) On the north side of Fourth Street between the east line of Flack Avenue and the west line of Boyd Avenue;
 - (10) On the north side of Fourth Street between the east line of Box Butte Avenue and a point 70 feet from said east line of Box Butte Avenue;
 - (11) On the east side of Boyd Avenue from Fourth Street to Sixth Street, except for those vehicles parked for residential purposes for immediately adjacent residential property;
 - (12) On the east side of U.S. Highway 385 beginning at a point 301 feet south of the northwest corner of Section 4, Township 24 North, Range 48 West of the 6th Principal Meridian, Box Butte County, Nebraska, northerly along the highway right-of-way to a point where the highway intersects West Third Street in the city;
 - (13) On the north and south sides of Third Street from the west line of Howard Street Avenue westerly to the east line of Highway 385;
 - (14) On the south side of Sixteenth Street from the west line of Emerson Avenue to the east line of Buchfinck Avenue.
 - (15) On any area and at any time where parking has become prohibited pursuant to article IV, chapter 26 of the City Code.
 - (16) In any manner not stated herein but that otherwise violates the State of Nebraska statutory rules of the road, as codified in R.R.S. 1943, ch. 60, as re-codified or amended from time to time.
 - (17) Any other parking space or spaces which may hereafter be designated by the city manager where parking shall be prohibited to provide for safety and the orderly flow of traffic and after such prohibited parking is plainly marked, painted on the curb or posted.
- (b) No vehicle may park Monday through Friday of any week between the hours of 8:00 a.m., and 6:00 p.m., and on Saturdays between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., holidays excepted, as follows:
- (1) No vehicle shall park in the posted area in front of the U.S. Post Office building located on the northeast corner on Box Butte Avenue and Fourth Street;
 - (2) No vehicle shall park for more than two consecutive hours on the following described streets:
 - a. Box Butte Avenue from the north line of First Street to the south line of Sixth Street;
 - b. Laramie Avenue from the north line of Third Street to the north line of Fourth Street;
 - c. Third Street from the west line of Niobrara Avenue to the east line of Cheyenne Avenue;
 - d. Fourth Street from the west line of Niobrara Avenue to the east line of Laramie Avenue;
 - e. Fifth Street from the west line of Niobrara Avenue to the east line of Laramie Avenue;
 - f. Laramie Avenue north of Fourth Street for two parking spaces on the east side of the street and three parking spaces on the west side of the street.
 - g. For the west one-half block on the north side of Tenth Street between Niobrara and Sweetwater Avenues and the east side of Niobrara Avenue between 10th and 11th Streets, which time-limited spaces are plainly marked, painted on the curb or posted.
- (c) No vehicle shall park for a period of time longer than 15 minutes or 30 minutes, as either may be marked by signs, in a parking space in the municipal parking lot located southwest of the

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Library/Learning Center, Lot 1, Block 1, Library/Attendance Center Addition, which time-limited spaces are plainly marked, painted on the curb or posted.

- (d) Notwithstanding applicable portions of subsection (b)(2) above, no vehicle shall park for a period of time longer than 15 minutes in a parking space, or spaces, on Box Butte Avenue, which time-limited spaces are plainly marked, painted on the curb or posted.
- (f) Notwithstanding applicable portions of subsection (b)(2) above, no vehicle shall park between the hours of 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on the east side of the 400 block of Niobrara Avenue from the north line of Fourth Street to a point 87 feet north of the north line of Fourth Street in the parking space or spaces which are plainly marked, painted on the curb, or posted.
- (g) [Reserved pending passage of separate ordinance]
- (h) No vehicle, other than vehicles operated by the Alliance Police Department shall park on the east side of Niobrara Avenue in front of 511 Niobrara Avenue. The City shall, by signage, designate such parking areas as Police Parking Only.

SECTION 2. All ordinances, parts of ordinances, resolutions, and policies of the City of Alliance in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its approval, passage, and publication according to law.

Roll call vote with the following results:

Voting Aye: Mashburn, Turman, Liptack, Weisgerber and McGhehey.

Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Mashburn, seconded by Councilman Liptack to suspend the statutory rule requiring three separate readings of Ordinance No. 2992.

Roll call vote with the following results:

Voting Aye: Mashburn, Liptack, Weisgerber, Turman and McGhehey.

Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

Mayor McGhehey stated, "the passage and adoption of Ordinance No. 2992 has been concurred by a majority of all members elected to the Council, I declare it passed, adopted and order it published."

- The next agenda item for Council was Resolution No. 24-06 which will accept and approve the Preliminary Plat for Karell Addition, a 9.14 acre tract of land described as Part of the

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Southeast Quarter of Northeast Quarter of Section 34 and Part of the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 35, Township 25 North, Range 48 West of the 6th Principal Meridian, Alliance, Box Butte County, Nebraska. The following information was provided:

[RESOLUTION – PRELIMINARY PLAT OF KARELL ADDITION TO THE CITY OF ALLIANCE, BOX BUTTE COUNTY, NEBRASKA.

The City of Alliance is in receipt of an application for a Preliminary Plat for the dedication of Karell Addition to the City of Alliance, Box Butte County, Nebraska.

The proposed addition is located at the southwest corner of West 6th Street and Ramblin Rd. The addition is bordered by Ag, Agriculture zoning to the west, R-4, Atypical Residential Housing and C-3 Heavy Commercial to the north, R-1a, Single Family Residential and C-3 Heavy Commercial to the east, and C-3 Heavy Commercial to the south. The zoning is not proposed to change as part of this subdivision.

The proposed lot is currently vacant. The proposed land use of Lot 3 is camper storage, Lot 2 is cold storage, and Lot 1 is storage. Lot 4s proposed land use is currently unknown. Camper storage will require a Conditional Use Permit. The proposed subdivision is bordered by single family homes to the north, agriculture to the west, a tree trimming and landscaping business to the south, storage units and vacant land to the east.

The plat creates a 20 foot wide utility easement along the east side of proposed Lots 1, 2, and 3 for water main extension. It is a general utility easement so other utilities may co-locate there. The plat will create a 20 foot wide alley between proposed Lots 1-3 and the land to the west (Lot 4). This is primarily to replace an easement for a sanitary sewer trunk main installed in 1968 and provide a secondary means of access to the lots. The alley dead ends at the south end of the proposed subdivision. The Planning Commission recommended adding a 40' x 40' cul-de-sac at the south end of the alley for a turn around and the developer was agreeable to that.

The subdivision is bordered by Nebraska State Highway 2 / US Highway 385 to the west, West 6th Street to the north, and Ramblin Road to the east. There are not any proposed streets but there is proposed an approximately 650 foot alley north and south through the subdivision. Highway 2 is a principal arterial and Ramblin Road has begun to function as a minor arterial since the construction of the W 10th Street overpass (Transportation Pg. 2). West 6th Street is not paved but it would provide access between Ramblin Rd. and Highway 2 and the north sides of Lots 4 and 3 if it were. Ramblin Rd. and Highway 2 would be able to accommodate additional traffic from development of the proposed commercial lots.

The City of Alliance Planning Commission met at its regular meeting December 10, 2024 and found that the preliminary plat was consistent with the goals in the Comprehensive Plan and met the minimum requirements of the Alliance Municipal Code. They voted yes on a recommendation to the Alliance City Council for the approval of Karell Addition to the City of Alliance, Box Butte County, Nebraska provided a 40' X 40' cul-de-sac be added at the south end of the alley, after making the following findings of fact:

-The subdivision would permit additional commercial development along Ramblin Road and Nebraska Highway 2.

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- The commercial subdivision is consistent with the neighborhood identification in page LU 9 as commercial.
- The Preliminary Plat contains all components required by Section 107-23 of the Alliance Municipal Code.
- Transportation routes along the west and east lot lines would provide sufficient access to the proposed lots.
- The subdivision meets the minimum requirements of Section 109-51 C-3, Heavy Commercial District (zoning) of the Alliance Municipal Code.

Possible reasons not to approve the plat would be:

- The alley proposed to be dedicated is a dead end.
- West 6th Street is not paved.

RECOMMENDATION: THE APPROVAL OF THE PRELIMINARY PLAT OF KARELL ADDITION TO THE CITY OF ALLIANCE, BOX BUTTE COUNTY, NEBRASKA, PROVIDED THE 40' X 40' CUL-DE-SAC AT THE SOUTH END OF THE ALLEY BE INCLUDED ON THE FINAL PLAT.]

A motion was made by Councilman Turman, seconded by Councilman Liptack to approve the Resolution No. 25-06. Which follows in its entirety:

RESOLUTION NO. 25-06

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

WHEREAS, BE IT RESOLVED, the Preliminary Plat for Karell Addition, a 9.14 acre tract of land described as Part of the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 34 and Part of the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 35, Township 25 North, Range 48 West of the 6th Principal Meridian, Alliance, Box Butte County, Nebraska, is approved.

Roll call vote with the following results:

Voting Aye: Turman, Liptack, Weisgerber, Mashburn and McGhehey.

Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

- The next item on the agenda for Council was Resolution No. 25-07 which will accept and authorize the formation of the Volunteer Youth Alliance (VYA) Board and allocate \$5,000 from ACE Reserves. The following information was provided:

[RESOLUTION - VOLUNTEER YOUTH ALLIANCE FORMATION AND FUNDING

Volunteerism is a valuable community resource that is floundering in Alliance, as it is around the country. The proposed Volunteer Youth Alliance (VYA) would

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promote this valued commodity among youth in Box Butte County while reinforcing the existing Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP).

The mission of Volunteer Youth Alliance is summarized by the five fundamental goals:

1. Engage youth in compatible volunteer service that is both rewarding and educational.
2. Encourage cross-generational and cross-cultural working relationships.
3. Improve overall scholastic performance and scholarship opportunities for youth.
4. Promote a lifetime ethic of leadership and volunteerism in future adults.
5. Enhance the community and the lives of its residents.

The by-laws (attached) have been reviewed by the City's legal counsel and would form VYA as an unincorporated association under the umbrella of the City of Alliance with leadership and direction from a diverse eleven-person board (primarily RSVP members) and including two student members. (Presently, there are eight adults and two students committed.) This group will be a valuable promoter of the youth program and will establish policy changes and oversee discipline issues.

Many of the volunteer opportunities will be working along RSVP volunteers in stations and tasks that are already established; however, there is the option to expand into new areas as the program attempts to place students in their areas of interest. There is also the possibility of having community-wide events (such as clean-ups, etc.) that will team the students with adult sponsors. Memorandums of understanding (MOUs) modeled after the RSVP form would be obtained for all stations where students are placed. The board will work cooperatively with station partners to recruit and place youth. This effort is aimed not only at the aspiring students, but also hopes to challenge marginalized youth.

The handbook (attached) is designed after another youth volunteer program and will serve as guidelines for the board and the youth involved in VYA. Youth who apply to be a part of the program will review the handbook as part of their initial orientation.

Funding for the program will be modest with future management of fund-raising by the board through the existing Friends of Box Butte County RSVP. It is proposed that the initial funding of up to \$5,000 be allocated from the ACE funds by action of the Council. This amount would cover the insurance provided through the same vendor as RSVP; management software for scheduling and tracking hours; shirts for volunteers and the first year recognition event.

ACTION: APPROVE THE FORMATION OF VOLUNTEER YOUTH ALLIANCE BY THE CITY OF ALLIANCE WITH INITIAL FUNDING FROM ACE RESERVES.]

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A motion was made by Councilman Weisgerber, seconded by Turman to approve Resolution No. 25-07. Which follows in its entirety:

RESOLUTION NO. 25-07

WHEREAS, The City of Alliance operates the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP); and

WHEREAS, Staff and Friends of Box Butte County RSVP are requesting the creation of the proposed Volunteer Youth Alliance Board (VYA); and

WHEREAS, The Volunteer Youth Alliance (VYA) would promote valued commodity among Youth in Box Butte County while reinforcing the existing Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP); and

WHEREAS, The VYA will work along with RSVP volunteers in already established stations and task, with the option to expand into new areas as the program grows; and

WHEREAS, The Friends of Box Butte County RSVP is requesting funding from the City of Alliance "ACE Program Funds" be allocated to the Volunteer Youth Alliance (VYA) in the amount of \$5,000 for the initial creation of the Board.

WHEREAS, The formation and intial funding of the Volunteer Youth Alliance (VYA) Board would bring valuable resources to the Community of Alliance with volunteerism;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Alliance, Nebraska, that the City of Alliance shall approve the formation of the Volunteer Youth Alliance (VYA) Board and allocate Five Thousand and 00/100s Dollars (\$5,000) from ACE Reserves.

Roll call vote with the following results:

Voting Aye: Weisgerber, Turman, Liptack, Mashburn and McGhehey.

Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

- Last matter before Council was Board Appointments

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Mashburn, seconded by Turman to appoint Dan Kinser to the Board of Adjustments with a term ending December 31, 2027, and Scott Deibler to the Golf Advisory Board with a term ending December 31, 2028.

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Roll call vote with the following results:

Voting Aye: Mashburn, Turman, Weisgerber, Liptack and McGhehey.

Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

The Alliance City Council adjourned the December 17, 2024 City Council Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

(SEAL)



John McGhehey, Mayor



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