

January 30, 2025

ALLIANCE CITY COUNCIL

STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING, THURSDAY, JANUARY 30, 2025

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CITY OF ALLIANCE)

The Alliance City Council met in a Strategic Planning Meeting, January 30, 2025 at 8:30 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 January 22, 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 30, 2025 strategic planning meeting of the Alliance, Nebraska City Council at 8:30 a.m. Present were Mayor McGhehey, Vice Mayor Mashburn and Council Members Liptack and Turman. Also present were City Manager Sorensen, City Attorney Selzer and City Clerk Pitt.

- First action City Clerk Pitt called roll. Resulting with Councilman Weisgerber excused.
- Mayor McGhehey read the Open Meetings Act Announcement.
- The Public Safety Center was the first item of discussion.

Scope of discussion was:

- Rough layout/sizing
- Siting
- Cost estimate
- 3D estimate
- Rough Floor Plan
- Public Displays
- Public Meeting/Open House

Questions for the scope were:

- Location/Siting
 - Old Westco Tire

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- Powerplant location
- Allow Engineers to look at different sites
- Timing/Cost
 - November 2025 if not April 2026
 - Balance and Trad-off

What is the vision of the Public Safety Center

- PCS
- Staffing
- Proactive
- Community
- Broken Window Theory
- Lighting
- Mental Health Facility
- Infrastructure

What does success look like for the Public Safety Center

- Get it to bond election
 - Revisit
 - Full steam ahead
 - Built and used
- Full Staff of 19 for PD, Succession Planning FD/PD
- Include Youth, Reduced Calls, Sentiment Score, Mental Help
 - Number of kids involved, SRO, Focused Effort – Little things – Drugs and alcohol
 - Partnership with schools and hospitals
 - Reduce repeat offenders
 - SIMW Committee
- Next discussion for Council was Fiscal Responsibility and Stability.

A higher level of Service with the ability to pay for it. Meet the level of service the Community is willing to pay for.

Enterprise Funds Adequately Funded with appropriate fee structures. Need self-funding capital needs.

It's cheaper to maintain then to replace.

Being on par with audit benchmarks to other communities.

What does success look like.

- Multi-year CID

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- Meet design life/replacement schedule
 - Stop borrowing from other funds
 - 6 months reserves *self-fund capital needs
 - Actively pursue growth
 - No reduction of services or loss of services
- Council next discussed the City of Alliance's Infrastructure.
 - Safe Street – Improvement Plan, follow 1 & 6 year Plan with additional funding
 - Clean/Proper Water/Sewer – Improve life expectancy
 - Reliable Electricity – go/no-go on secondary line
 - Facilities – Removing backlog of maintenance needs
 - Recreation
 - The Economic Development and Housing was the next discussion item.

Growth is a priority.

Increase ALL KINDS of housing stock – incentives.

VPRO/Land Bank.

Cost sharing of infrastructure.

Support for CRA.

Support for Code Enforcement.

How will we know we have been successful

- Increased population
 - Fewer vacant population
 - VPRO/Land Bank – disincentives
 - Implement Micro-TIF
 - Increased Sales Tax
 - Increased Property Value
- No formal action was taken.

The Alliance City Council adjourned the January 9, 2025 City Council Meeting at 11:20 a.m.

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John McOnehey, Mayor



Shelbi C. Pitt, City Clerk

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