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ALLIANCE CITY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2026

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CITY OF ALLIANCE)

The Alliance City Council met in a Regular Meeting, February 17, 2026 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 February 11, 2026. 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 February 17, 2026 regular meeting of the Alliance, Nebraska City Council at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mayor McGhehey, Vice Mayor Mashburn and Council Members Turman, Yates, and Hitchcock. Also present were Interim City Manager(s) Shoemaker and Brown, Finance Director Baker, City Attorney Selzer and City Clerk Bedient.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR – February 17, 2026

1. Approval: Minutes of the Regular Meeting, February 3, 2026.
2. Approval: Payroll from January 23, 2026 in the total amount of \$269,437.88.
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; \$1,800,692.96.
4. Approval: Alliance Volunteer Fire Department Roster Update.

5. Approval: Cemetery Certificate for Shirley Underwood.
6. Approval: Resolution No. 26-08 which will authorize an Interlocal Agreement for Electrical Work Assistance with the City of Bridgeport, allowing either City to request additional manpower or equipment as needed, with reimbursement for labor, equipment, and truck time.
7. Approval: Resolution No. 26-09 which will approve the Lease Agreement between the City of Alliance and the Aging Office of Western Nebraska for the property located at 212 Yellowstone Avenue, Alliance, Nebraska.

NOTE: Interim City Manager(s) Shoemaker and Brown and Finance Director 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, Hitchcock, Yates, Mashburn and McGhehey.

Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

- The next item on the agenda for Council was the presentation of the Quarterly Financial Report.

City Finance Director Baker presented the first quarter 2025-2026 financial report to Council.

- The next item on the agenda for Council was Ordinance No. 3013 which will approve the issuance of Water Revenue Bonds in the amount not to exceed \$3,300,000 to be issued to make and/or construct certain improvements to or purchase necessary equipment for the water system in the City of Alliance. The following information was provided:

[ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS – FY26 DEBT ISSUANCE

The City Council approved the usage of debt instruments to pay for capital improvements and equipment when it adopted the FY 2025-2026 Budget. Debt is a tool that when leveraged properly allows the City to spread out the cost of a project or equipment to be spread out over the life of the project or equipment. The City intends to issue two main batches of debt instruments – one set during the Fall of 2025 and one set during the Spring of 2026. The City completed the first bond issuances in December of 2025 in the combined total amount of \$3,400,000. The

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second planned bond issuance, anticipated to close in Spring 2026, is expected to total approximately \$7,300,000.

Within this second issuance, approximately \$1,020,000 of machinery, trucks, and equipment included in the street department budget is expected to be financed separately through a lease-purchase agreement. Staff anticipate bringing the lease-purchase documentation forward for Council consideration and approval at the next meeting.

City staff is now presenting preliminary financing information for Council review related to this second issuance. These financings include Highway Allocation Bonds, Water Revenue Bonds, and Sewer Revenue Bonds.

The following summarizes the second set of debt instruments for Council's consideration:

- Highway Allocation Bonds in the amount not to exceed \$2,500,000 to be issued to construct and improve certain streets and related improvements in the City.
- Water Revenue Bonds in the amount not to exceed \$3,300,000 to make and or construct certain improvements to the water system.
- Sewer Revenue Bonds in the amount not to exceed \$700,000 to purchase necessary equipment for the sewer system.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: APPROVAL OF ORDINANCES FOR DEBT ISSUED AS HIGHWAY ALLOCATION BONDS, WATER REVENUE BONDS, AND SEWER REVENUE BONDS]

A motion was made by Councilman Turman, seconded by Vice Mayor Mashburn to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 3013. City Clerk Bedient read the Ordinance by title which follows in its entirety:

ORDINANCE NO. 3013

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE BY THE CITY OF ALLIANCE, NEBRASKA OF ITS WATER REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2026, IN ONE OR MORE SERIES IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$3,300,000; PRESCRIBING THE FORM AND DETAILS OF THE BONDS AND THE COVENANTS AND AGREEMENTS TO PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT AND SECURITY THEREOF; AUTHORIZING CERTAIN OFFICIALS TO DETERMINE THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT, THE MATURITIES, THE INTEREST RATES, THE REDEMPTION PROVISIONS, THE FINANCIAL COVENANTS AND OTHER TERMS AND PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE BONDS AND AUTHORIZING THE SALE AND DELIVERY OF THE BONDS TO THE PURCHASER THEREOF; AUTHORIZING THE DESIGNATION OF THE BONDS AS QUALIFIED TAX-EXEMPT OBLIGATIONS; ADOPTING CERTAIN POST ISSUANCE TAX COMPLIANCE AND DISCLOSURE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES WITH RESPECT TO THE BONDS; PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THE ORDINANCE IN PAMPHLET FORM; AND

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**AUTHORIZING CERTAIN ACTIONS AND DOCUMENTS AND
PRESCRIBING OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO.**

Austin Partridge with Northland came before the Council giving an overview of the Water Revenue Bonds and asked Council for feedback on how to proceed.

Councilman Hitchcock stated that a shorter time period would be preferable.

Councilman Yates inquired whether there would be any substantial benefit to waiting.

Councilman Turman expressed agreement that a 15-year term would be better, noting that he felt it was unnecessary to extend the bond over a longer period.

Vice Mayor Mashburn voiced concerns about not extending the term given the already tight budget.

Mayor McGhehey asked where the bond payments would be funded.

Mr. Partridge confirmed that the payments would not come from the General Fund.

Roll call vote with the following results:

Voting Aye: Hitchcock, Yates, Mashburn, Turman and McGhehey.

Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Turman, seconded by Councilman Yates to suspend the statutory rule requiring three separate readings of Ordinance No. 3013.

Roll call vote with the following results:

Voting Aye: Yates, Mashburn, Turman, Hitchcock and McGhehey.

Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

Mayor McGhehey stated, "the passage and adoption of Ordinance No. 3013 has been concurred by majority of all members elected to the Council; I declare it passed, adopted and order it published."

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- The next item on the agenda for Council was Resolution No. 3014 which will approve the issuance of Sewer Revenue Bonds in the amount not to exceed \$700,000 to be issued to make and/or construct certain improvements to or purchase.

A motion was made by Councilman Yates, seconded by Vice Mayor Mashburn to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 3014. City Clerk Bedient read the Ordinance by title which follows in its entirety:

ORDINANCE NO. 3014

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE BY THE CITY OF ALLIANCE, NEBRASKA OF ITS SEWER REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2026, IN ONE OR MORE SERIES IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$700,000; PRESCRIBING THE FORM AND DETAILS OF THE BONDS AND THE COVENANTS AND AGREEMENTS TO PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT AND SECURITY THEREOF; AUTHORIZING CERTAIN OFFICIALS TO DETERMINE THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT, THE MATURITIES, THE INTEREST RATES, THE REDEMPTION PROVISIONS, THE FINANCIAL COVENANTS AND OTHER TERMS AND PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE BONDS AND AUTHORIZING THE SALE AND DELIVERY OF THE BONDS TO THE PURCHASER THEREOF; AUTHORIZING THE DESIGNATION OF THE BONDS AS QUALIFIED TAX-EXEMPT OBLIGATIONS; ADOPTING CERTAIN POST ISSUANCE TAX COMPLIANCE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES WITH RESPECT TO THE BONDS; PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THE ORDINANCE IN PAMPHLET FORM; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN ACTIONS AND DOCUMENTS AND PRESCRIBING OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO.

Austin Partridge with Northland came before the Council giving an overview of the Sewer Revenue Bonds and asked Council for feedback on how to proceed. There is an option for a 5-year or 7-year amortization on the Vactor Truck, and the City currently has no outstanding Sewer Revenue Bonds.

Mayor McGhehey inquired whether the term of the bond could be lengthened.

Mr. Partridge responded that the payments would remain approximately the same even with a longer term.

Councilman Turman stated he would like to obtain a firm number for the 10-year plan before proceeding.

Mayor McGhehey expressed concern about keeping the payment low to avoid the need for a sewer rate increase.

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Public Works Director Grant addressed the Council regarding the purchase of the new Vactor truck, noting that the City anticipates substantial cost savings by performing the work in-house rather than having to contract the services out.

Roll call vote with the following results:

Voting Aye: Mashburn, Turman, Hitchcock, Yates and McGhehey.

Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Yates, seconded by Vice Mayor Mashburn to suspend the statutory rule requiring three separate readings of Ordinance No. 3014.

Roll call vote with the following results:

Voting Aye: Turman, Hitchcock, Yates, Mashburn and McGhehey.

Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

Mayor McGhehey stated, "the passage and adoption of Ordinance No. 3014 has been concurred by majority of all members elected to the Council; I declare it passed, adopted and order it published."

- The next item on the agenda for Council was Ordinance No. 3015 which will approve the issuance of Highway Allocation Bonds in the amount not to exceed \$2,500,000 to be issued to construct and improve certain streets and related improvements in the City of Alliance.

A motion was made by Councilman Hitchcock, seconded by Councilman Turman to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 3015. City Clerk Bedient read the Ordinance by title which follows in its entirety:

ORDINANCE NO. 3015

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE BY THE CITY OF ALLIANCE, NEBRASKA OF ITS GENERAL OBLIGATION HIGHWAY ALLOCATION FUND PLEDGE BONDS, SERIES 2026, IN ONE OR MORE SERIES IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED TWO MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,500,000) TO PAY THE COSTS OF CONSTRUCTING AND IMPROVING CERTAIN STREETS AND RELATED IMPROVEMENTS OF THE CITY; AUTHORIZING CERTAIN OFFICIALS TO DETERMINE

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THE FINAL AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT, MATURITIES, RATES, REDEMPTION PROVISIONS, AND OTHER TERMS AND DETAILS OF SUCH BONDS; PLEDGING FUNDS RECEIVED FROM THE NEBRASKA HIGHWAY ALLOCATION FUND AND PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF AN ANNUAL TAX FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE PRINCIPAL OF, PREMIUM, IF ANY, AND INTEREST ON THE BONDS; AUTHORIZING THE DESIGNATION OF THE BONDS AS QUALIFIED TAX-EXEMPT OBLIGATIONS; ADOPTING CERTAIN POST-ISSUANCE TAX COMPLIANCE AND DISCLOSURE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES WITH RESPECT TO THE BONDS; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN OTHER DOCUMENTS AND ACTIONS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

Austin Partridge with Northland came before the Council giving an overview of the Highway Allocation Bonds regarding the 2nd Street project.

Mayor McGhehey inquired about the difference between a General Obligation Bond and a Revenue Bond.

Mr. Partridge gave an overview of the distinctions between the two financing options, explaining the funding sources and repayment structures with each.

Roll call vote with the following results:

Voting Aye: Hitchcock, Yates, Mashburn, Turman and McGhehey.

Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Turman, seconded by Councilman Yates to suspend the statutory rule requiring three separate readings of Ordinance No. 3015.

Roll call vote with the following results:

Voting Aye: Yates, Mashburn, Turman, Hitchcock and McGhehey.

Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

Mayor McGhehey stated, "the passage and adoption of Ordinance No. 3015 has been concurred by majority of all members elected to the Council; I declare it passed, adopted and order it published."

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- The next item on the agenda for Council was Ordinance No. 3016 which will approve and add to the City of Alliance Municipal Code, Section 26-59 designating certain areas where passenger loading and unloading is prohibited and prohibiting unattended vehicles in designated loading zones. The following information was provided:

[Council Narrative – Proposed Passenger Loading and Unloading Ordinance

The Alliance Police Department is requesting adoption of an ordinance addressing passenger loading and unloading.

Current Nebraska statute and the City's traffic and parking code broadly allow temporary stopping for the purpose of loading or unloading passengers. While intended to permit brief curbside drop-offs, this language significantly limits the City's ability to address unsafe behavior.

Officers regularly encounter vehicles stopping in travel lanes, fire lanes, double-parking, blocking crosswalks and intersections, and discharging passengers into active traffic. Drivers frequently state they are only picking up or dropping off a passenger, which is generally consistent with existing law and leaves officers with few enforcement options unless a more serious violation occurs.

The proposed ordinance would not prohibit loading or unloading passengers. Instead, it authorizes the City to designate specific loading areas and require drivers to use those locations and comply with posted traffic control devices. Violations would occur only when a driver loads or unloads passengers outside designated areas or fails to follow posted direction.

This is a preventative safety measure intended to reduce hazardous traffic conditions and allow officers to address dangerous behavior before an injury occurs.

RECOMMENDATION: ADOPT ORDINANCE 26-59]

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Mashburn, seconded by Councilman Yates to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 3016. City Clerk Bedient read the Ordinance by title which follows in its entirety:

Ordinance No. 3016

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALLIANCE, NEBRASKA ADDING ALLIANCE MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 26-59 DESIGNATING CERTAIN AREAS WHERE IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR DRIVERS OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO ALLOW ITS PASSENGERS TO LOAD INTO OR UNLOAD FROM THE VEHICLE AND PROVIDING THAT LEAVING A VEHICLE UNATTENDED IN A LOADING ZONE IS PROHIBITED PARKING; 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:

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SECTION 1. Section 26-59 of the Alliance Municipal Code is added as follows:

Sec. 26-59. – Passenger Loading and Unloading

- (1) It shall be unlawful for any person driving a motor vehicle to stop in the following areas for the purposes of allowing passengers to load into or unload from the vehicle:
 - (a) In the travel lane of any roadway. A person driving a motor vehicle must pull to the extreme right-hand side of a two-way roadway, either side of a one-way street, or designated loading areas to allow passengers to load into or unload from the vehicle.
 - (b) In any area designated by a red curb and signage indicating “Fire Lane – No Standing or Parking.” This subsection shall not apply to drivers of school buses temporarily stopped for loading and unloading of passengers on the North Side of Grandview Elementary School on East 7th St.
 - (c) In the intersection of any street.
 - (d) In a crosswalk.
 - (e) In any other location that would be considered unsafe to the passengers loading or unloading or to other drivers or pedestrians.
- (2) Areas marked by a yellow curb and signage indicating a loading zone are for temporary, active loading and unloading of passengers only. No person may park in such marked loading zones. For purposes of this subsection, parking a vehicle includes leaving the vehicle unattended and unoccupied for any period of time.

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.

Chief Leavitt provided an overview regarding the prohibition of loading and unloading in active traffic lanes, fire lanes, crosswalks, intersections and other unsafe areas. He also addressed the state statute exception for “temporary loading and unloading,” noting that it has made enforcement challenging.

Chief Leavitt stated that the primary concern involves school zones, particularly at the elementary and middle schools.

Roll call vote with the following results:

Voting Aye: Mashburn, Turman, Hitchcock, Yates and McGhehey.

Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

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- The next item on the agenda for Council was Resolution No. 26-10 which will approve proposed Commercial Refuse Rates of Solid Waste Disposal. The following information was provided:

[RESOLUTION – Adopt changes to landfill Commercial refuse rates.

Over the last year, the City of Alliance conducted an extensive rate study evaluating refuse collection fees and disposal rates at the Alliance Municipal Solid Waste Disposal Facility. These proposed changes were discussed in detail during several City Council meetings, and multiple rate adjustments have already been adopted. Residential collection rates and tipping fees have been updated in accordance with the recommendations provided by the engineering firm that completed the study. Historically, the City has not provided commercial refuse collection services, except in a few rare instances. The commercial refuse collection rates currently listed are remnants of past rate sheets and were not part of the recent rate study, as these services are seldom provided. However, several entities have recently requested commercial refuse pickup and placement of City-owned dumpsters at their locations.

Staff reviewed the existing commercial refuse rates and is proposing simplifying the rate structure while eliminating unnecessary portions of it. Staff believes that if a commercial entity uses a shared alley dumpster, the cost to service it is no different from servicing a residential shared dumpster. Therefore, the recommended rate for a shared commercial dumpster is **\$30.43 per month**, consistent with the residential rate.

In situations where a commercial customer requires a dumpster placed in a location not shared by others, the cost to service that location increases. For these single-use commercial dumpsters, staff is recommending a monthly charge of **\$77.47 per container**. If a customer requires multiple dumpsters, this charge will apply to each unit. The size of the dumpster at each location will be determined by refuse drivers, as is currently done for residential customers. Most commercial customers can anticipate weekly collection on Fridays. In areas where commercial dumpsters are located within residential alleys, dumpsters may be serviced twice weekly along with residential routes.

Staff does not recommend adopting a special nonprofit rate. There is no indication that refuse generated by nonprofit entities is less expensive to collect or dispose of. Offering reduced rates to these entities would require other customers to absorb the cost difference.

Proposed Commercial Rate Structure

- **Commercial Shared Alley Dumpster:** \$30.43 per month
- **Commercial 1.5-, 2-, or 3-Yard Dumpster:** \$77.47 per container per month

Current Commercial Rate Structure (for reference)

- 90-Gallon Container: \$36.43
- 90-Gallon Nonprofit: \$18.22
- 1.5-Yard Container: \$77.47
- 2-Yard Container Nonprofit: \$38.74

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- 3-Yard Container Nonprofit: \$75.67
- 3-Yard Container: \$151.30

In the interest of serving our community with continued professionalism and efficiency, staff believes these changes are appropriate. Several new dumpsters have recently been purchased and will arrive soon. If there is an increase in commercial customers requesting City refuse services, current staff and equipment should be sufficient to manage the additional workload. No additional staff or equipment is expected to be necessary unless there is an unusually large and unforeseen increase in demand.

To prepare for potential increases in service requests, half of the dumpster budget has been held in reserve until demand is known and additional purchases can be made if needed.

The City does not mandate that any dumpster be used exclusively by a single customer. If a commercial customer requests a private or locking dumpster, the city does not provide that level of customized service. Customers needing private or secured containers must obtain them from a private provider.

RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE CHANGES TO COMMERCIAL RATE STRUCTURE AND MODIFY LANDFILL COLLECTION RATES.]

A motion was made by Councilman Turman, seconded by Councilman Yates to approve Resolution No. 26-10. Which follows in its entirety:

RESOLUTION NO. 26-10

A RESOLUTION AMENDING DISPOSAL RATES FOR SOLID WASTE AND REPEALING PORTIONS OF ORDINANCES OR RESOLUTIONS NOT CONSISTENT WITH THE CHANGES HEREIN.

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

SECTION 1. Staff has prepared amendments to disposal rates for solid waste for submission to the City Council.

SECTION 2. The City Council has received and reviewed the proposed changes and finds such changes to be in the best interest of the City of Alliance and should be therefore adopted pursuant to Sec. 28-483(a) and 28-484(a) of the Alliance Municipal Code. All such rates are hereby amended effective April 1, 2026, in the following particulars:

	April 1, 2026
Rate Class	New Rates
Commercial – City (shared alley container)	\$30.43

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Commercial – City (1.5 yard, 2 yard, 3 yard container)	\$77.47
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SECTION 3. All other ordinances, resolutions, or policies of the City of Alliance not consistent with the amendment made herein are hereby repealed. Provided, however, that the annual adjustment as set forth in Sec. 28-483(h) and Sec. 28-484(c) of the Alliance Municipal Code shall not be repealed by this Resolution.

SECTION 4. This resolution shall go into effect as upon its passage, approval, and publication according to law, provided that rate increases shall not take effect until April 1, 2026.

Roll call vote with the following results:

Voting Aye: Turman, Hitchcock, Yates, Mashburn and McGhehey.

Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

- The next item on the agenda for Council was a Discussion Item for the Alternate Electrical Feed Line.

Electric Superintendent Bridge presented pricing information for both a natural gas generator and a diesel generator to determine whether Council wished to continue exploring an Alternate Electric Feedline.

Mayor McGhehey inquired about the primary difference in cost between the two options.

Electric Superintendent Bridge explained that natural gas equipment generally carries a higher upfront cost.

Councilman Turman stated that the most significant difference would likely be generator efficiency and emphasized the need to evaluate the long-term costs of both options, noting that diesel generators typically involve higher maintenance expenses.

Electric Superintendent Bridge advised that geostorage is included in the quoted price; however, there would be additional costs associated with the overall purchase.

Mayor McGhehey noted that the City will soon begin the budgeting process and suggested waiting to involve the new City Manager before proceeding further.

Councilman Turman expressed the opinion the Alternate Electric Feedline should be capable of covering all customers.

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Electric Superintendent Bridge responded that the City has the ability to control usage and place some customers on limited service, particularly irrigation accounts. He also stated that the grant writer is researching potential funding sources to help offset project costs.

Councilman Turman asked whether the project could be financed through a bond issue.

Austin Partridge with Northland confirmed that the project could be funded through a bond.

- The last item on the agenda for Council was a Discussion Item for a Vacant Property Registration Ordinance.

Community Development Director Kusek provided an overview of the proposed Vacant Property Registration Ordinance, stating that it would require property owners to register vacant properties within the City. The ordinance would establish associated fees, with the amount increasing the longer a property remains vacant. A \$500 violation fee per property would be assessed for failure to register.

Community Development Director Kusek also requested clarification regarding whether vacant properties could be used for personal storage under the ordinance.

Councilman Yates expressed concern that individuals might attempt to move between properties in order to avoid compliance.

Councilman Turman emphasized that the intent of the ordinance is to encourage property owners not to leave properties vacant, rather than to penalize them.

Mayor McGhehey noted that vacant properties can present potential fire hazards.

The Alliance City Council adjourned the February 17, 2026 City Council Meeting at 8:25 p.m.

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John McGhehey, Mayor



Ammie L. Bedient, City Clerk