

**MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 5, 2018
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE ALLIANCE CITY COUNCIL**

The meeting was called to order by Council President Garnes at 6:30 P.M.

ROLL CALL: Sheila Cherry, James Edwards, Andrew Grove, Cindy King, Frank Minear, Roger Rhome, and Brian Simeone.

Clerk Yost read the notice of the special meeting and President Garnes announced the reason for the meeting and Councilman Grove was given the floor.

Councilman Grove reviewed the state of the claim and the facts as well as the two prior Claims Board Meetings that led to the decision of the Claims Board.

Mr. Nicholson was given the floor and explained the nature of the incident and the necessary repairs to clean up the incident. Mr. Nicholson went on to explain the conversations that he had with City workers while they fixed the problem, explained it was a City back up and gave him the information to file a claim.

Councilwoman Cherry questioned why City workers would encourage Mr. Nicholson to file a claim if the City had no liability.

Safety Service Director Dreger explained the standard procedure is for City Workers to explain the claim process to Citizens so that they can avail themselves to it if they desire but that it is not an admission of liability.

Councilman Edwards asked for an explanation of the annual maintenance process and Mr. Dreger explained how City Mains are maintained.

Councilman Simeone questioned what precautions can citizens take for protection against such backups and Director Dreger explained plugs and backflow preventers.

Councilman Rhome stated that it is an unfortunate accident but that others that have experienced it have not been paid and paying the claim sets a bad precedent at this point.

Councilwoman King asked if a downtown special events commission would be better out of the City's hands and done privately and Councilwoman Cherry stated absolutely not since there would be no control or public scrutiny.

Motion and Second to deny payment of the Claim. Voice Vote: Unanimous. Claim Denied by Council.

Councilman Rhome stated that maybe Council rather the Administration should take a more active role in appointing members and reviewing rather than just approving the Mayor's appointments. Mayor Andreani explained the commission appointment process and the excessive turnover in membership on that particular commission.

ADJOURNMENT: Noting no further business presented or discussed with Council, President Garnes adjourned the special meeting of City Council at 6:45 P.M.

ARTHUR GARNES, COUNCIL PRESIDENT

GERARD YOST, COUNCIL CLERK