

**MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 16, 2016
REGULAR MEETING OF THE ALLIANCE CITY COUNCIL**

The meeting was called to order by President Garnes at 7:00 P.M. Councilwoman Jakmides gave the invocation and led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Larry Dordea, Julie Jakmides, James Edwards, Cindy King, Donald Kline and Roger Rhome present.

Motion and second to Excuse Councilwoman Sheila K. Cherry who is ill. **MOTION PASSED BY ACCLAMATION OF ALL MEMBERS.**

Minutes of the February 1, 2016 Regular Council Meeting were distributed electronically to all members prior to the meeting. No additions, deletions or corrections were offered. The minutes were therefore accepted as presented.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Notice of the February 16, 2016 Finance Committee Meeting
2. Notice of the March 11, 2016 Community Development Committee Meeting
3. Notice of the March 7, 2016 Water and Sewer Advisory Board Meeting
4. Memorandum from Rodman Library RE: Tax Preparation Clinics
5. Memorandum from Stark County Firefighters Association RE: Firefighter EMS memorial
6. Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association

Motion and second to receive and file all communications tendered to the Clerk. **MOTION PASSED BY ACCLAMATION OF ALL MEMBERS.**

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Mayor Andreani: Reviewed Resolution R8-16 and noted this is Council's appointment to the Greater Alliance Foundation Board and is a 5 year term with 2 possible renewals

Acknowledged Auditor Knowles and his staff for the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association

Requested an executive session at the conclusion of regular business with no action afterward to discuss contract negotiations and pending litigation with legal council.

Motion and second to hold Executive Session at the conclusion of regular business with no action afterward to discuss contract negotiations and pending litigation with legal council with members of Council, Council President, Council Clerk, Mayor, Safety Service Director, Assistant Law Director, Auditor, and Fire Chief. Roll Call Vote: Unanimous. **MOTION PASSED.**

Safety Service Director Dreger: Reviewed Ordinance 9-16 and 10-16

Discussed City wide snow ban and snow removal efforts in recent storm. Reviewed new removal methods and reported on equipment failures with snow removal equipment

Assistant Law Director Morris: No Report

Auditor Knowles: Acknowledged his staff for the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association

Asked for no action tonight on Ordinance 11-16 and reported more information will be coming next month on final version.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Properties and Lands: Cherry: Absent. No formal report

Safety & Judiciary: Dordea: Commended the Police Department on the recent drug arrests.

Discussed the Water Department efforts to get meter wiring hooked up and shut off notices for failure to comply. Expressed his dissatisfaction with the process and the need to do a better job getting this accomplished

Planning, Zoning, & Housing: Edwards: No formal report.

Finance: Jakmides: Reported on the earlier meeting regarding Ordinance 6-16 and other City finance issues. Reported the Committee discussed possible long term solutions to the situation. The Committee recommended passage of Ordinance 6-16. Also reported the Committee discussed the need to look to long range solutions such as a tax or levy issue. The entire Council should be involved in this discussion and it should be done soon if Council wants to put something on the November ballot.

Noted the need for a Finance Committee or Council as a Committee of the Whole prior to the next Council meeting on March 7, 2016

Community Development: King: No formal report.

Utilities: Kline: No formal report but thanked Chief Griffith and the Police Department for the work in securing an abandoned house near a City School bus stop.

Streets & Alley: Rhome: No formal report but thanked all City workers for the response to the recent snow storm.

Public Speaks: None

THIRD READINGS:

Ordinance S73-15 - Introduced by Dordea: An Ordinance to amend the Zoning Map of the City of Alliance by rezoning lots 7341, 7342, 7343, 7344, 7345, 7346, 7347, 7348, 7349, 7350, 7351, 7352, 7353, 7354, 7355, 7356, 7620, 8155, 10862, and 10863 from Single Family Residential District (R-1) to Thoroughfare Commercial District (B-2) under the Alliance City Zoning Ordinance. **NO FORMAL ACTION.**

SECOND READINGS:

Ordinance 6-16 - Introduced by Council as a Whole: An Ordinance temporarily amending Alliance Codified Ordinance Section 181.13 "Allocation of Funds; and declaring an emergency. Motion and second to suspend the rule requiring 3 readings. Voice Vote: Unanimous. Motion and Second to adopt. Unanimous. **ADOPTED.**

Ordinance 7-16: Introduced by Councilman Edwards: An Ordinance accepting and approving the replat of part of outlot 600 located at the Northwest corner of the intersection of West Beech Street and Ridgehill Avenue NE in the City of Alliance, County of Stark and State of Ohio. **NO FORMAL ACTION.**

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution R8-16: Introduced by Council as a Whole: A Resolution appointing Judge Andrew Zumbar as a trustee of the Greater Alliance Foundation, Inc. and declaring an emergency. Motion and second to suspend the rule requiring 3 readings. Voice Vote: Unanimous. Motion and Second to adopt. Voice Vote: Unanimous. **ADOPTED.**

Ordinance 9-16: Introduced by Councilwoman King: An Ordinance designating the Greater Alliance Development Corporation (GDAC) as a civic improvement corporation (CIP) pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 1724.10 and authorizing the Director of Public Safety and Service to enter into an agreement for the sale of certain real estate; and declaring an emergency. Motion and second to suspend the rule requiring 3 readings. Voice Vote: Unanimous. Motion and Second to adopt. Voice Vote: Unanimous. **ADOPTED.**

Ordinance 10-16: Introduced by Councilman Kline: An Ordinance authorizing and directing the Director of Public Safety and Service to advertise for bids and to enter into a contract for the purchase or lease, including installation of granular activated carbon at the water treatment plant, or to renew the existing contract for a period of five years in either case; and declaring an emergency. Motion and second to suspend the rule requiring 3 readings. Voice Vote: Unanimous. Motion and second to suspend the rule requiring Finance Committee review. Voice Vote: Unanimous. Motion and Second to adopt. Voice Vote: Unanimous. **ADOPTED.**

Ordinance 11-16: Introduced by Councilwoman Jakmides: An Ordinance making permanent appropriations for 2016 for the general fund, water fund, sewer fund and other city funds, and authorizing the auditor to draw payments from those appropriations upon receiving proper certificates and vouchers; and declaring an emergency. Motion and second to refer to the Finance Committee. Voice Vote: Unanimous. **REFERRED TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.**

OLD BUSINESS: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Council retired to Executive Session to discuss contract negotiations and pending litigation with legal council with members of Council, Council President, Council Clerk, Mayor, Safety Service Director, Assistant Law Director, Auditor, and Fire Chief at 7:40 PM.

Council returned from Executive Session at 8:23 PM.

ADJOURNMENT: Noting no further business to come before this Council, President Garnes

adjourned the meeting at 8:23 PM.

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN:

Ordinance S73-15	THIRD READING
Ordinance 6-16	ADOPTED
Ordinance 7-16	SECOND READING
Resolution R8-16	ADOPTED
Ordinance 9-16	ADOPTED
Ordinance 10-16	ADOPTED
Ordinance 11-16	REFERRED TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

ARTHUR GARNES, COUNCIL PRESIDENT

GERARD T. YOST, COUNCIL CLERK