

**MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 17, 2017
REGULAR MEETING OF THE ALLIANCE CITY COUNCIL**

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

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

Minutes of the January 3, 2017 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. Letter from Laura Brown at Auditor of State Office RE: Budge Process and Fiscal Emergency / Watch.
2. 2016 City Income Tax Summary.
3. Letter to Auditor of State Office from Auditor Knowles RE: Municipal finances and fiscal distress
4. Notice of Executive Session of Council for January 17, 2017
5. Notice of Special Meeting of Council for January 17, 2017 @ 6:30 PM
6. Letter from Ohio Ethics Commission RE: Notification and filing requirements

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

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Mayor Andreani: Asked for an Executive Session at the end of the meeting with Legal Counsel to discuss pending or imminent litigation.

Motion and Second to hold an Executive Session of Counsel at the end of the Regular meeting to discuss pending or imminent litigation with legal counsel with the Members of Council, Council President, Mayor, Safety Service Director, Law Director, Auditor and Attorney James Matthews. Counsel Clerk is excused due to a potential conflict of interest. Roll Call: Unanimous.

Announced that the property tax certifications were received from the County Auditor to put a real estate tax levy before the voters. Explained the process and deadlines for the May primary and reminded Council that there are several other tax issues on the May ballot that would also be before the voters at that time.

Safety Service Director Dreger: Updated Council on the NIP Demolitions and explained that there are new State Mandated rules on board ups that are going into place and it will probably affect the cost of board up procedures.

Announced that there will be traffic adjustments to the 4 way stop at Summit and Rockhill and parking is being addressed on Seneca and Arch with changes expected in the spring.

Announced that the water is addressing disinfectant by-products in the water and that the UV system is up and running due to increased MIB levels at Walborn.

Law Director Arnold: Differed any report to the discussion in executive session

Auditor Knowles: Discussed that information was provided at the Special meeting earlier tonight regarding City finances and the need to meet again to further discuss for the 2017 Budget process.

Announced that the City is facing possible financial distress due to low carry over for the past two years and other factors. The State Auditor's office has been informed and we are waiting for a determination and instructions from them.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Properties and Lands: Cherry: No formal report.

Safety & Judiciary: Dordea: No formal report.

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

Finance: Jakmides: No formal report but announced she will be calling a Committee meeting to review the information provided by the Auditor.

Community Development: King: No formal report.

Utilities: Kline: No formal report..

Streets & Alley: Rhome: No formal report.

Public Speaks: None

THIRD READINGS: None

SECOND READINGS:

Ordinance 01-17: Introduced by Edwards: An Ordinance accepting and approving the replat of parts of Outlots 62 and 63 located at the intersection of North Union Avenue and West Ely Street in the City of Alliance, County of Stark and State of Ohio. **NO FORMAL ACTION.**

NEW BUSINESS:

Ordinance 02-17: Introduced by Cherry: An Ordinance authorizing and directing the Director of Public Safety and Service to advertise for bids and enter into contracts for the Alliance Iron Horse Trail (Carnation Trail) – Phase 8 project in an amount not to exceed \$555,000.00; and declaring an emergency. Motion and second to suspend the rule requiring 3 readings and Finance Committee review. Voice Vote: Unanimous. Motion and second to adopt. Voice Vote: Unanimous. **ADOPTED.**

OLD BUSINESS: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Council entered executive session to discuss pending or imminent litigation with legal counsel pursuant to R.C. 121.22(G)(3) with Mayor, Safety Service Director, Auditor, Law Director, Council President and Council Members and Attorney James Matthews present. (Council Clerk was not present due to a potential conflict of interest).

Council entered executive session at 7:25 PM

Council re-entered regular session at 8:04 PM

ADJOURNMENT: Noting no further business to come before this Council, President Garnes adjourned the meeting at 8:04 PM

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN:

Ordinance 01-17 SECOND READING

Ordinance 02-17 ADOPTED

ARTHUR GARNES, COUNCIL PRESIDENT

GERARD T. YOST, COUNCIL CLERK