

**MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 17, 2023  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE ALLIANCE CITY COUNCIL**

The meeting was called to order by President Garnes at 6:00 P.M. Councilwoman Cherry then gave the invocation and led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL:** Kris Bugara, Sheila Cherry, James Edwards, Cindy King, Edward Lohnes, Jack Madison and Phillip Mastroianni present.

Minutes of the January 3, 2023 Regular Council Meeting were distributed electronically to all members prior to the meeting. Noting no additions, deletions or corrections offered by Council Members. Minutes were received and filed as presented.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

1. City of Alliance 2022 Municipal Income Tax summary.
2. Notice of the January 18, 2023 Streets and Alleys Committee Meeting.
3. Notice of the January 11 2023 Water and Sewer Advisory Board Meeting.
4. Notice of 2023 Green Commission regular meetings.
5. Notice of 2023 Keep Alliance Beautiful Commission regular meetings.
6. Notice of Cancellation of the January 9, 2023 Green Commission meeting and the re-scheduling for January 30, 2023
7. Memorandum from Law Director Weyer RE: Annual Litigation Report
8. Memorandum from Auditor Knowles RE Financial Report

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

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

**Mayor Andreani:** Reported that Columbia Gas has expressed a desire to address Council about upcoming summer projects. They will be here for the February 6, 2023 meeting.

Noted that Resolution 089-23 needs action tonight to make it on the ballot in May

Explained Ordinances 005-23 and 006-23

Commended Elaine Dunlap for the Educational Award at the Stark County Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration

**Safety Service Director Dreger:** Reviewed Ordinances 003-23; 004-23; 008-23; 009-23 and 010-23

**Law Director Weyer:** Reviewed the Pending Litigation report to Council

Reviewed Resolution 089-23 and noted the need to amend prior to action to contain the newest required language and the need to act tonight to meet filing deadlines

**Auditor Knowles:** Reviewed the Financial report and the statement of cash position.

Stated that 2022 was a good revenue year with income tax collection up and review the years expenditures.

#### **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Streets and Alleys: Bugara:** No formal report but noted the committee will meet on January 18<sup>th</sup> in the Administration 2<sup>nd</sup> floor meeting room

**Properties and Lands: Cherry:** No formal report

**Utilities: Edwards:** Noted that the Water and Sewer Advisory Board has approved Ordinances 008-23 and 010-23 and asking for Council support and action tonight.

**Community Development: King:** No formal report.

**Finance: Lohnes:** No formal report but asked for Council support and action tonight on Ordinance 004-23.

**Safety and Judiciary: Madison:** No formal report.

**Planning Zoning and Housing: Mastroianni:** No formal report.

**Public Speaks:** None

#### **THIRD READINGS: READINGS:**

**Resolution 089-22:** Introduced by Council as a Whole: A Resolution certifying to the Board of Elections the issue of a 3 Mill renewal tax levy for parks and recreation purposes pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.19(H) for a period of five years to be voted upon by the electors of the City of Alliance; and declaring an emergency. Motion and Second to amend to conform with required ballot language provided by the County Auditor. Roll Call Vote: Unanimous. Motion and Second to adopt as amended. Roll Call Vote: Unanimous. **ADOPTED AS AMENDED.**

#### **SECOND READINGS:**

**Ordinance 001-23:** Introduced by Mastroianni: An Ordinance accepting and approving the replat of lots 12875, 11658, 11659, 11660 and 11661 located at 975 Commonwealth Avenue, in the City of Alliance, County of Stark, and State of Ohio. **NO FORMAL ACTION.**

**Ordinance No. 003-23:** Introduced by: Cherry: An Ordinance appropriating funds and authorizing and directing the Director of Public Safety and Service to advertise for bids and enter into contract(s) with a roofing contractor for the purpose of replacing the roof on the Alliance Senior Center, and renovating the cupola, but at a cost not to exceed \$110,000.00; and declaring an emergency. Noted the rule requiring 3 reading and the rule requiring Finance Committee Review have already been suspended. Motion and Second to adopt. Roll Call Vote: Unanimous. **ADOPTED.**

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Ordinance 004-23:** Introduced by Lohnes: An Ordinance authorizing and directing the Director of Public Safety and Service to advertise for bids for various types of insurance for its comprehensive municipal liability coverage as set forth in this ordinance for up to a three year period and enter into a contract or contracts with the lowest and best bidder, with an optional three year extension at the City's sole discretion, and declaring an emergency. Motion and Second to suspend the rule requiring three readings. Roll Call Vote: Unanimous. Motion and Second to adopt. Roll Call Vote: Unanimous. **ADOPTED.**

**Ordinance 005-23:** Introduced by Cherry: An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to accept a Grant from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) for \$250,000.00 for the purpose of making improvements to the Alliance Park System, and to enter into a contract with ODNR as required; and declaring an emergency. Motion and Second to suspend the rule requiring three readings. Roll Call Vote: Unanimous. Motion and Second to adopt. Roll Call Vote: Unanimous. **ADOPTED.**

**Ordinance No. 006-23:** Introduced by: Cherry: An Ordinance appropriating funds and authorizing and directing the Director of Public Safety and Service to enter into contracts at the lowest and best prices for the purpose of purchasing skatepark equipment and constructing a pump track at Memorial Park through the cooperative purchasing programs, by advertising for bids, or by soliciting quotes; and declaring an emergency. Motion and Second to suspend the rule requiring Finance Committee review. Roll Call Vote: Unanimous. Motion and Second to suspend the rule requiring three readings. Roll Call Vote: Unanimous. Motion and Second to adopt. Roll Call Vote: Unanimous. **ADOPTED.**

**Resolution No. 007-23:** Introduced by: Lohnes: A Resolution authorizing the sale, by internet auction during calendar year 2023, of City owned personal property which is not needed for public use or which is obsolete or unfit for the use for which it was acquired. Motion and Second to suspend the rule requiring three readings. Roll Call Vote: Unanimous. Motion and Second to adopt. Roll Call Vote: Unanimous. **ADOPTED.**

**Ordinance No. 008-23:** Introduced by: Edwards: An Ordinance amending the Sanitary Sewer Services charges contained in Ordinance 34-04 as amended by Ordinances 172-04, 105-08, 107-11, 76-14, 5-20, 5-21, 3-22, and the Alliance Codified Ordinance section 911.931; and declaring

an emergency. Motion and Second to suspend the rule requiring three readings. Roll Call Vote: Unanimous. Motion and Second to adopt. Roll Call Vote: Unanimous. **ADOPTED.**

**Ordinance No. 009-23:** Introduced by: Council as a Whole: An Ordinance amending Ordinance 7-91, 161-99, 30-15, and 23-20 Wages, Salaries, and work benefits for employees of the City of Alliance who are not represented by a Collective Bargaining Agreement; and declaring an emergency. **NO FORMAL ACTION.**

**Ordinance No. 010-23:** Introduced by: Edwards: An Ordinance appropriating funds and authorizing and directing the Director of Public Safety and Service to enter into a contract with Aecom to perform a critical flood study at a cost not to exceed 70,000.00; and declaring an emergency. Motion and Second to suspend the rule requiring Finance Committee review. Roll Call Vote: Unanimous. Motion and Second to suspend the rule requiring three readings. Roll Call Vote: Unanimous. Motion and Second to adopt. Roll Call Vote: Unanimous. **ADOPTED.**

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Ordinance 80-20:** Introduced by Bugara: An Ordinance vacating all of a twenty (20) foot alley bounded on the North by Prospect Street; bounded on the South by part of a 13102 in the City of Alliance, County of Stark and State of Ohio. **NO FORMAL ACTION.**

**Ordinance 81-20:** Introduced by Bugara: An Ordinance vacating all of a twenty (20) foot alley bounded on the North by Norfolk Southern Railroad; bounded on the South by Prospect Street; bounded on the East by part of lot 482; and bounded on the West by lot 2094 in the City of Alliance, County of Stark and State of Ohio. **NO FORMAL ACTION.**

**Ordinance 82-20:** Introduced by Bugara: An Ordinance vacating all of a twenty (20) foot alley bounded on the North by a twenty (20) foot alley; bounded on the South by lot 11829; bounded on the East by part of lot 231; and bounded on the West by lot 221 in the City of Alliance, County of Stark and State of Ohio. **NO FORMAL ACTION.**

**Ordinance S86-21:** Introduced by Council as a Whole: An Ordinance affirming the conditions as set forth in Ordinance 37-20; and declaring an emergency. **NO FORMAL ACTION.**

**Ordinance 071-22:** Introduced by Madison: An Ordinance to enact Section 1501.15 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Alliance authorizing the Fire Chief to establish fire lanes on public and private property, prohibiting the obstruction of a fire lane or the parking of a vehicle in a fire lane, and providing for the removal of obstructions and the removal and impoundment of parked vehicles; and declaring an emergency. **NO FORMAL ACTION.**

#### **MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:**

**Councilman Bugara:** Nothing to add.

**Councilwoman Cherry:** Commended everyone involved in the Day of Service on Martin Luther King Jr. Day and especially the Mount Union Students that volunteered throughout the community

**Councilman Edwards:** Commended the Water Department and Distribution Department as well and the Street Department for their work in the recent subzero temperatures.

**Councilwoman King:** Nothing to add

**Councilman Lohnes:** Nothing to add

**Councilman Madison:** Nothing to add.

**Councilman Mastroianni:** Nothing to add.

**President Garnes:** Nothing to add.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Noting no further business to come before this Council, President Garnes adjourned the meeting at 6:38 P.M.

**SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN:**

<b>Ordinance 80-20</b>	<b>NO FORMAL ACTION</b>
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<b>Ordinance 82-20</b>	<b>NO FORMAL ACTION</b>
<b>Ordinance 86-21S</b>	<b>NO FORMAL ACTION</b>
<b>Ordinance 071-22</b>	<b>NO FORMAL ACTION</b>
<b>Ordinance 001-23</b>	<b>NO FORMAL ACTION</b>
<b>Ordinance 003-23</b>	<b>ADOPTED</b>
<b>Ordinance 004-23</b>	<b>ADOPTED</b>
<b>Ordinance 005-23</b>	<b>ADOPTED</b>
<b>Ordinance 006-23</b>	<b>ADOPTED</b>
<b>Ordinance 007-23</b>	<b>ADOPTED</b>
<b>Ordinance 008-23</b>	<b>ADOPTED</b>
<b>Ordinance 009-23</b>	<b>FIRST READING</b>
<b>Ordinance 010-23</b>	<b>ADOPTED</b>

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**ARTHUR GARNES,  
COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

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**GERARD T. YOST,  
COUNCIL CLERK**