

**MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 22, 2019
REGULAR MEETING OF THE ALLIANCE CITY COUNCIL**

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

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

President Garnes reminded members to speak clearly into the microphones and wait to be recognized by the chair so that the record can be clear without and inability to hear the discussion or overlapping conversations making the record hard to interpret.

Minutes of the January 7, 2019 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.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Finance Committee meeting notice Tuesday, January 22, 2019 at 6pm Council Chambers
2. Notice of Special Meeting of Council Tuesday, Jan 22, 2019 at 6:30pm Swearing In four fire fighters
3. United Way of Greater Stark County information
4. Executive Session of Alliance City Council -at the conclusion of regular business per Mayor Andreani
5. Email From: Troy Rhodes-Firstenergy Corp. - FirstEnergy Transmission Vegetation Work
6. The City of Alliance Green Commission 2019 meeting schedule
7. Planning & Development and Community Development Committee Public meeting notice for January 28, 2019 at 11:30am.
8. Notice of Stark County Community Action Agency Google IT Support Certificate Training Program
9. Notice of January 17, 2019 Parks Board Meeting
10. Notice of Green Commission 2019 Meeting Schedule
11. Notice of January 14, 2019 SARTA public meeting
12. Email From: Troy Rhodes-Firstenergy Corp. - Additional Resources Secured in Advance of Winter Storm
13. Notice of no January 2019 Meeting of the Alliance Historic Preservation Commission
14. Memorandum from Auditor Knowles RE: Financial report
15. Minutes of the July 16, 2019 Finance Committee Meeting
16. Agenda for the January 22, Finance Committee Meeting
17. Finance Committee Chairman's January 22, 2019 finance report

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

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Mayor Andreani: Thanked all City employees involved in the weekend snow emergency from taking calls to clearing streets, everyone did an exceptional job. Also updated Council on the city salt supply to continue addressing the winter weather on the streets. Reported that the snow triggered a parking ban and that 34 tickets were issued and 3 cars towed due to that.

Relayed to Council that he was disturbed by comments at the last meeting that seemed to indicate that an administration secretary was behind at getting information to members causing delay at considering and reviewing legislation. Informed Council that the individual involved does a tremendous job and the packets were out by Friday afternoon. Both Councilman Edwards and Councilwoman Cherry expressed that earlier frustration was not directed at the administration secretary and the situation was much better before this meeting.

Councilman Edwards questioned the timing on seeking proposals for outside legal council going into the next round of contract negotiations. The Mayor and Safety Service Director responded.

Safety Service Director Dreger: Reviewed Ordinance 3-19.

Notified Council the Firefighter Civil Service exam will be re-administrated on March 9th with applications due by March 4th.

Reviewed with Council the requirements for a parking ban in a Snow Emergency and how primary and secondary streets differ. Also informed Council that these designations have recently been reviewed and updated and the tickets issued over the weekend are being reviewed to make sure they are accurate based on the street designations.

Introduced Julie Monroy who is the Kimble representative and noted the problems with recycling program. Ms. Monroy took the opportunity to introduce herself and briefly address the challenges Kimble (and all trash entities) face with the restrictions on contaminants in recyclables and what efforts Kimble may need to address.

Law Director Arnold: Reviewed the legislation on parking bans in snow emergencies and reviewed how the process works for the issuance of a parking ban.

Auditor Knowles: Discussed the Civic ready program and how it is used to notified citizens of a parking ban as well as other City emergencies. Noted citizens can sign up for email, text or phone notifications through the City web site.

Reviewed the discussion of City finances that was addressed at the earlier finance committee meeting.

Stated the 2019 budget should be to Council for review by the February 18th meeting.

Reviewed Ordinance 2-19 and 4-19.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Properties and Lands: Cherry: No formal report but commented that the Street and Distribution departments did a good job of snow removal over the weekend.

Utilities: Edwards: Asked for passage of Ordinance 3-19 and commended the City employees for efforts during snow storm.

Finance: Grove: Reviewed the earlier Finance Committee Meeting and stated that meetings with Department Heads to finalize the 2019 budget have begun. Stated the Committee is reviewing license and permit fees as well as labor/overtime costs going into the 2019 budget.

Community Development: King: No formal report but stated there will be a meeting on January 28, 2019 at 11:30 to review the 2019 CDBG funding distribution.

Safety & Judiciary: Minear: No formal report but thanked the City employees for efforts at snow removal during snow storm.

Streets & Alley: Rhome: Asked for passage of Ordinance 2-19 and commended the City employees for the snow removal efforts during snow storm. Also thanked the Safety Service Director for the manner in which the parking ban was implanted in stages to accommodate citizens.

Planning Zoning and Housing: Simeone: No formal report.

PUBLIC SPEAKS: None.

THIRD READINGS: None

SECOND READINGS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Ordinance 2-19: Introduced by Rhome: An Ordinance authorizing and directing the Director of Public Safety and Service to enter into a contract with the Director of the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) for the resurfacing of US 62 (35.72 to 38.61) in the City of Alliance; appropriating funds for such project; and declaring an emergency. Motion and Second to suspend the rule requiring three readings. Voice Vote: Unanimous. There was a discussion if the Rule requiring Finance Committee review needed to be suspended and Law Director advised it did not. Motion and Second to adopt. Voice Vote: Unanimous. **ADOPTED.**

Ordinance 3-19: Introduced by Edwards: An Ordinance authorizing and directing the Director of Public Safety and Service to enter into a professional services contract with Burch Hydro, Inc. to dewater bio-solids at the Alliance wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) for a sum not to exceed \$100,000; and declaring an emergency. Motion and Second to suspend the rule requiring three readings. Voice Vote: Unanimous. Motion and Second to adopt. Voice Vote: Unanimous. **ADOPTED.**

Ordinance 4-19: Introduced by Grove: An Ordinance temporarily amending Alliance Codified Ordinance Section 182.031 “Allocation of Funds”; and declaring an emergency. Motion and Second to suspend the rule requiring three readings. Voice Vote: Unanimous. Motion and Second to adopt. Voice Vote: Unanimous. **ADOPTED.**

OLD BUSINESS:

Ordinance 69-18: Introduced by Simeone: An Ordinance accepting and approving the replat of all of lots 1027, 12475, 12476, 12477, and 12478; outlot 434; and part of outlots 282 and 299 located at 2855 South Union Avenue in the City of Alliance, County of Stark and State of Ohio. Motion and Second to bring out of Old Business and back to the floor. Voice Vote: Unanimous. . Motion and Second to adopt. Voice Vote: Unanimous. **ADOPTED.**

Clerk advised the Sunset Provision under Rule 7.10 would be effective February 6, 2019 (two days after the next meeting) on Ordinance 52 and 56 if no action is taken.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

Councilwoman Cherry stated that the Downtown Special Events Commission still is not fully staffed and stated it would address it at the first of the year. She stated that the Community Development Committee should meet and address the issue. The Mayor stated that if a committee has failed to give recommendations on an issue for two consecutive meetings it becomes an issue for Council as a whole by Council rule. Cherry stated that is even better and Council as a whole needs to address the issue.

Councilman Edwards announced that he will conduct a ward meeting on February 20, 2019 from 6 to 8 PM at Frank’s Family Restaurant if anyone is interested in attending

Councilman Rhome questioned the Clerk if any of the Downtown Special Events Commission meeting minutes have been produced. Clerk addressed how Committee and Commission minutes are produced distributed and recorded and stated that there is nothing new that has come in since the last discussion on the issue. Councilwoman Cherry stated that the problem is that people have resigned without doing their job and that can’t happen. They should be held accountable and made to do their job before they are allowed to quit. Council asked that the Clerk send a letter requesting the minutes. Clerk Yost asked who to address the letter to and where to send it as the membership on the Commission always seemed to be in a state of change and he is not sure how to address it. It was stated that Lori Spall appeared to be the last Chairman but unsure for how long. Council and/or the Administration to get information to the Clerk to send letters(s) to the individual(s) responsible for minutes requesting they be provided.

Motion and Second to enter Executive Session pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(4) for the purposes of preparing for, conducting, or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with the public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment) and including the Council members, Council Clerk, Mayor, Law Director, Auditor, and Safety Service Director. Roll Call Vote: Unanimous. Council entered executive session at 7:53 PM.

Council re-entered regular session at 8:28 PM

ADJOURNMENT: Noting no further business to come before this Council, President Garnes adjourned the meeting at 8:28 PM

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN:

Ordinance 52-18	NO FORMAL ACTON
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Ordinance 69-18	ADOPTED
Ordinance 2-19	ADOPTED
Ordinance 3-19	ADOPTED
Ordinance 4-19	ADOPTED

**ARTHUR GARNES,
COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

**GERARD T. YOST
COUNCIL CLERK**