

**MINUTES OF THE FEBUARY 1, 2021  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE ALLIANCE CITY COUNCIL**

The meeting was called to order by President Garnes at 5:30 P.M. Councilman Edwards then gave the invocation and led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL:** Kris Bugara (remotely), Sheila Cherry (remotely), James Edwards (Remotely), Andrew Grove (remotely), Cindy King (remotely), Edward Lohnes (remotely) and Phillip Mastroianni (remotely).

Minutes of the January 19, 2021 Regular Council Meeting were distributed electronically to all members prior to the meeting. No deletions or corrections were offered by Council Members. Minutes of the meeting were received and filed.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. Memorandum from Auditor Knowles RE: Income Tax Recapitulation
2. Letter from Ohio Ethics Commission RE: Annual Elected Official report

Motion and Second to record and file the communications tendered to the Clerk. Roll Call: Unanimous. **MOTION PASSED BY ACCLAMATION OF ALL MEMBERS.**

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

**Mayor Andreani:** (remotely): Noted the first Covid vaccination clinic is coming up on Wednesday February 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Senior Center. Noted that there were 329 new cases in January and 3 deaths.

Stated that no action is needed on Ordinance 86-20 as the paperwork is still proceeding and action would be premature. Also stated that the three replat ordinances in old business are still in the planning commission so no action is needed on those yet as well.

Mayor Andreani stated that the next regular meeting is again set at a time that might overlap the Board of Zoning Appeals meeting causing delay as it did for the last meeting unless we reschedule.

Motion and second to reschedule the next regular Council meeting to February 17, 2021 at 5:30 PM. Roll Call: Unanimous. **MOTION PASSED BY ACCLAMATION OF ALL MEMBERS.**

The Mayor introduced Greg Hawk of Stark County Crime stoppers and Detective Don Wensel of the Alliance Police Department for the Alliance Crime Watch. Mr. Hawk explained the Crime Stoppers program and the reward program. Lt. Wensel explained the difference with the Crime Watch Program and expressed concern on how Crime Stoppers might work against already existing programs.

Councilwoman Cherry asked if the two programs can work together and compliment each other. Lt. Wensel stated that he believed the Crime Stoppers program would hinder what is currently working.

Councilwoman King questioned the difference between Stark County crime watch and Alliance Crime watch and Lt. Wensel explained.

Councilman Mastroianni asked the status and details of the Alliance Neighborhood Watch

program and Lt. Wensel further explained the program and stated that Covid delayed the start of activity for the program.

The Mayor thanked Hawk and Wensel for attending and providing information and asked what Council's desire was.

Councilman Grove stated he would follow the direction and recommendation of the Alliance Police Department.

Councilman Edwards stated that he saw no reason to change from a program the Police Department states is working

Councilwoman Cherry stated she didn't know why it had to be one or the other. Why can't as many resources as possible be used to put an end to some of the problems facing the City.

Mr. Hawk stated that Crim Stoppers never oversteps the Police Department and would only come in on a case if the Police Department asked

Councilman Bugara asked what if any action is necessary by Council if the Police can just use the resource if they need to.

Mayor stated that he originally believed there was a funding component so Council action would be necessary but since that is voluntary and not required, this is within the discretion of the Police Department and no Council action is needed.

**Safety Service Director Dreger:** (remotely): Reviewed Ordinance 11-21 and asked for action on it.

Stated that the Water Treatment plant collective bargaining agreement has been worked out and distributed for review. An Ordinance should be prepared to enter it at the next meeting.

Discussed that there are scams out there related to registering citizens for Covid vaccines. Be aware and report any attempts.

Councilman Bugara questioned if there is any cost to the home owner related to Ordinance 11-21 and Director Dreger explained.

Councilwoman Cherry requested to be included in the selection process for funding residences under Ordinance 11-21

Councilman Mastroianni asked if there is an estimate of the number of homes with lead service lines that would be affected by Ordinance 11-21. Director Dreger explained the number and how those estimates were arrived at.

**Law Director Arnold:** Reported that she attended a meeting of the Stark County Crime Stoppers last July and she will look up the information from that meeting for Council

**Auditor Knowles:** Reviewed the Income Tax Report.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Streets & Alley: Bugara:** No Formal Report.

**Properties and Lands: Cherry:** No Formal Report..

**Utilities: Edwards:** Asking for support on Ordinance 11-21.

**Finance: Grove:** No Formal Report.but noted the income tax numbers are growing and he believes we are on the road to recovery.

**Community Development: King:** No Formal Report.

**Safety & Judiciary: Lohnes:** No formal report.

**Planning Zoning and Housing: Mastroianni:** No Formal Report.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Mayor Andreani reported that there were none

**THIRD READINGS:** None

**SECOND READINGS:**

**Ordinance 2-21:** Introduced by Edwards: An Ordinance accepting and approving the replat of all of outlot 671 and part of outlot 218 located at 653 South Union Avenue in the City of Alliance, County of Stark and State of Ohio. Noted Councilman Mastroianni has been excused due to a conflict of interest. Motion and Second to suspend the rule requiring 3 readings. Roll Call: Unanimous. Motion and Second to adopt. Roll Call: Unanimous. **ADOPTED.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Ordinance 8-21:** Introduced by Cherry: An Ordinance authorizing and directing the transfer of nonproductive real estate not needed for any municipal purpose from the “City of Alliance” to the “City of Alliance – Land Reutilization Program”. Emergency. Motion and Second to suspend the rule requiring 3 readings. Roll Call: Unanimous. Motion and Second to adopt. Roll Call: Unanimous. **ADOPTED.**

**Ordinance 9-21:** Introduced by Grove: An Ordinance amending sections 117.02, 117.03, 117.04, 117.05, 117.06, of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Alliance to update and establish Engineering & Planning fees, Zoning fees, Building fees, Electrical fees, and Mechanical fees; and declaring an emergency. emergency Motion and Second to suspend the rule requiring 3 readings. Roll Call: Unanimous. Motion and Second to adopt. Roll Call: Unanimous. **ADOPTED.**

**Proclamation 10-21:** Introduced by Council as a Whole: A Proclamation referendum of civil union from our council a CALL TO ACTION on SOCIAL INJUSTICE and SYSTEMIC RACISM. emergency Motion and Second to suspend the rule requiring 3 readings. Roll Call: Unanimous. Motion and Second to adopt. Roll Call: Unanimous. **ADOPTED.**

**Ordinance 11-21:** Introduced by Edwards: An Ordinance authorizing and directing the Director of Public Safety and Service to advertise for bids and enter into a contract for the replacement of

lead service lines; and declaring an emergency. emergency Motion and Second to suspend the rule requiring 3 readings. Roll Call: Unanimous. Motion and Second to adopt. Roll Call: 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 twenty (20) foot alley; bounded on the East by lot 505; and bounded on the West by lot 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. Motion and Second to set a Public Hearing for December 21, 2020 at 6:00 PM. Roll Call: **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 86-20:** Introduced by Council as a Whole: An Ordinance declaring the improvement to certain parcels of real property in the City to be a public purpose and exempt from taxation; providing for the collection and deposit of service payments and specifying the purpose for which those service payments may be expended; and authorizing compensation payments to the Marlinton Local School District. **NO FORMAL ACTION.**

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:**

**Councilman Bugara:** Wished everyone stay safe, healthy and warm

**Councilwoman Cherry:** Stated be kind safe and healthy and continue wearing masks. We all need to work together to make town and world a better place.

**Councilman Edwards:** Stay safe and healthy.

**Councilman Grove:** Stay the course, better times are coming.

**Councilwoman King:** Nothing to add.

**Councilman Lohnes:** Nothing to add.

**Councilman Mastroianni:** Thanked Councilwoman for work on the Proclamation on social injustice and urged everyone to work on policies that remove systemic racism and social injustice.

**President Garnes:** Noted the minutes should say 2021 and not 2020. Also thanked Councilwoman for work on the Proclamation and we should all do our best to remove these systems.

Motion and Second to adjourn the meeting. Roll Call: Unanimous. **MOTION PASSED BY ACCLAMATION OF ALL MEMBERS.**

**ADJOURNMENT:** Noting no further business to come before this Council President Garnes adjourned the meeting at 6:41 PM.

**SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN:**

<b>Ordinance 80-20</b>	<b>NO FORMAL ACTION</b>
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<b>Ordinance 86-20</b>	<b>NO FORMAL ACTION</b>
<b>Ordinance 2-21</b>	<b>ADOPTED</b>
<b>Ordinance 8-21</b>	<b>ADOPTED</b>
<b>Ordinance 9-21</b>	<b>ADOPTED</b>
<b>Ordinance 10-21</b>	<b>ADOPTED</b>
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**ARTHUR GARNES,  
COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

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**GERARD T. YOST  
COUNCIL CLERK**