

**MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 6, 2023
REGULAR MEETING OF THE ALLIANCE CITY COUNCIL**

The meeting was called to order by President Garnes at 6:00 P.M. Councilman Bugara 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 17, 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. Memorandum from Auditor Knowles RE: Municipal Income Tax recapitulation.
2. Minutes of the January 18, 2023 Streets and Alleys Committee Meeting.
3. Notice of the February 3, 2023 Streets and Alleys Committee Meeting.
4. Notice of the February 21, 2023 Finance Committee Meeting.
5. Receipt from the Stark County Board of Elections for the Park Levy filings.
6. List of Ballot issues on the May primary ballot.

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: Introduced Ben Cutler who is the District Manager for Columbia Gas who was then given the floor to discuss ongoing and up coming projects in the City. Mr. Cutler updated Council on line replacement projects, the Front Street Medium Pressure station, and the Meijer Facility betterment project for improved service through better pressure lines.

Safety Service Director Dreger: Updated Council on the lead service line replacement project, noting there is a need for greater response from owner-occupied properties in the City. Since the first focus has been on owner-occupied properties and homeowners are not responding, it will soon move to rental units next so that the grant funds get used. The next phase of funding will be a 50/50 funding so it will be more expensive for homeowners.

Reviewed Ordinances 015-23; 016-23; 017-23; 022-23 and 023-23

Councilman Edwards asked about the progress on the McCaskey Register property demolition. Director Dreger explained and several Council members expressed concern over the state of the property and extremely long time it is taking the owner to complete the project.

Law Director Weyer: Announced to Council that the Park Levy renewal was filed with the Stark County Board of Elections and should be on the May Primary ballot without a problem.

Addressed some options and actions regarding the McCaskey Register property demolition

Auditor Knowles: Explained Ordinance 018-23.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Streets and Alleys: Bugara: Reviewed the January 18th and February 3rd meetings that reviewed the road survey and the City's failing roads to formulate a paving and repair plan. Stated that more work and analysis is necessary

Properties and Lands: Cherry: Reported that she met with Stark Metropolitan Housing regarding the renovation project on Pike Street. Some residents have not been cooperative with the housing authority's request to take incentives and move out so that renovations can be done. If they continue to refuse, they will be evicted. Vacating the property is necessary for these much needed renovations to take place.

Utilities: Edwards: Reported that there will be a Committee meeting on February 21st.

Community Development: King: Reported that there will be a Committee meeting on February 8th at 9:00 A.M and another on February 21st at 3:00 P.M. to review CDBG funding awards.

Finance: Lohnes: Reported that there will be a Committee meeting on February 21st at 5:00 P.M. to review and finalize the 2023 annual budget.

Safety and Judiciary: Madison: No formal report.

Planning Zoning and Housing: Mastroianni: Noted the need to hold a committee meeting to review demolition permits and procedures to address situations such as the McCaskey Register property situation.

Public Speaks: None

THIRD READINGS: 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. Motion and Second to adopt. Roll Call Vote: Unanimous. **ADOPTED.**

SECOND READINGS:

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.**

NEW BUSINESS:

Ordinance No. 011-23: Introduced by: Madison: An Ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Safety and service to negotiate the sale of fire equipment which will no longer be needed for municipal purposes to the Washington Township Fire Department; 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. 012-23: Introduced by: Madison: An Ordinance accepting and approving the replat of parts of outlot 233 located at 1410 and 1440 Inwood Road, in the City of Alliance, County of Stark, and state of Ohio. Councilman Mastroianni asked to be excused due to a conflict of interest. Motion and Second to excuse Councilman Mastroianni. Roll Call Vote: Unanimous. Motion and Second to send to the Planning Commission for review. Roll Call Vote: Unanimous (6 yeas with 1 abstention). **REFERRED TO PLANNING COMMISSION.**

Ordinance No. 013-23: Introduced by: Madison: An Ordinance accepting and approving the replat of part of outlot 322 and all of lots 8167, 8168, 8169 and 8170 located at 567 West Main Street, in the City of Alliance, County of Stark, and state of Ohio. Motion and Second to send to the Planning Commission for review. Roll Call Vote: Unanimous. **REFERRED TO PLANNING COMMISSION.**

Ordinance No. 014-23: Introduced by: Madison: An Ordinance accepting and approving the replat of all of outlots 797 and 798 and lot 11671 located at 2025 McCrea Street, in the City of Alliance, County of Stark, and state of Ohio. Motion and Second to send to the Planning Commission for review. Roll Call Vote: Unanimous. **REFERRED TO PLANNING COMMISSION.**

Ordinance No. 015-23: Introduced by: Madison: An Ordinance authorizing and directing the Director of Public Safety and Service to enter into contract for the purpose of purchasing a used pick-up truck for the Alliance Municipal Court, at a cost not to exceed \$49,999.00 in any case; 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. 016-23: Introduced by: Madison: An Ordinance authorizing and directing the Director of Public Safety and Service to advertise for bids and to award and enter into contract for the purchase, installation, configuration and licensing of emergency medical dispatch software at a cost not to exceed \$55,000.00; 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. 017-23: Introduced by: Madison: An Ordinance authorizing and directing the Director of Public Safety and Service to enter into contract for the purchase of software, hardware and implementation services to upgrade the City's dispatch consoles at a cost not to exceed \$73,889.00; 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. 018-23: Introduced by: Lohnes: An Ordinance making appropriations and transfers of funds in the 2023 Appropriations to provide for necessary expenses and adjustments; and declaring an emergency. Motion and Second to suspend the rule requiring three readings. Roll Call Vote: Unanimous. Motion and Second to suspend the rule requiring Finance Committee Review. Roll Call Vote: Unanimous. Motion and Second to adopt. Roll Call Vote: Unanimous. **ADOPTED.**

Ordinance No. 019-23: Introduced by: Bugara: An Ordinance appropriating funds and authorizing and directing the Director of Public Safety and Service to advertise for bids and enter into contracts for the South Rockhill paving and partial reconstruction project at a cost not to exceed \$885,000.00; and declaring an emergency. Motion and Second to suspend the rule requiring three readings. Roll Call Vote: Unanimous. Motion and Second to suspend the rule requiring Finance Committee Review. Roll Call Vote: Unanimous. Motion and Second to adopt. Roll Call Vote: Unanimous. **ADOPTED.**

Ordinance No. 020-23: Introduced by: Council as a Whole: An Ordinance authorizing all actions necessary to accept Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council (NOPEC) 2023 Energized Community Grant(s) funds. **NO FORMAL ACTION.**

Ordinance No. 021-23: Introduced by: Bugara: An Ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Safety and Service to negotiate the sale of a used street department snow plow(s) which will no longer be needed for municipal purposes to Smith Township; 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. 022-23: Introduced by: Council as a Whole: An Ordinance authorizing and directing the Director of Public Safety and Service to apply for a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Assistance for Firefighters grant for the purchase of a NFPA 1901 compliant quint and declaring an emergency. Councilwoman Cherry asked to be excused due to not having seen this on her copy of the Order of Business. Motion and Second to excuse Councilwoman Cherry. Roll Call Vote: Unanimous. Motion and Second to suspend the rule requiring three readings. Roll Call Vote: Unanimous (6 yeas with 1 abstention). Motion and Second to adopt. Roll Call Vote: Unanimous (6 yeas with 1 abstention). **ADOPTED.**

Ordinance No. 023-23: Introduced by: Council as a Whole: An Ordinance authorizing and directing the Director of Public Safety and Service to apply for a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Assistance for Firefighters grant for the purpose of funding rescue equipment and declaring an emergency. Councilman Mastroianni asked to be excused due to a conflict of interest. Motion and Second to excuse Councilman Mastroianni. Roll Call Vote: Unanimous. Councilwoman Cherry asked to be excused due to not having seen this on her copy of the Order of Business. Motion and Second to excuse Councilwoman Cherry. Roll Call Vote: Unanimous. Motion and Second to suspend the rule requiring three readings. Roll Call Vote: Unanimous (6 yeas with 1 abstention). Motion and Second to adopt. Roll Call Vote: Unanimous (6 yeas with 1 abstention). **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: Congratulations to Mount Union's Nick Sirianni for Coaching the Philadelphia Eagles to the Super Bowl.

Councilwoman Cherry: Noted there are some really good Black History programs going on this month at the University of Mount Union. The weekly programs are worth attending.

Councilman Edwards: Wished everyone a fun Valentine's Day.

Councilwoman King: Nothing to add

Councilman Lohnes: Nothing to add

Councilman Madison: Nothing to add.

Councilman Mastroianni: Thanked Madison for sponsoring so many Ordinances tonight.

President Garnes: Nothing to add.

ADJOURNMENT: Noting no further business to come before this Council, President Garnes adjourned the meeting at 7:19 P.M.

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN:

Ordinance 80-20	NO FORMAL ACTION
Ordinance 81-20	NO FORMAL ACTION
Ordinance 82-20	NO FORMAL ACTION
Ordinance 86-21S	NO FORMAL ACTION
Ordinance 071-22	NO FORMAL ACTION
Ordinance 001-23	ADOPTED
Ordinance 009-23	SECOND READING
Ordinance 011-23	ADOPTED
Ordinance 012-23	REFERRED TO PLANNING COMMISSION
Ordinance 013-23	REFERRED TO PLANNING COMMISSION
Ordinance 014-23	REFERRED TO PLANNING COMMISSION
Ordinance 015-23	ADOPTED
Ordinance 016-23	ADOPTED
Ordinance 017-23	ADOPTED
Ordinance 018-23	ADOPTED
Ordinance 019-23	ADOPTED
Ordinance 020-23	FIRST READING
Ordinance 021-23	ADOPTED
Ordinance 022-23	ADOPTED
Ordinance 023-23	ADOPTED

**ARTHUR GARNES,
COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

**GERARD T. YOST,
COUNCIL CLERK**