

**MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 21, 2017  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE ALLIANCE CITY COUNCIL**

The meeting was called to order by President Garnes at 7:00 P.M. Councilman Dordea 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.

Security noted that the room capacity had been exceeded and individuals standing in the aisle ways were asked to set out into the hall way for safety reasons. It was noted who had signed up for public speaks and the President asked for a count of the number present in the audience. Clerk Yost noted that his count indicated at least 85 people present in the audience.

Minutes of the February 6, 2017 Regular Council Meeting were distributed electronically to all members prior to the meeting. No additions, deletions or corrections were offered. Motion and second to receive and file the Minutes. **MOTION PASSED BY ACCLAMATION OF ALL MEMBERS.**

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. Letter from Judge Forchione RE: 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Heroin Symposium.
2. Notice of February 21<sup>st</sup> Special Council Meeting
3. Minutes of the January 26, 2016 Safety and Judiciary Committee Meeting
4. Agenda for the February 21, 2017 Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting
5. Minutes of the November 15, 2016 Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting
6. Notice of an Executive session of Council February 21 to discuss pending or immanent litigation with legal counsel
7. Memorandum from Auditor Knowles RE: Monthly Cash Receipts
8. Resolution by Canton City Council opposing the Governor's Proposed Budget
9. Misc. Information from the Ohio Municipal League
10. Memorandum from Mayor Andreani RE: Appointments to the Historical Preservation Commission and the Downtown Special Events Commission

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

Clerk Yost noted that the Public Hearing set for Ordinance 3-17 did not get published due to a miscommunication and therefore the Public hearing cannot go forward at 7:30

Motion and second to take deviate from the normal order of business and take public speaks first. **MOTION PASSED BY ACCLAMATION OF ALL MEMBERS.**

Motion and second to waive the time limit for public speaks and allow all 12 speakers signed up to speak. **MOTION PASSED BY ACCLAMATION OF ALL MEMBERS.**

**Public Speaks:**

Jill Berkmyer of 27133 Lake Point Drive Beloit spoke of the Westville Lake Homeowner's Association and the concerns of fees and restrictions proposed by the City Water Department for recreational use of the lake

Bud Wasmire of 27424 Rainbow Lane Beloit spoke of concerns of the use and clearing of the Campground at Westville Lake and the affect it will have on his property

Sally Gednetz of 26970 Stanley Drive Beloit spoke of concerns for the dock and boat fees proposed for Westville Lake

Joe Sabella of 26882 Stanley Drive Beloit spoke of concerns for the dock and boat fees proposed for Westville Lake

Frank Triplett of 2530 Fairway Lane Beloit spoke of concerns for the dock and boat fees affecting his summer cottage on Lakefront Drive at Westville Lake

Carla McCartney of 27022 Lake Point Drive Beloit spoke of concerns of monitoring the recreational use of Westville Lake

Deb Strickland of 27233 Lake Point Drive Beloit spoke of problems regarding the storage of a boat at Westville Lake and problems with its removal by City employees

Mike Strickland of 27233 Lake Point Drive Beloit spoke of problems regarding the storage of a boat at Westville Lake and problems with its removal by City employees

Holly Woolf of 27176 Lake Front Drive Beloit spoke of concerns for the dock and boat fees proposed for Westville Lake and concerns of monitoring the recreational use of the Lake

Chrissy Long of 27316 Lakeside Drive Beloit spoke of concerns for the dock and boat fees proposed for Westville Lake

Jamie Watson of 27205 Orange Street Beloit spoke of concerns for the dock and boat fees proposed for Westville Lake

Allison Ward of 27182 Lakeside Drive Beloit spoke of concerns for the dock and boat fees proposed for Westville Lake

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

**Mayor Andreani:** Informed Council that due to the financial condition of the City and the figures necessary in the proposed budget that notification is required to go to the State Auditor regarding the City's position and possible need for Fiscal Watch status.

Asked for confirmation of the appointment of Stacy Digianantonio to the Historical Preservation Commission and Cindy King to the Downtown Special Events Commission.

Motion and second to confirm the Mayor's Appointment of Stacy Digianantonio to the Historical Preservation Commission and Cindy King to the Downtown Special Events

Commission. **MOTION PASSED BY ACCLAMATION OF ALL MEMBERS.**

Asked the Council Clerk to secure a copy of the Channel 11 video recording of tonight's meeting

Noted the need for an Executive session at the conclusion of tonight's meeting to discuss pending or imminent litigation with legal counsel

**Safety Service Director Dreger:** Informed Council that the Fire Fighters union took the same approach as Council to the fact finder's report and took no action. Therefore the report is deemed accepted and will form the basis of the contract.

Noted there have been two retirements from the Engineering Department and replacements have been hired to fill the vacancies

Reviewed Ordinance 5-17

Addressed the formation of the Westville Lake Homeowner's Association and stated that the City has also had communication with the Knox Township Trustees regarding the situation. Between the Trustees and the Homeowner's Association, communication should be easier and there is hope the concerns addressed by the residents can be worked out.

**Law Director Arnold:** Has no report other than what will be addressed in Executive Session

**Auditor Knowles:** Reviewed the Monthly Cash Receipts Memorandum

Reviewed Resolution 6-17 and 7-17 as well as Ordinance 8-17

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

**Properties and Lands: Cherry:** No formal report however addressed the lack of opportunity for residents on the Northeast end of town that do not drive to have access to groceries. Noted that the Salvation Army is making attempts to provide transportation and that she is looking for an area for a type of indoor farmer's market to fulfill the need.

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

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

**Finance: Jakmides:** No formal report but noted Ordinance 3-17 needs further discussion and asking for no action on it tonight.

**Community Development: King:** Discussed the February 16th Committee meeting and thanks all involved with the disbursement of CDBG funds

**Utilities: Kline:** No formal report

**Streets & Alley: Rhome:** No formal report but asking for support for Resolution 7-17

**THIRD READINGS:** None

**SECOND READINGS:**

**Ordinance 3-17:** Introduced by Jakmides: An Ordinance temporarily amending Alliance Codified Ordinance section 182.031 “allocation of funds”; and declaring an emergency. Motion and second to set a public hearing for March 6, 2017 @ 7:30 PM. Voice Vote: Unanimous.  
**PUBLIC HEARING SET.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Ordinance 5-17:** Introduced by Jakmides: An Ordinance authorizing and directing the Director of Public Safety and Service to advertise for bids for various comprehensive municipal liability insurance coverage and enter into a contract of contracts with the lowest and best bidder for three years with an optional three year extension at the City’s sole discretion; and declaring an emergency. Motion and second to suspend the rule requiring 3 readings. Voice Vote: Unanimous. Motion and second to adopt. Voice Vote: Unanimous. **ADOPTED.**

**Resolution 6-17:** Introduced by Council as a Whole: A Resolution authorizing the Auditor of the City of Alliance, Ohio to establish an Alliance Area Senior Citizens Center Fund, and to establish revenue and expenditure codes; and declaring an emergency. Motion and second to suspend the rule requiring 3 readings. Voice Vote: Unanimous. Motion and second to adopt. Voice Vote: Unanimous. **ADOPTED.**

**Resolution 7-17:** Introduced by Rhome: A Resolution strongly opposing the State of Ohio Governor’s proposed 2017-2018 budget, which proposes centralized collection of Net profit tax returns and other provisions related to the Municipal Income Tax which will cause a substantial loss of revenue needed to support the Health, Safety, Welfare and Economic Development efforts of Ohio Municipalities; and declaring an emergency. Motion and second to suspend the rule requiring 3 readings. Voice Vote: Unanimous. Motion and second to adopt. Voice Vote: Unanimous. **ADOPTED.**

**Ordinance 8-17:** Introduced by Jakmides: An Ordinance making permanent appropriations for 2017 for the General Fund, Water Fund, Sewer Fund and other City Funds and authorizing the Auditor to draw payments from those appropriations upon receiving proper certificates and vouchers; and declaring an emergency.**NO FORMAL ACTION.**

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

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.

**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 8:30 PM

Council re-entered regular session at 9:14 PM

**ADJOURNMENT:** Noting no further business to come before this Council, President Garnes adjourned the meeting at 9:15 PM

**SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN:**

<b>Ordinance 03-17</b>	<b>PUBLIC HEARING SET</b>
<b>Ordinance 05-17</b>	<b>ADOPTED</b>
<b>Resolution 06-17</b>	<b>ADOPTED</b>
<b>Resolution 07-17</b>	<b>ADOPTED</b>
<b>Ordinance 08-17</b>	<b>FIRST READING</b>

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**ARTHUR GARNES, COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

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**GERARD T. YOST, COUNCIL CLERK**