

**MINUTES OF THE MARCH 16, 2020  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE ALLIANCE CITY COUNCIL**

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

**ROLL CALL:** Kris Bugara, James Edwards, Andrew Grove, Edward Lohnes and Phillip Mastroianni.

Motion and Second to excuse members Sheila Cherry and Cindy King. **MOTION PASSED BY ACCLAMATION OF ALL MEMBERS.**

Minutes of the March 2, 2020 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. Notice of the March 19, 2019 Park Board Meeting
2. Notice of the March 23, 2019 Historic Preservation Commission Meeting
3. Notice of the April 3, 2019 Water and Sewer Advisory Board Meeting
4. Memorandum from Mayor Andreani RE: Receipts collected in February 2020
5. Memorandum from Mayor Andreani RE: Appointment of Billy Ray to Board of Zoning Appeals
6. Agenda for the March 17, 2020 Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting
7. Minutes of the February 18, 2020 Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting
8. Minutes of the March 2, 2020 Finance Committee Meeting
9. Notice from Ohio Liquor Control Commission RE: Samira Enterprises Application
10. Notice from Ohio Liquor Control Commission RE: BPOE Lodge 467 Application
11. Alliance Health Department 2019 Annual Report
12. Notice of Cancellation of the March 19, 2020 Parks Board Meeting
13. email correspondence from Mayor Andreani RE: Meetings and Social Distancing
14. Mayor Andreani's written report to Council
15. Alliance Fire Department Memorandum on Covid 19

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

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

**Mayor Andreani:** Absent. Issued a written report.

**Safety Service Director Dreger:** Noted the Mayor's request to approve the appointment of Billy Ray to the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Motion and Second to approve the Mayor's appointment of Billy Ray to the Board of Zoning Appeals. **MOTION PASSED BY ACCLAMATION OF ALL MEMBERS.**

Noted to Council that all department heads were excused from tonight's meeting to help facilitate social distancing during this period of pandemic outbreak.

Told Council the administration is relying heavily on the Health Department and specifically Commissioner Flint for direction on procedures during the coronavirus shut downs. Noted most city offices have been closed to the public. There are no in person payments. Water, tax and permit payments can be made at the drop boxes or on line but not in person to avoid social contact. The City has also suspended any water shut-offs until after the crisis.

The City has instructed all essential employees to social distance themselves as much as possible and at some point non-essential employees may be asked to stay home.

Reviewed pending legislation and stated the only vital Ordinance that needs action tonight is 8-20 since a budget has to be approved before the end of the month.

**Law Director Arnold:** Explained the requirement of in-person public meetings according to the sunshine laws to conduct Council business, even in this time of crisis. Noted there are no exceptions to allow telephonic or teleconferencing methods of holding meetings.

Stated the Court system is still operating but has curtailed operations significantly during this period. All is going fairly smooth.

**Auditor Knowles:** Welcomed Councilman Lohnes to the Council.

Stated the need to adopt ordinance 8-20 so that a City Budget is adopted before March 31.

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

**Streets & Alley: Bugara:** No formal report.

**Properties and Lands: Cherry:** Absent. No report.

**Utilities: Edwards:** No formal report

**Finance: Grove:** Asked for support on the passage of Ordinance 8-20.

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

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

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

**PUBLIC SPEAKS:** None

#### **THIRD READINGS:**

**Ordinance 8-20:** Introduced by Grove: An Ordinance making permanent appropriations for 2020 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. Motion and Second to adopt. Voice Vote: Unanimous. **ADOPTED.**

**SECOND READINGS:**

**Ordinance 13-20:** Introduced by Council as a Whole: An Ordinance ratifying a contract between The City of Alliance and the Alliance Water and Sewer Distribution Employees Association (WSDEA); and declaring an emergency. **NO FORMAL ACTION.**

**Ordinance 21-20:** Introduced by Council as a Whole: An Ordinance ratifying a contract between The City of Alliance and the Alliance Wastewater Treatment, Water Treatment, Water Distribution and Street Department Employee Association (AWWWSEA); and declaring an emergency. **NO FORMAL ACTION.**

**Ordinance 23-20:** Introduced by Council as a Whole: An Ordinance amending Ordinances 7-91, 161-99 and 30-15 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 24-20:** Introduced by Mastroianni: An Ordinance accepting and approving the replat of all of Outlot 607 located in the 2000 – 2200 blocks of Brayton Avenue in the City of Alliance, County of Stark and State of Ohio. Motion and second to refer to the Planning Commission. Voice Vote: Unanimous. **REFERRED TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION.**

**Ordinance 25-20:** Introduced by Mastroianni: An Ordinance amending the Alliance City Zoning Code as adopted by Ordinance 130-05 and subsequently amended. Motion and second to set a Public Hearing for May 18, 2020 @ 7:30 in City Council Chambers. Voice Vote: Unanimous: **PUBLIC HEARING SET.**

**Ordinance 26-20:** Introduced by Bugara: An Ordinance authorizing and directing the Director of Public Safety and Service to enter into an agreement to participate in the Ohio Department of Transportation’s contract for the purchase of Sodium Chloride; and declaring an emergency. **NO FORMAL ACTION.**

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:** Noting no further business to come before this Council President Garnes adjourned the meeting at 7:15 PM.

**SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN:**

<b>Ordinance 8-20</b>	<b>ADOPTED</b>
<b>Ordinance 13-20</b>	<b>SECOND READING</b>
<b>Ordinance 21-20</b>	<b>SECOND READING</b>
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<b>Ordinance 24-20</b>	<b>REFERRED TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION</b>
<b>Ordinance 25-20</b>	<b>PUBLIC HEARING SET</b>
<b>Ordinance 26-20</b>	<b>FIRST READING</b>

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**ARTHUR GARNES,  
COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

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**GERARD T. YOST  
COUNCIL CLERK**