

**MINUTES OF THE MARCH 19, 2018  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE ALLIANCE CITY COUNCIL**

The meeting was called to order by President Garnes at 7:00 P.M. Councilwoman Jakmides then 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, Roger Rhome, and Brian Simeone present.

Minutes of the February 20, 2018 Regular Council Meeting and the February 20, 2018 Special Council Meeting were distributed electronically to all members prior to the meeting. No additions, deletions or corrections were offered by Council Members. Minutes were received and filed as presented.

Minutes of the March 5, 2018 Regular Council Meeting and the March 5, 2018 Special Council Meeting were distributed electronically to all members prior to the meeting. No additions, deletions or corrections were offered by Council Members. Minutes were received and filed as presented.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

1. Notice of April 6, 2018 Water and Sewer Advisory Board Meeting
2. Notice of March 22, 2018 Park Board Meeting
3. Memorandum From Mayor Adreani RE: Absence due to injury
4. Memorandum From Engineer Bungard RE: Paving projects
5. E-mail correspondence from Jeremy Rhome RE: Fire Department Union issues
6. Letter from Doug Kerr RE: Potential Amtrak route changes
7. Notice from Stark Fresh Seed Library
8. Notice from Stark Fresh Mobile Grocery
9. Letter from Mary Ann Day RE: Phone contact of Council members and officials
10. Letter from Kelly Albert RE: Administration relationship with employees

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

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

**Mayor Andreani:** Absent due to an injury.

**Safety Service Director Dreger:** Reviewed Ordinance 29-18 and the corresponding map.

Updated Council of the progress toward a contract with Ohio Billing for the billing of Fire Department services.

Discussed the City's attempts to update the vacant commercial property lists and requirements

Updated Council on the progress and status of the Neighborhood Initiative Program and noted in appears to be winding down to a conclusion

Updated Council on the “Reimbursement” language in Ordinance 28-18

**Law Director Arnold:** No formal report.

**Auditor Knowles:** Reviewed Ordinance 17-18 and the new Substitute Exhibit “A”

Noted that Ordinance 29-18 would need passage tonight to avoid seeking an extension.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

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

**Utilities: Edwards:** No formal report but noted the Water and Sewer Advisory Board will hold its quarterly meeting on April 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Finance: Jakmides:** Questioned the unspecified cost recovery from the Fire Department contained in Ordinance 29-18. Stated she is unwilling to support the Ordinance for passage without some knowledge of what “re-structuring” is being considered.

**Community Development: King:** Reviewed the March 15th Committee meeting to review the CRA’s. Noted the Committee voted to recommend disbursements.

Noted appreciation for the Stark Fresh Mobile Grocery that will be servicing the Northeast end of town and stated that it still appears the Sanders Brothers Grocery are still on target to re-open the old Thornes on North Union sometime in April.

**Streets & Alley: Rhome:** No formal report

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

**Public Speaks:** James Dyke of 761 North Walnut Avenue spoke of the Citizens for Responsible Government and the Initiative Petition that is being circulated to put the issues in Ordinance 78-17 on the ballot for the voters to decide.

Dan Cherry of 1215 Jersey Street discussed the heated discussions following the last meeting and asked that members and citizens act professional and courteous.

**ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION:**

**Councilwoman Cherry:** Commended the Development Department for the actions to revitalize the community.

**Councilman Dordea:** Discussed the Citizens for Responsible Government and the potential Initiative Petition to enact Ordinance 78-17. Mr. Dordea went on to reference efforts of a member of Mr. Dreger’s family to intimidate him regarding this issue and his position on Ordinance 78-17 in the parking lot following the last meeting. Mr. Dordea stated these intimidation efforts need to stop.

Stated that there are rumors circulating that the Law Director is planning on resigning and asked

Ms. Arnold if these rumors were true. Ms. Arnold denied there is any truth to these rumors.

**Councilman Edwards:** Nothing to report or discuss.

**Councilwoman Jakmides:** Discussed potential reconsideration of Ordinance S78-17 and overriding the Mayor's veto and stated that the main reason cited for not doing it is the potential cost of two positions. Ms. Jakmides stated that she doesn't believe that it would cost more. Ms. Jakmides went on to state that her support of the split is not a reflection on Mr. Dreger's performance but rather a statement that it is always good to have another professional in the mix that is reviewing what the City and its departments are doing. In our situation with limited resources and numerous services we are expected to provide, another administrator to oversee things is vital. Ms. Jakmides stated that it is too much to ask one individual to do all that is required of the Safety Service Director's position.

**Councilwoman King:** Reported that she supports the Citizens for Responsible Government and the Initiative Petition that is being circulated to put the issues in Ordinance 78-17 on the ballot for the voters to decide. Stated that she believes the Citizens of Alliance should decide the issue at the Polls.

**Councilman Rhome:** Nothing to report or discuss.

**Councilman Simeone:** Nothing to report or discuss.

#### **THIRD READINGS:**

**Ordinance 17-18:** Introduced by Jakmides: An Ordinance making permanent appropriations for 2018 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 amend to include the revised Exhibit "A". Voice Vote: Unanimous. Motion and Second to amend to Reduce the General Administration Code from \$115,250 to \$90,250 and specifically line item 101-7-241-53139 from \$25,000 to \$0.00 (lengthy discussion on effect of the amendment on a potential Auditor's finding and the need to fund something for upcoming services) Roll Call: 3 in favor (Dordea, Jakmides and Simeone) 4 against the amendment. Amendment Fails. Motion and Second to Adopt as amended (with new Exhibit "A"). Roll Call: 4 in favor 3 (Dordea, Jakmides, and Simeone) against. **ADOPTED AS AMENDED**

#### **SECOND READINGS:**

**Ordinance 19-18:** Introduced by Simeone: An Ordinance accepting and approving the replat of lots 8705 and 8706 located on the North side of Washington Street 250' West of McKinley in the City of Alliance, County of Stark and State of Ohio. **NO FORMAL ACTION.**

**Ordinance 20-18:** Introduced by Simeone: An Ordinance accepting and approving the replat of lot 3073 and part of lot 3075 at 411 West Main Street in the City of Alliance, County of Stark and State of Ohio. **NO FORMAL ACTION.**

**Ordinance 28-18:** Introduced by Cherry: An Ordinance authorizing and directing the Director of Public Safety and Service to enter into an interagency agreement with the Stark County Park District and the University of Mount Union for the construction, maintenance and security of a walk & bike trail, to be known as “Phase III of the Iron Horse Trail” within the City of Alliance from Clark Avenue North to Hartshorn Street, East on Hartshorn Street to Miller Avenue, North on Miller Avenue through the University of Mount Union Main Campus to South Side of Simpson Street, East on Simpson Street for 900 feet, North to 11<sup>th</sup> Street, North from 11<sup>th</sup> Street to Grant Street, West on Grant Street for 276 feet, North to Summit Street, North from Summit Street to Oxford Street, Northeast from Oxford Street to Broadway Street, North from Broadway Street to Prospect Street, where Phase III of the Iron Horse Trail will end at the Norfolk Southern Railroad line; to employ City forces for trail construction; to provide reimbursable funds in a sum not to exceed \$94,963.00 toward trail construction; 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.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Resolution 29-18:** Introduced by Council as a Whole: A Resolution approving the Mayor’s Financial (Fiscal Recovery) Plan in accordance with Section 118.025(A) of the Ohio Revised Code and declaring an emergency for the public safety and welfare. Motion and Second to suspend the rule requiring 3 readings. Roll Call: 2 in favor (Cherry and Rhome) 5 against. Motion Fails. **NO FORMAL ACTION.**

**Resolution 30-18:** Introduced by Cherry: A Resolution declaring support for the proposed State bicycle Routes developed by the American Association of State Highway and Transportation officials and the Ohio Department of Transportation. Motion and Second to suspend the rule requiring 3 readings. Voice Vote: Unanimous. Motion and Second to Adopt. Voice Vote: Unanimous. **ADOPTED.**

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:**

Councilman Edwards requested that the Law Director draft an ordinance or resolution to direct the Administration to find an adequate replacement for Clemons Nelson in the employment and collective bargaining related matters to help eliminate the ongoing conflict.

Councilman Edwards requested the Law Director draft a resolution supporting the continuation of Amtrak Service to Alliance.

Councilman Dordea requested that the Administration inform Council of any expenditures from the Legal Services fund for outside legal services.

+**ADJOURNMENT:** Noting no further business to come before this Council, President Garnes adjourned the meeting at 8:20 PM

**SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN:**

**Ordinance 17-18      ADOPTED AS AMENDED**

<b>Ordinance 19-18</b>	<b>SECOND READING</b>
<b>Ordinance 20-18</b>	<b>SECOND READING</b>
<b>Ordinance 28-18</b>	<b>ADOPTED</b>
<b>Resolution 29-18</b>	<b>FIRST READING</b>
<b>Resolution 30-18</b>	<b>ADOPTED</b>

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**ARTHUR GARNES, COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

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**GERARD T. YOST COUNCIL CLERK**