

**MINUTES OF THE APRIL 19, 2021
REGULAR MEETING OF THE ALLIANCE CITY COUNCIL**

The meeting was called to order by President Garnes at 5:41 P.M. (delayed from 5:30 due to some technical difficulties). Councilman Bugara then gave the invocation and led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Minutes of the April 5, 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. Letter from Ohio Liquor Control RE: License Transfer for Cielo Soapery and Wine Bar
2. Notice of the April 21, 2021 Parks Board Meeting
3. Finance Committee Chairman's 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): Updated Council on the Covid numbers with a total of 1655 cases and 45 new cases in the first two weeks of April. April's numbers for the first two weeks are higher than the whole month of March so we have seen a new spike. The highest impacted group in the new spike are 20 to 29 year olds. 7097 vaccines have been given by the Alliance Health Department and over 6000 have been given so far. There are also other locations in town administering and it is unknown by the Mayor's Office how many vaccines these locations have administered.

Discussed an effort by the Ohio Legislature to eliminate local health departments in cities with less than 50,000 people. This jeopardizes our local health department and would be a severe disservice to Alliance and surrounding area residents who would have to travel to Canton or North Canton for services. Local legislators have been contacted about our dissatisfaction with this legislation.

Noted an effort by Mt. Union Art department to develop capstone rehab project and City wide murals for beautification. There is a powerpoint presentation about this effort available if interested.

Reviewed Ordinance 23-21S and what changes were made to the original.

Offered condolences to the Clunk family upon the passing of Judge R.R. Denny Clunk.

Councilwoman Cherry asked what response Health Commissioner Flint had to the Legislation regarding local health Departments and what Council members and the public could do. Mayor explained and stated he will provide addresses and examples to write letters to the legislators.

Councilman Lohnes asked what seemed to be the position of our local legislators on the health department legislation. Mayor explained his impression.

Safety Service Director Dreger: (remotely): Discussed the recent Council inquiry of preventing interior furniture being used as lawn furniture and stated he is currently looking at what and how other communities regulate this and will put some proposals together for a future meeting.

Reviewed Ordinance 31-21 and 30-21

Stated that the Regional Planning Commission and Land Bank approved the Demolition assistance packages for the four downtown buildings that had been proposed so that project should be moving forward shortly.

Councilwoman Cherry questioned the intended use for the property in Ordinance 30-21. Director Dreger explained.

Law Director Arnold: Noted two new laws that change how protection orders are handled when dealing with pregnant or newly postpartum women in custody. This is going to cause a change in arrest procedures with women in general that will involve some questioning about the issue. It is not meant to be intrusive or insensitive but is necessary to comply with the law.

Auditor Knowles: Stated that there is no new information the American Rescue Plan (new round of Covid relief) that is coming so there are no new details on how much funding the City may receive or how restrictive it is going to be.

Noted that the effort to repeal the aspects of Municipal Income tax that deal with company workers that work from home is still progressing. It is uncertain what overall effect this will have on Cities if it occurs.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Streets & Alley: Bugara: Asking for support on Ordinance 31-21.

Properties and Lands: Cherry: Stated she is proud of the City wide beautification efforts of the Mt. Union art department. Stated that the murals are very well done and is especially proud of the fencing mural near the library.

Reminded residents that there is Covid assistance money available for assistance with rent or utilities through the Department of Job and Family Services and the Alliance for Children and Families

Noted that the Chef at Mount Union will be appearing on a Food Channel series and he is very good.

Utilities: Edwards: No Formal Report.

Finance: Grove: Reviewed the 1st quarter financial report and the City net cash position.

Community Development: King: Stated there is a need to vigorously oppose the elimination of the Alliance City Health Department. This is a vital asset that the City needs.

Safety & Judiciary: Lohnes: Stated there is no need to object to the Cielo Soapery and Wine

Bar Liquor License transfer.

Motion and Second to waive a hearing on the Cielo Soapery and Wine Bar Liquor License transfer. Roll Call: Unanimous.

Planning Zoning and Housing: Mastroianni: Looking forward to the Mt. Union art project coming together for public art throughout the City.

Called for a committee meeting on April 23, 2021 @ 9:00 to discuss matters. Will be a virtual meeting and formal notice will be prepared.

Questioned a flag of questionable taste that has been posted across the street from the early learning center. The Mayor explained that a discussion was had with the owner but that little can be done legally as it falls under the Court's interpretation of free speech.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mayor Andreani reported that there were none

THIRD READINGS: None

SECOND READINGS:

Ordinance 21-21: Introduced by Grove: An Ordinance authorizing and recommending the continuance of the Alliance Community Reinvestment area (CRA) agreement tax abatement with CRA No.2, Lavery Chevrolet-Buick, Inc., Alliance Ventures - Western, Alliance Ventures - Kohl's; Alliance Ventures Mount Union Gateway; and declaring an emergency. Motion and Second to suspend the rule requiring 3 readings. Roll Call: Unanimous. Noted Councilman Mastroianni was previously excused due to a conflict of interest. Motion and Second to adopt. Roll Call: Unanimous (6 to 0). **ADOPTED.**

Ordinance 23-21S: Council as a Whole: An Ordinance authorizing all actions necessary to accept Northeast Ohio public energy council (NOPEC) 2021 energized community grant(s) funds, and declaring an emergency. Motion and Second to Substitute Ordinance 23-21S for Ordinance 23-21. Roll Call: Unanimous. Motion and Second to suspend the rule requiring 3 readings. Roll Call: Unanimous. Motion and Second to adopt. Roll Call: Unanimous. **ADOPTED.**

Ordinance 24-21: Introduced by Mastroianni: An Ordinance accepting and approving the replat of parts of lots 447 and 448 located at 245 West Main Street, in the City of Alliance, County of Stark, and State of Ohio. **NO FORMAL ACTION.**

Ordinance 25-21: Introduced by Mastroianni: An Ordinance accepting and approving the replat of part of out lot 157 located at 1119 Pike Street, in the City of Alliance, County of Stark, and State of Ohio. **NO FORMAL ACTION.**

Ordinance 26-21: Introduced by Mastroianni: An Ordinance accepting and approving the replat of out lot 592 located in the 2000 block of Carrie Drive, in the City of Alliance, County of Stark, and State of Ohio. **NO FORMAL ACTION.**

NEW BUSINESS:

Ordinance 30-21: Introduced by Cherry: An Ordinance approving an agreement between the

City of Alliance and Intellicore, LLC for the acquisition of fee simple interest in real estate by the City of Alliance for the purpose of redeveloping the entire North side of the 500 block of East Main Street for Municipal purposes in the City of Alliance, Stark County, Ohio; and declaring an emergency. Motion and Second to suspend the rule requiring 3 readings. Roll Call: Unanimous. Motion and Second to adopt. Roll Call: Unanimous. **ADOPTED.**

Ordinance 31-21: 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. 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.**

Proclamation: Introduced by Council as a Whole and the Administration: A Proclamation Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Alliance YMCA. Motion and Second to adopt. Roll Call: Unanimous. **ADOPTED.**

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

Councilman Bugara: Congratulated Mt. Union Coach Dart on winning the OAC championship

Councilwoman Cherry: Advised everyone to be safe, kind and well and to continue to follow the rules and wear your mask

Councilman Edwards: Extended condolences to the Clunk family upon the passing of Judge R.R. Denny Clunk.

Councilman Grove: Thanked the Mayor for his initiative to take efforts to stop the elimination

of the Alliance City Health Department.

Councilwoman King: Stated that everyone stay safe.

Councilman Lohnes: Offered condolences to the Clunk family upon the passing of Judge R.R. Denny Clunk.

Stated everyone should contact legislators to save the Alliance City Health Department.

Councilman Mastroianni: Asked for contact information to contact legislators to save the Alliance City Health Department. Mayor stated he will provide.

Noted that April 22 is Earth Day and he will be doing a clean up effort on the Iron Horse Trail if anyone would like to join him.

President Garnes: Stated that he supports all that was said by Council members

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 6:33 PM.

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN:

Ordinance 80-20	NO FORMAL ACTION
Ordinance 81-20	NO FORMAL ACTION
Ordinance 82-20	NO FORMAL ACTION
Ordinance 86-20	NO FORMAL ACTION
Ordinance 21-21	ADOPTED
Ordinance 23S-21	ADOPTED
Ordinance 24-21	SECOND READING
Ordinance 25-21	SECOND READING
Ordinance 26-21	SECOND READING
Ordinance 30-21	ADOPTED
Ordinance 25-21	ADOPTED
Proclamation	ADOPTED

**ARTHUR GARNES,
COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

**GERARD T. YOST
COUNCIL CLERK**