

**MINUTES OF THE MAY 17, 2021  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE ALLIANCE CITY COUNCIL**

The meeting was called to order by President Garnes at 5:30 P.M. Councilman Edwards then gave the invocation and led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Minutes of the May 3, 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. Memorandum from Ohio Liquor Control RE Annual City wide license renewals
2. Memorandum email from Law Director Arnold RE: 834 Noble Street
3. Memorandum email from Councilwoman Cherry RE: 834 Noble Street
4. Agenda for the May 18, 2021 Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting
5. Notice of scheduled Board of Control Meetings
6. Notice of May 18, 2021 Parks Board Meeting

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 27 new cases in the past two weeks noting a slight increase over the average for March and April. There has also been 1 additional death in the past two weeks.

Discussed the testimony given to the Senate Finance and Health Committees regarding the Ohio Legislature's attempt to eliminate local health departments in cities with less than 50,000 people noting that hearings should conclude in early June. Updated Council on proposed amendments to the legislation.

With the end of restrictions coming, the City is examining the re-opening of facilities including Water Billing and Engineering Permits. Must proceed with caution so we don't have a whole department out if there is an outbreak.

Noted the City is looking at permits for activities this summer such as Carnation Festival but groups must understand when permits are issued they are subject to cancellation if situations change.

Stated that Council could be back to live meetings on June 7. Current legislation stated remote meetings while under Governor's restrictions however those will expire on June 2. Further legislation would be needed if there was a desire to extend the remote format. Also, notices will have to be given

Law Director Arnold explained the legal options and procedure to go forward.

There was a discussion of use of other venues to allow social distancing and the Mayor stated the Firehouse Theater is already our alternate location under the current Council rules. Mayor

stated he would confirm the availability of the Theater for meetings. It was decided to resume regular meetings at the normal meeting time at the Firehouse Theater as the alternate venue beginning June 7<sup>th</sup>.

The Mayor addressed a question posed at the last meeting regarding the Citizen Relations Board and its existence and membership. The Mayor stated that the Administration is reviewing this board and others for potential restructuring and asked Council to review Alliance Codified Ordinance section 178 regarding Boards and Commissions as the City looks to revamp some of these.

Noted that the Parks Department is having difficulty filling summer employment positions. If anyone is looking for summer work contact the Parks Department Office.

Stated there will be a ground breaking ceremony for the new North Union Circle K facility on May 26<sup>th</sup>. More details will be given when known.

**Safety Service Director Dreger:** (remotely): Discussed the recent fire at the Street Department Garage. The Street Sweeper caught fire and cause damage to several other pieces of equipment. The Sweeper was scheduled for replacement but the original plan was to use the old one for certain job but that can't happen now. Stated Lexington Township and Sebring are temporarily loaning equipment as needed until we get items fixed and/or replaced.

Reviewed Ordinance 36-21.

Discussed City clean up and the desire for a more proactive approach to such issues especially trash and mowing. Another problem the City is attempting to address is items such as basketball hoops and trash cans in the street or right of way.

Councilman Edwards stated that the Property and Lands committee could look at new amended legislation to address some of these trash and debris situations. Mr. Dreger responded and stated that Planning Zoning and Housing is also addressing some of the situations.

Councilwoman Cherry explained the Property and Lands Committee has been looking at some of these issues.

Councilman Mastroianni stated that there is overlap on these issues between both committees and a joint committee review might be the best approach.

**Law Director Arnold:** Explained that her email account was hacked last week and it has caused difficulties with her account. If there is a delay responding to an email, that is why.

Reviewed the process for objections to annual liquor license renewals. Stated deadline is coming but also unaware of any that rise to the level of a successful objection.

Reviewed the situation with the trash and debris at 834 Noble as discussed at the last meeting and the ongoing problems on the property. Reviewed what action has been taken to this point.

Councilwoman Cherry stated that there needs to be a landlord / tenant registry so that the City can go after the landlords when their tenants do these things. Landlords should be responsible for their properties.

**Auditor Knowles:** Reviewed the Recovery Act funds and some of the Treasury Department guidelines. Stated some of the new provisions are not as strict as the last rounds of funding.

Councilman Edwards asked if there are places to get information on what sort of projects would be acceptable and if the City had any projects that are on hold that might qualify. Auditor explained where there is information and what is known at this point.

Councilwoman Cherry asked if funding for lead line replacement would be acceptable under the American Rescue Plan funding. Director Dreger explained that is already funded with a Federal EPA grant.

Councilman Mastroianni asked if there are any back burner projects that any of the various City Commissions or Boards have that might qualify for funding under the American Rescue Plan funding. Mayor Andreani explained.

Councilwoman Cherry stated that there is an odor problem with Triology plastics that is disrupting the neighborhood. Mayor explained the ongoing communications on the problem.

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

**Streets & Alley: Bugara:** Reviewed the May 14<sup>th</sup> Committee reviewing the summer paving and stated the list is available. Asked for support on Ordinance 36-21

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

**Utilities: Edwards:** Asking for support on Ordinance 33-21.

**Finance: Grove:** Stated the written report on the City finances and ending balances for the first four months is coming. Stated balances are up from last year.

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

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

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Mayor Andreani reported that there were none

**THIRD READINGS:** None

#### **SECOND READINGS:**

**Ordinance 34-21:** Introduced by Mastroianni: An Ordinance accepting and approving the replat of parts of out lots 622, 623,496, and 624 located in the 1950 West State Street, in the City of Alliance, County of Stark, and State of Ohio. **NO FORMAL ACTION.**

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Ordinance 36-21:** Introduced by Bugara: An Ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Safety and Service to apply for Transportation District (TID) funding for up to \$500,000 per fiscal year for fiscal years 2022 and 2023 for the designing and constructing of road improvements, and if approved to accept and enter into any and all necessary agreements to

secure this funding; 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.**

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:**

**Councilman Bugara:** Everyone have a good evening.

**Councilwoman Cherry:** Be blessed, safe and kind to one another.

**Councilman Edwards:** Expressed thanks that it is the last remote meeting.

**Councilman Grove:** Wished everyone health and good times.

**Councilwoman King:** Asked about status of parades. Mayor explained..

**Councilman Lohnes:** Stated that he is highly in favor of the proposed proactive approach to enforcement of City codes and stated everyone have an enjoyable Memorial Day weekend.

**Councilman Mastroianni:** Also commended the proactive approach to enforcement of City codes and stated it will be good to finally be back to live meetings.

**President Garnes:** Be healthy and safe.

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 6:45 PM.

**SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN:**

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| <b>Ordinance 34-21</b> | <b>NO FORMAL ACTION</b> |
| <b>Ordinance 36-21</b> | <b>ADOPTED</b>          |

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**ARTHUR GARNES,  
COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

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**GERARD T. YOST  
COUNCIL CLERK**