

**MINUTES OF THE JUNE 4, 2018  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE ALLIANCE CITY COUNCIL**

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

**ROLL CALL:** Sheila Cherry, Larry Dordea, James Edwards, Andrew Grove, Cindy King, Roger Rhome, and Brian Simeone.

Minutes of the May 721, 2018 Regular Council Meeting were distributed electronically to all members prior to the meeting. Minutes were corrected to indicate Ordinance 36-18 was given a first reading and the Rules requiring 3 readings and Finance Committee review were suspended but it was not adopted. Also, a Clerical error indicating Pro Tem Dordea adjourned the meeting was corrected to indicate President Garnes adjourned the meeting. No further additions, deletions or corrections were offered by Council Members. Minutes were received and filed as corrected.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. Notice of June 4, 2018 Alliance Records Commission Meeting
2. Agenda for the June 20, 2018 Planning Commission Meeting
3. Notice from the Division of Liquor Control RE: License transfer for Alliance Steakhouse
4. Notice from the Division of Liquor Control RE: License application for Save-A-Lot
5. Letter and E-mail from Councilwoman Jakmides RE: Resignation
6. Memorandum from Auditor Knowles RE: Income Tax Recapitulation
7. Notice of July 17, 2018 Alliance Job Fair
8. Memorandum from Mayor Andreani and Auditor Knowles RE: State Auditor declaration of Fiscal Watch

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

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

**Mayor Andreani:** Reported that an EMS services contract has been entered with EMT Ambulance Service pursuant to the Sole Provider Ordinance passed last year. It will be a 5 year contract and provides more service than was originally sought.

Reviewed the Proclamation declaring July as Parks and Recreation Month

Reviewed the information from the State Auditor placing Alliance in Fiscal Watch

Question from Councilman Dordea requesting a copy of the EMS Contract. Mayor indicated it is pursuant to earlier passed legislation but a copy of the final contract will be provided to Council members

Question from Councilman Dordea regarding more open discussion of any further fiscal recovery plan so we don't see the problems experienced with the non-adoption of the last plan.

**Safety Service Director Dreger:** Updated Council on an equipment failure at City Hall resulting in a failure of the Phone system. Working on upgrading to fix it but expect phones to be out at least to the end of the week. Trying to manage things with Cell phones in the mean time.

Reviewed Ordinance 38-18.

Updated Council on the rehab efforts at the Clark Street Water tower.

Announced Gospelfest festivities will take place at Maple Beech Park.

**Law Director Arnold:** Announced that summary judgment has been granted in the Terry's Tire Town suit which results in money coming to the City. Just waiting on the appeal period to run to see where it stands.

Updated Council that the State has announced the issuance of Medical Marijuana licenses in the state and Alliance will not be the site of any licensed dispensaries.

**Auditor Knowles:** Reviewed the City Income Tax Recap.

Question from Councilwoman regarding election expenditure. Mr. Knowles explained it must relate to the Park Levy but would check and confirm.

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

**Properties and Lands: Cherry:** No formal report but noted that the Downtown Special events commission summer activities kick off at the caboose this weekend.

**Safety & Judiciary: Dordea:** Reviewed the Liquor License applications for Alliance Steakhouse and Save-A-Lot noting there is no cause to object and recommending waiving a hearing on them.

Motion and second to waive a hearing on the Liquor License applications for Alliance Steakhouse and Save-A-Lot. **MOTION PASSED BY ACCLAMATION OF ALL MEMBERS.**

**Utilities: Edwards:** No formal report.

**Finance: Grove:** No formal report but announced he is calling a Finance Committee meeting for June 18, 2016 at 6 PM in Council Chambers to discuss City finances and the points of a fiscal recovery plan.

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

**Streets & Alley: Rhome:** No formal report but asking for support and passage of Ordinance 36-18 tonight.

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

**Public Speaks:** None.

## **ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION:**

**Councilwoman Cherry:** Noted the change in status placing the City in Fiscal Watch. Noted it is time to end the bickering between Council and the Administration and come together on a Fiscal Recovery Plan for the City and approve it.

**Councilman Dordea:** Thanked the Safety Service Director for his update on the Clark Street Water rehab work but stated it would have been nice if an announcement had been made prior to the commencement of work. The neighborhood was alerted when considerable noise and commotion began and no one knew what was going on.

Addressed the Fiscal Watch designation and the difficulty in forming and approving a Fiscal recovery plan. Stated Council approval was due to a lack of clarity and trust and stated he hopes those issues are resolved in future attempts. Stated we need to show our City Employees we support them and are working hard to keep their jobs safe and avoid lay-offs.

**Councilman Edwards:** Welcomed Mr. Grove to Council.

Councilman Grove: Stated he began preparing for his first Council meeting by looking through the City's finances and discovered many red flags. Stated concern over the number of years the City has reallocated funds just to balance the budget and that lead to a lack of options at this point. Stated that Council must stand behind the City leadership to solve the problem and it is time to solve it.

**Councilwoman King:** Noted that the Downtown Summer festivities begin this week and noted they are very worthy activities to attend.

Stated she attended a Community Action Agency luncheon today and learned that there are more than 7000 jobs available in Stark County right now.

Stated support for the Parks Department Proclamation but stated a hope that the parks in the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> ward are maintained as well as Silver park and Butler Rodman.

**Councilman Rhome:** Nothing to report.

**Councilman Simeone:** Welcomed Mr. Grove.

Stated he has met with the Administration in an attempt to understand and support the Fiscal Recovery plan but he still has concerns and questions that were not answered but agrees it is time to solve the problems

**THIRD READINGS:** None

**SECOND READINGS: Ordinance 36-18:** Introduced by Rhome: An Ordinance authorizing and directing the Director of Public Safety and Service to enter into a contract for engineering services for the design of the Union Avenue (SR-183) Streetscape improvement project (College Street to Columbia Street) with IBI Group in a sum not to exceed \$64,900; appropriating additional funds for such purpose; and declaring an emergency. Motion and Second to adopt. Voice Vote: Unanimous. **ADOPTED.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Ordinance 38-18:** Introduced by Edwards: An Ordinance establishing rates for residential garbage collection for July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019; 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.**

**Proclamation:** Introduced by Council as a Whole and the Administration: A Proclamation honoring Julie Jakmides for her service to Alliance. Motion and Second to excuse Councilman Grove from voting. Unanimous. Motion and Second to suspend the rule requiring 3 readings. Voice Vote: Unanimous. Motion and Second to Adopt. Voice Vote: Unanimous. **ADOPTED.**

**Proclamation:** Introduced by Council as a Whole and the Administration: A Proclamation expressing appreciation to Mark and Jake Sander. Motion and Second to suspend the rule requiring 3 readings. Voice Vote: Unanimous. Motion and Second to Adopt. Voice Vote: Unanimous. **ADOPTED.**

**Proclamation:** Introduced by Council as a Whole and the Administration: A Proclamation designating July as Parks and Recreation Month. Motion and Second to suspend the rule requiring 3 readings. Voice Vote: Unanimous. Motion and Second to Adopt. Voice Vote: Unanimous. **ADOPTED.**

**ADJOURNMENT:** Noting no further business to come before this Council, President Garnes adjourned the meeting at 7:46 PM

**SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN:**

<b>Ordinance 36-18</b>	<b>ADOPTED</b>
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**ARTHUR GARNES, COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

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**GERARD T. YOST COUNCIL CLERK**