

**MINUTES OF THE JULY 2, 2018
REGULAR MEETING OF THE ALLIANCE CITY COUNCIL**

The meeting was called to order by President Garnes at 7:00 P.M. Councilman Edwards 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 June 18, 2018 Regular 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.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Notice of July 2, 2018 Council Special Workshop Meeting
2. Notice of cancellation of June 27, 2018 Alliance Historic Preservation Commission Meeting
3. Minutes of the May 23, 2018 Alliance Historic Preservation Commission Meeting
4. Agenda for the July 18, 2018 Alliance City Planning Commission Meeting
5. Memorandum from Auditor Knowles RE: City Income Tax Collection Information
6. Memorandum from City Health Department RE: City Mosquito spraying
7. Minutes of the June 18, 2018 Finance Committee Meeting

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

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Mayor Andreani: Informed Council that an OFHA grant has been issued to Nantucket Circle for rehab of the housing units. Stated this appears to be an \$8M grant and would be a sizable rehab for that area.

Mayor Andreani announced that Mark Locke from the Chamber of Commerce was present and thanked him for his continued work on the annual job fair coming up on July 17 at the Senior Center. Mayor Andreani asked Mr. Locke to speak on the Job Fair. Mr. Locke distributed a flyer for the event as well as information as to employers who will be present. Mr. Locke stated that all 50 employer booths are full with a waiting list forming. The only concern is having enough citizen/applicants show up so he stressed getting the word out and encouraging attendance.

Safety Service Director Dreger: No Formal Report.

Law Director Arnold: Stated that the Insurance Council on the Open Meetings lawsuit will be present at the July 16th meeting to discuss the pending litigation and an executive session will be necessary.

Notified Council that Marlinton has appealed the Terry's Tire Town decision and explained the appeal process and expected time line.

Auditor Knowles: Reviewed the City Income Tax Collection Information and reported it is up approximately 1%.

Reviewed Ordinance 49-18 and explained he is still looking at funding possibilities so he is not asking for passage tonight.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Properties and Lands: Cherry: Updated Council regarding the vacant MPG Properties on Front Street, Wood Street and Franklin Street. Stated that the properties have now been demolished but there is still no definite information on what the contamination is or why the development was permitted on contaminated property. Meeting with First Energy Representatives and OEPA Representatives to get more answers.

Safety & Judiciary: Dordea: Asked everyone to stay safe on the Fourth of July and remember the safety forces working hard to keep everything running smoothly and everyone safe.

Utilities: Edwards: Noted the next Water and Sewer Advisory Board meeting is July 13th at 10:00 AM in the Administration 2nd floor conference room.

Finance: Grove: Stated there will be a Finance Committee meeting held July 16, 2016 at 6 PM to review the budget and a Board of Claims issue. Stated the Committee will extensively review the budget for the first 6 months of the year with the department heads and review expenditures thus far. Mr. Grove went on to state council members need to reviewed the budget line item by line item and submit any recommendations by July 15th so that it can be addressed at the July 16th meeting.

Councilwoman questioned when the meeting with department heads would occur and Mr. Grove stated he would likely discuss items with the department heads as a group and individual meetings were not necessary

Community Development: King: No formal report.

Streets & Alley: Rhome: Asked for support on Ordinance 49-18 to suspend the rules tonight so that quick action could be taken at the next meeting.

Planning Zoning and Housing: Simeone: Reported that the Planning Commission voted to approve Ordinances 40-18 and 41-18 so he will be asking for action tonight.

Public Speaks: Brandi Douthitt of 255 Shadyside Court spoke in favor of a Charter form of Government and Alliance looking at forming a Charter Commission.

ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION:

Councilwoman Cherry: Nothing to report.

Councilman Dordea: Thanked Brandi Douthitt for her research on Charter Government and the presentation to Council. Dordea stated he believes a charter would improve our local government and encouraged all to further research the options.

Councilman Edwards: Stated he was approached about two street concerns recently. First a few citizens stated the intersection of Rockhill and State Street was confusing at the flashing caution light and asked if better lane markings could be put in. Second Mr. Edwards stated citizens have expressed safety concerns on Arch Avenue between the Hospital and Rite Aid Pharmacy for pedestrians going back and forth. It was asked if a better cross walk and markings could be installed.

Councilwoman Cherry questioned if ODOT had to approve.

Mr. Dreger stated the City has authority but follows ODOT Standards. He further stated some upgraded markings have already been installed.

Councilman Grove: Stated healthy debate of issues by Council is a good thing but in the end once a vote is cast Councilmembers must leave the meeting in support of the decisions made. Stated the Council and Administration as well as department heads are a good team working for the betterment of the community and we should support the team effort.

Councilwoman King: Thanked Mr. Locke for the work on the Job Fair and stated she is proof that the Job Fair works to find employment for our Citizens. Stated there is no reason to be unemployed as the opportunities are out there.

Councilman Rhome: Nothing to report.

Councilman Simeone: Questioned how the public may become involved in the Charter Government discussion at workshop sessions. Mr. Garnes stated that the Public should talk to their council representatives and have them bring it to Council. Having a free exchange with the public at the meeting only boggs down the process. Mr. Garnes further went on to praise Ms. Douthitt for her approach to the matter by listening at the workshop and then bringing concise information to the public speaks session of the regular meeting.

THIRD READINGS: None

SECOND READINGS:

Ordinance 40-18: Introduced by Simeone: An Ordinance accepting and approving the replat of part of Outlot 322 and all of lots 8167, 8168, 8169, and 8170 located at 576 West Main Street in the City of Alliance, County of Stark and State of Ohio. Motion and Second to suspend the rule requiring 3 readings. Voice Vote: Unanimous. Motion and Second to Adopt. Voice Vote: Unanimous. **ADOPTED.**

Ordinance 41-18: Introduced by Simeone: An Ordinance accepting and approving the replat of part of lots 13007 and 13008 located on the Northwest site of Park Commons Circle N.E. in the City of Alliance, County of Stark and State of Ohio. Motion and Second to suspend the rule requiring 3 readings. Voice Vote: Unanimous. Motion and Second to Adopt. Voice Vote: Unanimous. **ADOPTED.**

Ordinance 43-18: Introduced by Edwards: An Ordinance authorizing and directing the Director of Public Safety and Service to advertise a request for qualifications and enter into a professional services contract with the most qualified firm for the purpose of conducting a no feasible alternative study (NFS) at the Wastewater Treatment Plant and appropriating funds; and declaring an emergency. **NO FORMAL ACTION**

NEW BUSINESS:

Ordinance 47-18: Introduced by Simeone: An Ordinance accepting and approving the replat of part of lots 9566 and 8570, part of Outlot 264, and all of lots 8571, 9567, and 9568 at 2448 South Seneca 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 48-18: Introduced by Simeone: An Ordinance accepting and approving the replat of all of lot 9791 and part of lot 9790 at 2070 Federal 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 49-18: Introduced by Rhome: An Ordinance authorizing and directing the Director of Public Safety and Service to advertise for bids and enter into contracts for services to complete and carry-out comprehensive road resurfacing/paving for West Main Street (165' West of Florence Avenue to 185' West of Bonnieview Avenue) and Patterson Street (Norfolk Southern RR Tracks to Mahoning Avenue) in an amount not to exceed \$380,000.00; and declaring an emergency. Motion and Second to suspend the rule requiring 3 readings. Voice Vote: Unanimous. **NO FURTHER FORMAL ACTION.**

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

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN:

Ordinance 40-18	ADOPTED
Ordinance 41-18	ADOPTED
Ordinance 43-18	SECOND READING
Ordinance 47-18	REFERRED TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION
Ordinance 48-18	REFERRED TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION
Resolution 49-18	FIRST READING

ARTHUR GARNES, COUNCIL PRESIDENT

GERARD T. YOST COUNCIL CLERK