

**MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 6, 2018
REGULAR MEETING OF THE ALLIANCE CITY COUNCIL**

The meeting was called to order by President Garnes at 7:00 P.M. Councilwoman King 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 July 16, 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. Memorandum from Mayor Andreani RE: Receipts collected in July 2018
2. Memorandum from Mayor Andreani RE: Receipts collected in June 2018
3. Memorandum from Mayor Andreani RE: Appointment of Barbara Freshley, M.D. to the Alliance Board of Health
4. Memorandum from Auditor Knowles RE: City Income Tax Collection Information
5. Notice of the August 9, 2018 Parks Board Meeting
6. Minutes of the June 19, 2018 Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting
7. Memorandum from State Auditor's Office RE: Review of Fiscal Watch Recovery Plan
8. Notice of August 6, 2018 Council Special Workshop Session at 6:00 PM
9. Agenda for the July 17, 2018 Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting
10. Notice of the August 29, 2018 Downtown Special Events Commission Meeting
11. Minutes of the July 23, 2018 Keep Alliance Beautiful Commission 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: Congratulated Chief Hunt on the recent Grant award and recognized Ms. Gotchell on the grant preparation that has resulted in numerous recent grants for the safety forces.

Noted the City will once again be part of the Rabies vaccination drops. Noted that if a citizen sees a packet, leave it alone unless it needs kept away from pets or children.

Asked for the confirmation of Barbara Freshley MD to the Board of Health to replace John Park, MD who recently resigned. Mayor Andreani also thanked Dr. Park for his years of service on the Board.

Motion and second to confirm the Mayor's appointment of Barbara Freshley MD to the City Board of Health. **MOTION PASSED BY ACCLAMATION OF ALL MEMBERS.**

Safety Service Director Dreger: Noted that Ordinance 47-18 and 48-18 have not been acted upon by the Planning Commission yet.

Reviewed Ordinances 51-18; 53-18; and 54-18

Law Director Arnold: Noted that she didn't prepare Ordinance 56-18 and it doesn't contain emergency language. Without emergency language it would not be effective until 30 days after passage and that is beyond the deadlines set forth within the Ordinance. If Emergency language is added prior to introduction it doesn't need to be amended.

Mr. Dordea requested that emergency language be added prior to first reading and Clerk Yost added the appropriated language.

Auditor Knowles: Reviewed the Municipal Income tax recapitulation.

Reviewed the Memorandum from the State Auditor regarding approval of the fiscal recovery plan and mandating updates.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Properties and Lands: Cherry: No formal report but noted that she met with Director Mazola on some housing issues and will be holding a City Landlords meeting to address some issues with their tenants

Safety & Judiciary: Dordea: Congratulated the Fire Department on the recent Grant award.

Noted the Safety forces and other City employees are working hard to make a safe and enjoyable Carnation Festival and commended them for their efforts.

Reviewed the earlier workshop session on Ordinance 56-18 and emphasized his support for putting the issue on the ballot for the voters to decide.

Utilities: Edwards: Asked for support on Ordinance 53-18.

Asked the Law Director to prepare a Resolution requesting Ohio Edison to address what upgrades they have done to the utility service for the City. Stated there have been several power outages lately with less than adequate explanation and he would like to know the infrastructure upgrades to address the City service demands and avoid further outages.

Finance: Grove: Reported the City Budget is trending well and the Fiscal recovery plan has been approved by the State Auditor.

Congratulated the Fire Department on the recent Grant award and noted this also helps the City budget and fiscal recovery plan.

Set a Claims Board meeting for August 20, 2018 at 6 PM to address two claims filed for alleged damages.

Community Development: King: No formal report.

Streets & Alley: Rhome: Thanked the Street Department for the hard work on the City Streets especially the areas affected by the festival and with their limited budget.

Planning Zoning and Housing: Simeone: No formal report.

PUBLIC SPEAKS: Julie Jakmides-Mack of 178 25th Street NW, Canton, Ohio spoke in favor of Ordinance 56-18 and regarding the formation of a Charter Commission.

Brandi Douthitt of 245 Shadyside Ct. Alliance spoke in favor of Ordinance 56-18 and regarding the formation of a Charter Commission.

ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION:

Councilwoman Cherry: Spoke regarding Ordinance 56-18 and the comments that a “no” vote is denying the voters the right to be heard on the matter. Stated that it is all a matter of timing and rushing into this the way this ordinance is presented is just wrong.

Stated she is still working on landlord-tenant issues in the City.

Councilman Dordea: Stated that he is encouraged by Ordinance 53-18 and 51-18 and he is in favor of them.

Asked Council members to support Ordinance 56-18 and stated is to better serve the public. Stated that the Ordinance is merely asking voters to decide if they want to appoint a charter commission and merely a first step

Mr. Dordea stated that the City can't rely on the State to fix our issues. Sitting back waiting on the State to reverse the cuts to local government funding will not result in fixing our problems, we need to act ourselves with positive change.

Councilman Edwards: Addressed Ordinance 56-18 and stated that he can't support it at this time. Mr. Edwards stated that he wants more public input from the public prior to action. If it must action must be on what is before us now, can't support it.

Councilman Grove: Stands behind the budget report and the state of the City finances. Doesn't believe a “no” vote on 56-18 denies voters a voice, just don't want to rush into a decision without proper research just to meet a deadline. Cannot support Ordinance 56-18 as it stands and agree with Ms. Cherry that it needs more transparency.

Councilwoman King: Noted the “You are from Alliance if...” celebration at Maple Beech Park on August 18th. It is a worthwhile free community event.

Councilman Rhome: Noted the City has the ability to change things through legislation and doesn't believe a charter is necessary at this time.

Councilman Simeone Expressed support for Ordinance 53-18 and asked who is to be contacted about accumulated trash left at curb (it was noted citizens should call the Mayor's office to report).

Noted his opinion on Ordinance 56-18 and stated that he is not opposed to a charter but believes we need more community involvement before moving ahead such as community forums or public hearings.

THIRD READINGS:

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. **NO FORMAL ACTION.**

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. **NO FORMAL ACTION.**

SECOND READINGS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Ordinance 51-18: Introduced by Cherry: An Ordinance to amend Section 909.04 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Alliance providing for the assessment of the charges of tree removal as a lien upon the property; 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.**

Ordinance 52-18: Introduced by Rhome and Simeone: An Ordinance vacating the remaining portion of the fifteen (15) foot North-South alley from West Chestnut street between lot 13058 and lots 13033, 140 and 149 and the remaining portion of a fifteen (15) foot East-West alley from Penn Avenue between lot 13033 and Lot 140, and accepting and approving the replat of lots 13033, 140 and 149 and the vacated portions of the fifteen (15) foot North-South and East-West alleys from Chestnut Street and Penn Avenue located in the 100 block of West State Street 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 53-18: Introduced by Edwards and Cherry: An Ordinance authorizing and directing the Director of Public Safety and Service to amend the rules and regulations for Garbage/refuse/recycle collection service providing for termination of standard curbside service and conversion to backdoor service for subscribers who, after notice repeatedly refuse/neglect to follow the requirements prescribed by subsection 937.03(c) Alliance Codified Ordinances; further to amend such rules and regulations, providing for the City of Alliance to remove, or contract for the removal of, “Tagged” garbage/refuse which remains at the curb following the next collection date and to charge/bill the subscriber for the charges/fees incurred; and declaring an emergency. Motion and Second to suspend the rule requiring 3 readings. Voice Vote: Unanimous. Motion and Second to Adopt. (Mr. Dordea expressed concern that actual language the Safety Service Director intends to change is not included or disclosed) Voice Vote: 6 in favor 1 (Dordea) against. **ADOPTED.**

Ordinance 54-18: Introduced by Dordea: An Ordinance accepting an assistance to firefighters grant (AFG) for \$41,250.00 to purchase safety equipment needed by the Fire Department,

authorizing and directing the Director of Public Safety and Service to enter into the necessary agreements; 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.**

Resolution 55-18: Introduced by Edwards: A Resolution approving the Stark-Tuscarawas-Wayne joint waste management district's amended draft solid waste management plan. **NO FORMAL ACTION.**

Ordinance 56-18: Introduced by Dordea: An Ordinance providing for the submission to the Electors of the City of Alliance the question, "Shall a Commission be chosen to frame a Charter?" and for the election of members of the Charter Commission. Motion and Second to suspend the rule requiring 3 readings. Roll Call Vote: 5 against 2 (Dordea and King) in favor. Motion Failed. **NO FORMAL ACTION.**

Resolution 57-18: Introduced by Council as a Whole: A Resolution authorizing the execution of a Consent Decree 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.**

ADJOURNMENT: Noting no further business to come before this Council, President Pro Tem Dordea adjourned the meeting at 8:12 PM

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN:

Ordinance 47-18	SECOND READING
Ordinance 48-18	SECOND READING
Ordinance 51-18	ADOPTED
Ordinance 52-18	REFERRED TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION
Ordinance 53-18	ADOPTED
Ordinance 54-18	ADOPTED
Resolution 55-18	FIRST READING
Ordinance 56-18	FIRST READING
Resolution 57-18	ADOPTED

**ARTHUR GARNES,
COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

**GERARD T. YOST
COUNCIL CLERK**