

**MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 16, 2021
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE ALLIANCE CITY COUNCIL**

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

ROLL CALL: Kris Bugara, Sheila Cherry, James Edwards, Cindy King, Andrew Grove, Edward Lohnes, and Phillip Mastroianni

Motion and second to excuse Council President Garnes who is out of town. Roll Call: Unanimous. **MOTION PASSED BY ACCLAMATION OF ALL MEMBERS.**

Noted that the electronic transmission of the Minutes of the August 2, 2021 regular meeting did not go through and any action on filing was postponed until the next meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Agenda for the August 17, 2021 Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting
2. Notice of the August 17, 2021 Parks Board Meeting
3. Notice of the September 7, 2021 Finance Committee Meeting
4. Notice of the August 16, 2021 Safety and Judiciary Committee Meeting
5. Notice of the August 16, 2021 Special Meeting of Alliance City Council at 5:45 pm

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: Updated Council on the Covid numbers in the City noting that the numbers are moving in the wrong direction. Last weeks cases doubled the week before however the number of vaccinations are also going up so that is the good news aspect of it all.

Congratulated the Carnation Festival Board for a successful festival in spite of the weather and precautions that had to be followed.

Recognized and congratulated Randy Flint as the Citizen of the year. Noted that Randy Flint has been the City Health Commissioner for a number of years and has had a very hectic year with all that the pandemic brought.

Noted the need for an Executive Session to discuss pending litigation and potential purchase of Real Estate.

Noted that there is still no action needed on the matters in old business.

Stated that school is starting back up this week so be mindful of children going to and from school and careful.

Thanked Helen Miller for the use of the Senior Center for meetings and her preparation in setting up

Safety Service Director Dreger: Updated Council on the progress of the summer paving program.

Announced that the Engineering Department has received grant funding to extend McCrea street through to the West Main Street extension. This will provide a new access for Coastal Pet and other businesses and things in that area. He further stated that an application for an additional traffic light on Freshley near Staples and Canterbury Villa was rejected.

Announced the lead water service line replacement program is still actively looking for participants for the program. There was a rapid sign-up response initially and then no one signing up. There are still plenty of spots for citizens to take advantage of.

Reviewed Ordinance 63-21

Councilman Edwards thanked the administration on the work on the McCrea extension grant noting this will help traffic flow on Sawburg and elsewhere in that area.

Councilman Mastroianni asked about details of the lead line replacement program and Mr. Dreger explained.

Councilwoman Cherry asked the location of the rejected traffic signal on Freshley and Mr. Dreger explained.

Law Director Arnold: Updated Council on the status of the Opioid “Big Three” litigation settlement matter.

Councilwoman Cherry thanked the Law Director for the information provided to the Safety and Judiciary Committee for review.

Auditor Knowles: Reviewed Ordinance 60-21.

Councilman Mastroianni asked about the scope of Ordinance 60-21 and does it automatically adjust for inflation. Auditor explained.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Streets & Alley: Bugara: No formal report.

Properties and Lands: Cherry: Stated she is checking on long standing blight in the first ward. Neighbors need to act neighborly and clean things up.

Utilities: Edwards: No formal report but asked if manpower shortages were the cause of Kimble delays in trash pick up. Director Dreger explained and expressed some possible ways to help the situation.

Finance: Grove: Asked for support for Ordinance 62-21 and reminded everyone of the Finance Committee meeting on September 7, 2021 at 5:30 PM.

Community Development: King: Asked for support for Ordinance 61-21.

Safety & Judiciary: Lohnes: Noted the liquor license transfer for Ullman Castle to Mitch & Mel Industries stating there is no necessity for a hearing.

Motion and Second to waive the hearing on the liquor license transfer for Ullman Castle to Mitch & Mel Industries. Roll Call: Unanimous. **MOTION PASSED BY ACCLAMATION OF ALL MEMBERS.**

Stated there is a need for a follow-up Safety and Judiciary Committee meeting to further review Juvenile issues. Will conduct the meeting on August 25, 2021 at 5:30 PM.

Planning Zoning and Housing: Mastroianni: Reviewed the Committee meeting on August 11, 2021 at 9:00 that discussed indoor furniture used outdoors and out dated codes. Enforcement becomes the biggest issue and if it is a property maintenance or zoning issue. More information and review is needed.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Dan Cherry of 1215 Jersey Street thanked the YWCA and the community for the Unity Walk and the Administration and authorities for the quick response to the racist acts of vandalism.

THIRD READINGS: None

SECOND READINGS:

Ordinance 57-21: Introduced by Mastroianni: An Ordinance accepting and approving the replat of part of outlot 543 located at the Northeast corner of West Main Street and Freshley Avenue, in the City of Alliance, County of Stark and State of Ohio. Motion and Second to suspend the rule requiring 3 readings. Roll Call: Unanimous. Motion and Second to Adopt. Roll Call: Unanimous. **ADOPTED.**

NEW BUSINESS:

Ordinance 59-21: Introduced by Cherry: An Ordinance authorizing and directing the transfer of nonproductive real estate not needed for any municipal purpose from the “City of Alliance” to the “City of Alliance – Land Reutilization Program”. Motion and Second to suspend the rule requiring 3 readings. Roll Call: Unanimous. Motion and Second to Adopt. Roll Call: Unanimous. **ADOPTED.**

Ordinance 60-21: Introduced by Grove: An Ordinance authorizing Department Heads to transfer funds between individual accounts within a fund up to a maximum amount of \$10,000.00 per code subject to the signed approval of the City Auditor and Director of Public Safety and Service; and declaring an emergency. **NO FORMAL ACTION.**

Ordinance 61-21: Introduced by King: An Ordinance adopting an emergency tree removal program pursuant to the Community Development Block Grant Program and authorizing the Safety Service Director to advertise for bids for the program. Motion and Second to suspend the rule requiring 3 readings. Roll Call: Unanimous. Motion and Second to Adopt. Roll Call: Unanimous. **ADOPTED.**

Ordinance 62-21: Introduced by Grove: An Ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Safety and Service to advertise for bids and enter into contracts for the purchase of various supplies for the year 2022 to include options to renew where practical, or to accept existing options to renew; 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 63-21: Introduced by Lohnes: An Ordinance appropriating funds for the purchase of two police vehicles; and declaring an emergency. Motion and Second to suspend the rule requiring 3 readings. Roll Call: Unanimous. Motion and Second to suspend the rule requiring finance committee review. 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. **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 night

Councilman Edwards: Also thanked everyone for getting out and enjoying the Carnation Festival events.

Councilman Grove: Complimented Festival Board Chairman Staci Gurney for all the hard work on the Carnation Festival.

Councilwoman King: Noted SARTA is adding a route on West Main and Freshley area. This may help people get to work in that area.
Also stated the Carnation Festival was wonderful.

Councilman Lohnes: Also thanked everyone for getting out and enjoying the Carnation Festival events and thanked the Festival Board for all of the hard work.

Also reminded everyone that school is starting and to be careful

Councilman Mastroianni: Also thanked the Carnation Festival Board for all of the hard work.

Councilwoman Cherry: Stated that the Carnation Festival events were a success and all City Departments did well at managing the activity in the City.

ADJOURNMENT: Noting no further business to come before this Council President Pro Tem Cherry adjourned the meeting at 7:51 PM.

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN:

Ordinance 80-20	NO FORMAL ACTION
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Ordinance 82-20	NO FORMAL ACTION
Ordinance 86-20	NO FORMAL ACTION
Ordinance 57-21	ADOPTED
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Ordinance 60-21	FIRST READING
Ordinance 61-21	ADOPTED
Ordinance 62-21	ADOPTED
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**SHEILA CHERRY,
COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEM**

**GERARD T. YOST
COUNCIL CLERK**