

**MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 17, 2020  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE ALLIANCE CITY COUNCIL**

The meeting was called to order by President Garnes at 5:30 P.M. and Councilman Mastroianni 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 August 3, 2020 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 Councilman Grove RE: Summary of finances first 7 months of Fiscal Year 2020
2. Agenda for the August 18, 2020 Board of Zoning Appeals
3. Memorandum from Mayor Andreani RE: Receipts collected in July

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 the City COVID-19 statics which include 98 total cases and 3 deaths. In checking on hospitalization statics after a question last meeting, there are one reports isolated to the City but there have been 28 hospitalizations related to COVID9 throughout Stark County. That is the best statistic we have on the issue.

Stated that the efforts to get response to the Census continue with door to door canvassing scheduled to continue until September 30<sup>th</sup>. Response stands at 65.9% currently.

Ported that our state of Fiscal Watch requires a performance audit annually which is complete and an exit meeting will be scheduled the week following Labor Day. Any council member should attend if they are available. Information will be confidential until released by the State Auditor so it would be good to attend if possible.

Reminded everyone that schools are starting back up and UMU students are back so please be careful and please observe social distancing and face coverings.

Councilman Mastroianni asked about the State Audit process and the Mayor explained.

**Safety Service Director Dreger:** (remotely): Reviewed Ordinances 64-20; 65-20 and 66-20.

Updated Council on the Distribution Department work on preparing soccer fields on West Ely Street. A lot of dirt is being moved across the street to fill in the building foundation and the lot is being leveled for fields.

**Law Director Arnold:** No formal report.

**Auditor Knowles:** Stressed the importance of the Audit Exit meeting and stated he will let member know as soon as it is set for a specific day and time. He encouraged all council

members to attend if they can.

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

**Streets & Alley: Bugara:** Asked for support on Ordinance 65-20

**Properties and Lands: Cherry:** Discussed the possibility of announcing when new businesses are opening, especially in the downtown area. Stated that there are several new businesses working on opening downtown and would like it if the Development Department could announce when such things are happening..

**Utilities: Edwards:** Asked for support on Ordinances 63-20; 65-20; and 66-20.

**Finance: Grove:** Reviewed the report on the City's cash position in the first 7 months of the fiscal year. Stated the need for a Finance Committee Meeting to further review the budget and stated that it may be before the September 21, 2020 Council Meeting.

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

**Safety & Judiciary: Lohnes:** Reported Trap, Neuter and Release day for feral cats that was conducted in the 700 block of South Morgan Avenue. Residents were very cooperative and 8 cats were trapped, neutered and released. Thanked all that assisted in the event and stated there are as many as 11 more locations that may be done.

**Planning Zoning and Housing: Mastroianni:** No formal report but reported there is a public hearing for Ordinance 47-20 set during our next meeting..

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

**THIRD READINGS:** None

#### **SECOND READINGS:**

**Ordinance 61-20:** Introduced by Mastroianni: An Ordinance accepting and approving the replat of part of out lot 636 and part of out lot 587 located at the Southwest corner of West Main Street and South Sawburg Avenue in the City of Alliance, County of Stark, and State of Ohio. **NO FORMAL ACTION.**

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Ordinance 63-20:** Introduced by Edwards: 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 2021 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 three readings. Roll Call: Unanimous. Motion and Second to adopt. Roll Call: Unanimous. **ADOPTED.**

**Ordinance 64-20:** Introduced by Edwards; An Ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Safety and Service to prepare and submit an application to participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) State Capital Improvement Program and to execute contracts as may be necessary for the purpose of obtaining grants and/or loans for the secondary clarifier

construction project at the Wastewater Treatment Plant and declaring an emergency. Motion and Second to Suspend the rule requiring three readings. Roll Call: Unanimous. Motion and Second to adopt. Roll Call: Unanimous. **ADOPTED.**

**Ordinance 65-20:** Introduced by Bugara: An Ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Safety and Service together with the office of the Stark County Engineer to prepare and submit a joint application for financial assistance from the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) District 19 and to execute contracts as may be necessary for the purpose of obtaining a grant for the purpose of paving South Sawburg Avenue from West State Street to the North Corporation limit; and declaring an emergency. Motion and Second to Suspend the rule requiring three readings. Roll Call: Unanimous. Motion and Second to adopt. Roll Call: Unanimous. **ADOPTED.**

**Ordinance 66-20:** Introduced by Edwards: An Ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Safety and Service to nominate the City for a loan from the Water Pollution Control Loan Fund for secondary clarifier construction project at the Wastewater Treatment Plant; and declaring an emergency. Motion and Second to Suspend the rule requiring three readings. Roll Call: Unanimous. Motion and Second to adopt. Roll Call: Unanimous. **ADOPTED.**

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Ordinance 47-20:** Introduced by Mastroianni: An Ordinance vacating a part of two twenty (20) foot alleys, bounded on the North by lot 12084, a 20' alley and lot 12085; bounded on the South by lot 5792 and outlot 87; bounded on the East by lot 11623, lot 11624 and outlot 87; bounded on the West by North Union Avenue/SR 183 in the City of Alliance, County of Stark, and State of Ohio. **NO FORMAL ACTION.**

#### **MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:**

**Councilman Bugara:** Congratulated the citizens of Alliance for keeping the COVID-19 numbers low with only 98 cases. State this is more than you would want but below the National average and is less than ½ of 1% of our population.

**Councilwoman Cherry:** Thanked everyone that assisted with the Voter registration and information day on Ash Street last Saturday. Working on reaching the citizens in the community by reaching people where they are instead of hoping they come to you. Noted the celebration of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the women's right to vote and urged everyone to research the candidates and exercise that right and get out to vote.

**Councilman Edwards:** Apologized to the Group for the tardiness due to technical difficulties logging on to the Zoom platform. Agreed with councilman Bugara on congratulating the citizens of Alliance for keeping the COVID-19 numbers lower than the State and National averages.,

**Councilman Grove:** Thanked Councilwoman Cherry for her leadership and hard work on the Voter Registration and Census efforts.

**Councilwoman King:** Thanked Councilwoman Cherry for her work on the Voter Registration and Census efforts. Offered to all that if you know someone with Covid or in quarantine please reach out to them with a phone call showing them support. Noted that she joined a support group for survivors of Covid. The support group is good and no one understands what survivors go through.

**Councilman Lohnes:** Thanked Council members and the Administration for

**Councilman Mastroianni:** Wished everyone health and safety.

**President Garnes:** Thanked Councilwoman Cherry for her work on voter registration and the census as both are very important issues.

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 6:13 PM.

**SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN:**

<b>Ordinance 47-20</b>	<b>NO FORMAL ACTION</b>
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**ARTHUR GARNES,  
COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

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**GERARD T. YOST  
COUNCIL CLERK**