

**MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 3, 2019
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: Kristopher Bugara, James Edwards, Andrew Grove, Cindy King, Frank Minear, and Brian Simeone.

Motion and Second to excuse Councilwoman Cherry. **MOTION PASSED BY ACCLAMATION OF ALL MEMBERS.**

Minutes of the August 19, 2019 Regular Council Meeting were distributed electronically to all members prior to the meeting. No additions, deletions or corrections were offered by Council Members. Motion and Second to record and file Minutes of the August 19, 2019 Regular Council Meeting. **MOTION PASSED BY ACCLAMATION OF ALL MEMBERS** Minutes of the meeting were received and filed.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Memorandum from Auditor Knowles RE: Municipal Income Tax Recap
2. Notice of Labor Day Municipal Office Closure
3. Agenda for the September 18, Planning Commission Meeting
4. Notice of the August 26, 2019 Safety and Judiciary Committee Town Hall Meeting
5. Memorandum from Mayor Andreani RE: Press Release regarding Neighborhood Initiative program
6. July/August Villages and Cities Magazine from the Ohio Municipal League

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

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Mayor Andreani: Reviewed the final numbers on the Neighborhood Initiative Program and noted the significant blight removal throughout the City over the past several years due to the Neighborhood Initiative Program, Moving Ohio Forward Program and the CDBG demolitions by the Health Department. Mayor commended the Development Department and Health Department for these efforts.

Safety Service Director Dreger: Updated Council on the security efforts including gates at Maple Beech Park to curtail the trash dumping and other undesirable activity at the park at night.

Reviewed the Clean up efforts of the old Alliance Rubber site at Union and Wayne and noted the City is looking at other abandoned commercial sites to target based on the success of this effort.

Informed Council that a OPWC grant application is being prepared for paving and will come before Council in the near future.

Law Director Arnold: Reviewed with Council the Neighborhood Initiative Program requirements for the vacant lots and the need to keep them free from neighbor's usage for storage of vehicles or sheds etc. Property owners can seek ownership of them 3 years after the process began but can't begin using the property before they own it. Reviewed the status of the Opioid lawsuit and the efforts of the Ohio Attorney General to take over the suit. Reviewed the concern that the potential takeover could also cause a takeover of the settlement proceeds and directing of distribution of potential settlement proceeds.

Auditor Knowles: Reviewed the Municipal Income Tax Recap.

Reviewed Ordinance 62-19

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Streets & Alley: Bugara: Reported that the final plans are approved for the Union Avenue Corridor improvements and updated Council on the repair efforts on the Patterson Street paving from last year. Reported that the West State Street sidewalks and the paving preparation are progressing.

Properties and Lands: Cherry: Absent. No formal report.

Utilities: Edwards: No formal report

Finance: Grove: No formal report but asked for support and action on Ordinance 61-19 and 62-19.

Community Development: King: Stated the CDBG action plan for 2020 will be reviewed at a meeting on September 13.

Safety & Judiciary: Minear: No formal report.

Planning Zoning and Housing: Simeone: No formal report.

PUBLIC SPEAKS: None.

THIRD READINGS:

Ordinance 47-19: Introduced by Simeone: An Ordinance to amend the zoning map of the City of Alliance by rezoning lots 107, 108 and 109 from multiple family residential district (R-2) to thoroughfare commercial district (b-2) under the Alliance City zoning ordinance. **NO FORMAL ACTION.**

SECOND READINGS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Ordinance 55-19: Introduced by Simeone; An Ordinance vacating a part of a fifteen (15) foot North-South alley bounded on the North by South street, bounded on the south by a fifteen (15) foot East-West alley, bounded on the East by lots 4263 and 4264, and bounded on the West by lot 4269 in the City of Alliance, County of Stark, and State of Ohio. Motion and Second to refer to the Planning Commission. Voice Vote: Unanimous. Motion and Second to set a public hearing for October 7, 2019 @ 7:30 PM. Voice Vote: Unanimous. **REFERRED TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND PUBLIC HEARING SET.**

Ordinance 56-19: Introduced by Simeone; An Ordinance accepting and approving the replat of lots 4559 and 4560 located at 332 West Perry 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 57-19: Introduced by Simeone; An ordinance accepting and approving the replat of part of out lot 636 located on the North side of West Main Street, 560' West of Sawburg 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 58-19: Introduced by Simeone; an ordinance accepting and approving the replat of lots 5960, 5961 and 12955 located at 2224-2234 South Linden 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 59-19: Introduced by Bugara; An Ordinance authorizing and directing the Director of Public Safety and Service to enter into a consent agreement with the Director of the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) for bridge inspection program services; and declaring an emergency. Motion and second to suspend the rule requiring three readings. Voice Vote: Unanimous. Motion and Second to adopt. Voice Vote: Unanimous. **ADOPTED.**

Resolution 60-19: Introduced by Council as a Whole: A Resolution authorizing execution of a settlement agreement and declaring an emergency. Motion and second to suspend the rule requiring three readings. Voice Vote: Unanimous. Motion and Second to adopt. Voice Vote: Unanimous. **ADOPTED.**

Resolution 61-19: Introduced by Council as a Whole: A Resolution supporting the Ohio Municipal League (OML) position on H.B.. 49 and H.B. 5 (centralized tax collection) and asking the OML to include the City of Alliance as a Municipality supporting the OML Amicus Brief before the Ohio Supreme Court, and declaring an emergency. Motion and second to suspend the rule requiring three readings. Voice Vote: Unanimous. Motion and Second to adopt. Voice Vote: Unanimous. **ADOPTED.**

Ordinance 62-19: Introduced by Grove: An Ordinance making appropriations and transfers of funds in the 2019 Appropriations to provide for necessary expenses and adjustments; and declaring an emergency. Motion and second to suspend the rule requiring three readings. Voice Vote: Unanimous. Motion and second to suspend the rule requiring Finance Committee Review. Voice Vote: Unanimous. Motion and Second to adopt. Voice Vote: Unanimous. **ADOPTED.**

OLD BUSINESS: None

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: Councilman Edwards asked the Mayor to call a Special Council Meeting on September 13, 2019 at 6:30 to review the Nuisance Animal legislation that was provided by the Law Director.

Councilman Minear questioned the new sidewalks on West State Street and how they are going to proceed past Walmart given the deep ravine on the North side of the Road. Director Dreger and Engineer Bungard explained the intended route along State Street in that area.

Councilman Simeone stated that an educational seminar related to CPR training on September 11, 2019 at the University of Mount Union.

ADJOURNMENT: Noting no further business to come before this Council, President Garnes adjourned the meeting at 7:45 PM.

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN:

Ordinance 47-19	THIRD READING
Ordinance 55-19	REFERRED TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND PUBLIC HEARING SET
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Ordinance 59-19	ADOPTED
Resolution 60-19	ADOPTED
Resolution 61-19	ADOPTED
Ordinance 62-19	ADOPTED

**ARTHUR GARNES,
COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

**GERARD T. YOST
COUNCIL CLERK**