

**MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 8, 2020  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE ALLIANCE CITY COUNCIL**

The meeting was called to order by President Garnes at 5:30 P.M. and Councilman Bugara 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 17, 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. Notice of no September Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting
2. Minutes of the July 31, 2020 Planning & Development Committee Meeting
3. Memorandum from Auditor Knowles RE: Municipal Income Tax Recap
4. Letter from Northeast Ohio Gas Corp RE: Acquisition of Orwell Trumbull Pipeline and proposed rate increase

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 124 total cases since the beginning of tracking. The numbers have increased in the last 4 weeks.

Stated that the efforts to get response to the Census continue and reporting has increased by about 2 ½ % but is still behind State and National statistics.

Reported the City Event cancellations continue due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Latest event cancellation is the POW-MIA observance that is normally held at Freedom Square.

Councilwoman King asked about the Thornes / Sanders grocery store building and a potential new tenant. Mayor stated that he is aware of a new owner but not an intended purpose yet.

**Safety Service Director Dreger:** (remotely): Updated Council on the Paving project progress. Reported that the milling and sidewalk repair work is complete and Arch Avenue has a chip and seal underlay down. This is underlay and not the final surface. Paving should be underway on Arch yet this week or next.

Reviewed Ordinance 72-20

Reported the payment kiosk at the administration building at 504 East Main Street is ready to install and installation should be done next week. It will be to the West side of the main entrance at street level and flush with the front of the building.

Reviewed Ordinance 69-20

**Law Director Arnold:** No formal report but noted that Ordinance 47-20 was reconsidered for a

public hearing and the hearing is set during tonight's meeting

**Auditor Knowles:** Reviewed the Income Tax Recap. Stated that the City utilizes the City of Cleveland to attempt to recover and collect unpaid and unaccounted for City income taxes. Cleveland can utilize Federal Tax Return information to find individuals that live in the City and don't file. This was done several years ago and was successful so it is time to do it again.

Reviewed Ordinances 67-20 & 68-20.

Councilman Bugara questioned the amount of recovery the last time the City of Cleveland performed the collection audit for us. Auditor stated he will have to get those figures and provide them but also pointed out that it is an ongoing recovery because it identifies unknown tax payers that then continue filing and paying.

Councilwoman Cherry questioned the amount of CARES act money the City will get in the final figure and Auditor Knowles stated that is still being determined but a final figure should be available next week.

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

**Streets & Alley: Bugara:** Congratulated the Street Department on the work done on 24<sup>th</sup> Street. The overlay of concrete streets is a vast improvement.

Asked the Mayor about the possibility of a turn arrow at Parkway and State. The Mayor stated that this has been looked into but it is complicated since it is a Federal highway. Traffic studies and such have to be done but it can be looked at again.

**Properties and Lands: Cherry:** Updated everyone on the Saturday voter registration drives in town. Stated that the High School location may soon also be operational on a week day and there could be a location opening at the Farmer's market on Saturdays.

**Utilities: Edwards:** Stated the Water and Sewer Advisory Board will meet sometime after the State Audit exit meeting to review improvements at the Sewer Plant. It will be an outdoor meeting at the Plant to view the progress on the ongoing projects there.

Councilwoman Cherry asked about an odor to the water and the drain pipe at the Martin Luther King Jr. Bridge. Director Dreger stated he was unaware of a City wide water odor and it might be isolated to a particular customer but he would look into it. He also stated he would inspect the Drain pipe.

**Finance: Grove:** Asked for support on Ordinance 68-20. Stated the financial numbers are encouraging and moving in a positive direction. Stated there will be a Finance Committee meeting during the next Council Meeting at 6.

**Community Development: King:** Asked for support on Ordinance 67-20.

**Safety & Judiciary: Lohnes:** Reported Trap, Neuter and Release day for feral cats and that structure for the program is getting organized. They are looking at new and necessary sites for an aggressive approach in the spring.

**Planning Zoning and Housing: Mastroianni:** Reported on the meeting last week to review

housing density. Stated that the Law Director pointed out some conflicts in the code that should be addressed. There will be another meeting to further review and the committee hopes to have some language together to present to Council at the next meeting. Also noted it is time for the public hearing for Ordinance 47-20 set at 6 o'clock

Motion and Second to recess the regular meeting to conduct the Public Hearing. Roll Call: Unanimous. **MOTION PASSED BY ACCLAMATION OF ALL MEMBERS.**

**PUBLIC HEARING:** Ordinance 47-20 – Clerk Yost read the notice of the public hearing and noted the ability to comment remotely, in person, or by providing comment to the various council members, administration or city web site.

President Garnes then asked for any remarks or comments in favor of the Ordinance

Savanna Van de Kamp-Peet - Real Estate Development Manager for Circle K of 935 East Tallmadge Avenue, Akron Ohio email: [sjpeet@circlek.com](mailto:sjpeet@circlek.com) Phone: (330) 630-6300 x 1821 who appeared remotely (From the Administration Lobby) spoke of the company efforts to build a new improved store on the site and the need to vacate the alley to create a new drive entrance.

Councilman Edwards asked of the company is moving 1 block South and Ms. Peet indicated that it is.

Councilwoman Cherry stated that she had no questions at this time but would like contact information in case questions arise later

Councilman Mastroianni asked if the existing alley is grown over with grass. Ms. Peet indicated it was always more of a drive for the old shop that was there and is a dirt and grass area currently but would be part of the new ingress and egress to the new store.

President Garnes then called two more times for comments in favor of the ordinance with no response.

Councilman Mastroianni stated for clarification that he received no comments by email or otherwise in favor or against the Ordinance.

President Garnes then called three times for comments against the ordinance with no response. And it was noted there was no one else present in the Administration Lobby.

President Garanes then declared the Public Hearing Closed at 6:08 and Council resumed the regular session

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

### **THIRD 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. Motion and Second to adopt. Roll Call: Unanimous. **ADOPTED.**

**SECOND READINGS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Ordinance 67-20:** Introduced by King: An Ordinance accepting additional funds pursuant to the FY-2020 Community Development Block Grant program known as CV-CDBG in an amount not to exceed \$367,100.00; and declaring an emergency, this program and the funding s to directly prevent, prepare for and respond to Coronavirus Motion and Second to Suspend the rule requiring three readings. Roll Call: Unanimous. Motion and Second to adopt. Roll Call: Unanimous. **ADOPTED.**

**Ordinance 68-20:** Introduced by Grove: An Ordinance making appropriations and transfers of funds in the 2020 appropriations to provide for necessary expenses and adjustments; and declaring an emergency. Motion and Second to Suspend the rule requiring three 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.**

**Ordinance 69-20:** Introduced by Council as a Whole; An Ordinance ratifying a contract between the City of Alliance and the Fraternal Order of Police/Ohio Labor Council Inc. (F.O.P./O.L.C); 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 70-20:** Introduced by Mastroianni: An Ordinance accepting and approving the replat of all of Lot 649 located at the Northwest corner of conca Street and Hedgewood Avenue, in the City of Alliance, County of Stark and State of Ohio. Motion and Second to refer to the Planning Commission. Roll Call: Unanimous. **REFERRED TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION.**

**Ordinance 71-20:** Introduced by Mastroianni: An Ordinance accepting and approving the replat of outlot 1331 located in the 800 block of Front Street, in the City of Alliance, County of Stark and State of Ohio. Motion and Second to refer to the Planning Commission. Roll Call: Unanimous. **REFERRED TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION.**

**Ordinance 72-20:** Introduced by Edwards: An Ordinance authorizing and directing the Director of Public Safety and Service to advertise for bids and to enter into a contract for the purchase of concrete, at a cost not to exceed \$99,000.00; 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. Motion and Second to adopt. Roll Call: Unanimous. **ADOPTED.**

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:**

**Councilman Bugara:** Wished everyone to be healthy and save.

**Councilwoman Cherry:** Wished everyone be safe and follow Health Department and CDC Mandates regarding COVID-19. This isn't over.

**Councilman Edwards:** Asked the Mayor if there is any information on holding Trick or Treat at this point. Mayor stated it is too early to determine but if it is held it will be October 31 from 5-7 and turn on porch light to participate. This could however change as the pandemic situation changes,

**Councilman Grove:** Nothing to add.

**Councilwoman King:** Wished everyone be safe.

**Councilman Lohnes:** Noted new business in town including Beauty Supply business on State Street and Mi Casa Express on East State Street. Noted Pauli Electric is in a new updated location as well. Noted the Schools have been back in for a couple weeks and all appears to be going smoothly so thanks to the School officials and parents for that effort and success.

**Councilman Mastroianni:** Thanked Councilman Lohnes for the business update and wished everyone health and safety.

**President Garnes:** Wished everyone to be healthy and save.

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 6:23 PM.

**SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN:**

<b>Ordinance 47-20</b>	<b>ADOPTED</b>
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**ARTHUR GARNES,  
COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

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**GERARD T. YOST  
COUNCIL CLERK**