

**MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 17, 2018
REGULAR MEETING OF THE ALLIANCE CITY COUNCIL**

The meeting was called to order by President Garnes at 7:00 P.M. Councilwoman Cherry 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 September 4, 2018 Regular Council Meeting were distributed electronically to all members prior to the meeting. Noting no additions, deletions or corrections offered by Council Members. Minutes were received and filed.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Notice from Ohio Division of Liquor Control RE: Transfer for Jim's Carryout
2. Notice of the October 5, 2018 Water and Sewer Advisory Board Meeting
3. Memorandum from Mayor Andreani RE: Executive session of Council
4. Memorandum from Lori Spall RE: Resignation from the Downtown Special Events Commission
5. Memorandum from Mayor Andreani RE: Receipts collected in August 2018
6. Agenda for the September 18, 2018 Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting
7. Minutes of the July 17, 2018 Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting
8. Minutes of the September 4, 2018 Claims Board 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: Announced that the Keep Ohio Beautiful Organization will conduct a project at the old Stanton School location sometime this fall. They will work with community organizations including the Regula Center at Mount Union. No date has officially been set at this time.

Announced the Veterans Council will again sponsor the POW-MIA day on September 23rd at 3:00 in Freedom Plaza.

Safety Service Director Dreger: Gave Council a summary of the Neighborhood Initiative Program and showed where Alliance is in the program compared to the other Stark County Communities.

Reviewed the Trash Regulation modifications that were passed and stated that a hauler has been obtained to handle the unacceptable items left at the curb such as mattresses and upholstered furniture and are currently working out the details of switching to back yard service for those that don't remove the cans from the curb lawn.

Announced that the paving contractor has begun concrete repair work in preparation to pave.

Reviewed Ordinance 66-18 and asked for passage of the Ordinance tonight to expedite the application process.

Assistant Law Director Morris: No formal report.

Auditor Knowles: Announced the annual State Audit was released today and posted on the City Web site. There are no citations or findings.

Reviewed Ordinance 65-18 and stated passage tonight is not necessary and there may be some more changes to the final form.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Properties and Lands: Cherry: Stated that she has been getting calls about the trash regulation modifications and sees a problem with trash accumulation related to landlords. Particularly there is a problem with evictions and items piled in the curb lawn and not removed for weeks. There have been reports of infestations of bugs and soon it will turn into rodents.

Safety & Judiciary: Dordea: No formal report

Utilities: Edwards: Announced the quarterly Water and Sewer Advisory Board meeting will be October 5, 2018 at 10:00 AM in the City Administration Building 2nd floor conference room.

Finance: Grove: Reviewed the Year to Date expenses and revenue. Reported that the Year to Date revenue is slightly ahead of projections and last year's totals. Revenue appears to be trending well. Expenses are slightly under budgeted levels for year to date totals. We still appear to be in "Deficit Spending" due to the 2018 budget being a projected deficit spending budget but we are trending slightly ahead of projected levels and Department Heads are doing a good job of limiting spending.

The State Auditor's Office staff held a review meeting last Friday with the Mayor, Safety Service Director, Auditor and Finance Committee Chairman. State Auditor's Office staff was pleased with the financial reports and progress under the fiscal recovery plan.

Councilman Dordea questioned if everything is "better" or if these kinds of statements give the public "false hope" and hinder our ability to ask for new or different revenue sources when needed. Auditor Knowles and Chairman Grove responded what the numbers really mean when compared with projections and stated the problem is not "solved" but is trending in a way toward solving it in the long run.

Councilwoman Cherry commended Chairman Grove for the in depth analysis of the financial situation and stated that the budget hasn't been approached this comprehensively in a long time.

Community Development: King: No formal report

Streets & Alley: Rhome: No formal report.

Planning Zoning and Housing: Simeone: Asked for passage of Ordinance 59-18 tonight.

PUBLIC SPEAKS: None.

ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION:

Councilwoman Cherry: Stated that she is glad that the Neighborhood Initiative Program was successful at removing blight from our neighborhoods but stated that we now need a concentrated effort at removing the eyesores in our neighborhoods. She believes that we need a task force from the building department, code enforcement and the health department to attack the problem.

Councilman Dordea: Stated that he wasn't at the last meeting due to work obligations but did see from the minutes that there was an executive session and asked the clerk what the subject of the executive session was. Clerk Yost responded that it was to discuss pending litigation with the City Attorney. Councilman Dordea stated that he was aware of that but wanted to know the specific topic and discussion. Clerk Yost responded that Executive session discussions are confidential and that he could not disclose any more information to Councilman Dordea in an open council meeting suggesting that the Councilman discuss it directly with the Law Director. Mr. Dordea stated that he had intended to but Ms. Arnold is not present tonight.

Mr. Dordea then went on to state that if the executive session were to discuss the various lawsuits involving Mr. Okey that he believes it is a bad decision to continue to address these matters and expressed dissatisfaction at the handling of the matters to date. Mr. Garnes stopped Mr. Dordea and stated that he is dangerously close to crossing the line of disclosing executive session discussions or attempting to circumvent the executive session sanctity.

Councilman Edwards: Nothing to discuss or report.

Councilman Grove: Nothing to discuss or report.

Councilwoman King: Stated that she agrees with Ms. Cherry about removing the neighborhood eyesores and also has a big problem with indoor furniture such as sofas and upholstered chairs sitting outside on front porches and in the yards of homes. She further expressed that this is a health hazard as well as a fire hazard and wants to work with the Fire Chief and Law Director to form some legislation to address the problem.

Councilman Rhome: Nothing to discuss or report.

Councilman Simeone: Nothing to discuss or report.

THIRD READINGS:

Ordinance 59-18: Introduced by Simeone: An Ordinance amending Alliance Codified Ordinance section 765 Solicitors. Motion and Second to Adopt. Voice Vote: Unanimous. **ADOPTED.**

SECOND READINGS:

Ordinance 62-18: Introduced by Simeone: An Ordinance accepting and approving the replat of all of OL 657 and part of OL 587 located in the 1900 block of West Main Street in the City of Alliance, County of Stark and State of Ohio. **NO FORMAL ACTION.**

Ordinance 63-18: Introduced by Simeone: An Ordinance accepting and approving the replat of Lots 12466 and 12467 located at 1048 Glenwood Drive in the City of Alliance, County of Stark and State of Ohio. **NO FORMAL ACTION.**

Ordinance 64-18: Introduced by Simeone and Rhome: An Ordinance vacating part of an unnamed 17.4' alley, bounded on the North by OL 332 & 333, Bounded on the South by lots 8185, 8186, 8187, 8188, & 8189, Allen Street, and lots 8190 & 8191, Bounded on the East by an unnamed 17.4' alley, and bounded on the West by an unnamed 17.4' alley; vacating part of Allen Drive bounded on the North by an unnamed 17.4' alley, bounded on the South by West Harrison Street, bounded on the East by lot 8190, and bounded on the West by lot 8189; and accepting and approving the replat of part of OL 332 & 333, all of lots 8185, 8186, 8187, 8188, 8189, 8990 & 8991 a vacated part of an unnamed 17.4' alley and a vacated part of Allen Drive, located in the 800 block of West Harrison Street in the City of Alliance, County of Stark and State of Ohio. **NO FORMAL ACTION.**

Ordinance 65-18: Introduced by Grove: An Ordinance making appropriations and transfers of funds in the 2018 appropriations to provide for necessary expenses and adjustments; and declaring an emergency. Motion and Second to amend to include the new Exhibit "A". Voice Vote: Unanimous. **AMENDED - NO FURTHER FORMAL ACTION.**

Ordinance 66-18: Introduced by Rhome: An Ordinance authorizing and directing the Director of Public Safety and Service to prepare and submit applications 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 a grant for the purpose of construction of decorative street lighting and sidewalk repair along the Union Avenue corridor (College Street to Columbia Street) 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.**

NEW BUSINESS:

Ordinance 67-18: Introduced by Simeone: An Ordinance to amend the Zoning Map of the City of Alliance by rezoning lot 11857 from single family residential district (R-1) to multiple family residential district (R-2) under the Alliance City Zoning Ordinance. Motion and Second to refer to the Planning Commission. Voice Vote: Unanimous. **REFERRED TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION.**

OLD BUSINESS:

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. **NO FORMAL ACTON.**

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. **NO FORMAL ACTON.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion and Second to enter executive session for the purpose of preparing for, conducting, or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment pursuant to O.R.C. 121.22(G)(4).and including the Council members, Council Clerk, Mayor, Assistant Law Director, Auditor, and Safety Service Director. Roll Call Vote: Unanimous. Council entered executive session at 7:47 PM.

Council re-entered regular session at 8:30 PM

ADJOURNMENT: Noting no further business to come before this Council, President Garnes adjourned the meeting at 8:30 PM

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN:

Ordinance 52-18	NO FORMAL ACTON
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Ordinance 59-18	ADOPTED
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Ordinance 65-18	SECOND READING - AMENDED
Ordinance 66-18	ADOPTED
Ordinance 67-18	REFERRED TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION

**ARTHUR GARNES,
COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

**GERARD T. YOST
COUNCIL CLERK**