

**MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 21, 2020
REGULAR MEETING OF THE ALLIANCE CITY COUNCIL**

The meeting was called to order by President Garnes at 5:30 P.M. and Councilwoman Cherry 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 (joined remotely at 5:35P.M.) and Phillip Mastroianni (remotely).

Minutes of the September 8, 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. Agenda for the September 21, Finance Committee Meeting
2. Minutes of the March 2, 2020 Finance Committee Meeting
3. Memorandum from Auditor Knowles RE: Municipal Income Tax Recap

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): Noted that Councilman Lohnes is having technical difficulties but is attempting to log on.

Informed Council that the City received \$111,333 in round 3 CARES act money and they are looking at the requirements within the distribution process. It is unclear if the commission will have to reconvene to consider

Stated that the efforts to get response to the Census continue with 9 days left on the canvassing effort. So far 68% have self reported and there are no numbers yet related to the canvassing

Noted that the Veteran banners continue to go up. Now utilizing the new poles on Union Ave. and total is about 225. They will go down Main Street next.

Stated that he is working with the Health Commissioner on the best practices for Halloween

Safety Service Director Dreger: (remotely): Noted that with Fall comes shorter days and colder weather so some projects are coming to a close. The Soccer fields and dog park projects are wrapping up nicely.

Stated that there was a problem with the purchase of Road salt for the coming winter season. Council approved the purchase and the State appears to have lost the electronic Purchase Order. Due to the mild winter last year the City has a large stockpile and is considering using existing supplies as long as it lasts and just buying locally when that is necessary

Stated the Kiosk in front of the Administration building is installed and operational. It went in almost overnight and appeared as if it had always been there.

Councilwoman asked if we had a copy of the Road Salt PO and could reproduce it. Auditor Knowles stated that it is an electronic ordering process and would have to be completely re-

done if possible but there is no retainable / retrievable copy.

Councilman Grove questioned the added cost of buying salt locally if necessary and Director Dreger responded.

Law Director Arnold: No formal report

Auditor Knowles: No formal report, will review some financial information during the later Finance Committee meeting.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Streets & Alley: Bugara: Reported that he is going to set up a Committee meeting to discuss the need for improvements to the intersection of State and Parkway and the continued rehab work on concrete streets.

Properties and Lands: Cherry: Stated that she is pursuing landlords to clean up properties and keep the property registration current. There is a need to clean up properties and curb lawns and also address dumping. Stated there is a severe dumping problem on Oak Street and at Maple Beech Park and it is disgraceful. There is also a dump of a house on Mahoning near Maple Beech Park that really needs cleaned up.

Director Dreger verified that the house on Mahoning near Maple Beech Park is outside the City in Smith Township but that the new owner is being cooperative in cleaning it up.

Utilities: Edwards: No formal report

Motion and Second to recess the regular meeting to enter the Finance Committee Meeting. Roll Call: Unanimous. **MOTION PASSED BY ACCLAMATION OF ALL MEMBERS.**

Finance: Grove: Called the Finance Committee Meeting to order with all members present.

Reviewed the Minutes of the March 2, 2020 Finance Committee Meeting and reviewed the statement of Cash Position. It was noted the loss of revenue due to Covid and reduced income tax and gas tax.

Auditor Knowles reported that the General Fund is down \$682,000 from last year but the carryover has the City remaining in good shape at this point. Income tax has been the biggest loss and is down 5.17%. This is however not as bad as originally estimated at the beginning of the pandemic shut downs.

Councilman Mastroianni asked if the City would have to pay back CARES act money and Auditor explained only if found to have been spent on an unapproved expenditure.

Councilman Lohnes asked if the loss in income tax is due mainly due to shut down time or if it is more permanent due to closures and job losses. Auditor responded

The Finance Committee meeting concluded and Council resumed regular session at 6:09 P.M.

Community Development: King: No formal report

Safety & Judiciary: Lohnes: No formal report

Planning Zoning and Housing: Mastroianni: Reported that the Committee is not ready to proceed with the density level in B-2 areas at this time but that is not an issue because the project that requested the work is not ready to move forward at this time.

Also plan to look at the comprehensive land use plan and see what needs amended on that.

Mayor Andreani stated when the last time the comprehensive land use plan was amended and stated most of the previous objectives have been accomplished so it probably is time to go in depth with it again

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mayor Andreani reported that there were none

THIRD READINGS: None

SECOND READINGS:

Ordinance 70-20: 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 suspend the rule requiring 3 readings. Roll Call: Unanimous. Motion and Second to adopt. Roll Call: Unanimous. **ADOPTED.**

Ordinance 71-20: 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 suspend the rule requiring 3 readings. Roll Call: Unanimous. Motion and Second to adopt. Roll Call: Unanimous. **ADOPTED.**

NEW BUSINESS: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

Councilman Bugara: Stated everyone be healthy and save.

Councilwoman Cherry: God Bless and be well. Please wear your mask as this isn't over.

Councilman Edwards: Asked everyone to stay safe,

Councilman Grove: God Bless, Stay Safe and have hope.

Councilwoman King: Asked who is responsible for the new poles on Union as some were down and globes missing or off. Mayor Andreani stated that the contractor will turn them over to the City once they are approved. Engineer is working on that.

Asked everyone to be safe kind and patient.

Councilman Lohnes: Apologized for the computer difficulties causing him to be late signing

on. Congratulated Blake Hood of AHS for being the Golf Medalist and the Girls Tennis Team for an outstanding season.

Councilman Mastroianni: Asked everyone to get out and enjoy the beautiful fall weather.

President Garnes: Wished everyone be safe and kind to others.

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 6:19 PM.

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN:

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**ARTHUR GARNES,
COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

**GERARD T. YOST
COUNCIL CLERK**