

**MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 5, 2020
REGULAR MEETING OF THE ALLIANCE CITY COUNCIL**

The meeting was called to order by President Garnes at 5:30 P.M. and Councilman Edwards then gave the invocation and led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Kris Bugara (remotely), Sheila Cherry (remotely), James Edwards (remotely), Cindy King (joined remotely at 5:43), Edward Lohnes (remotely) and Phillip Mastroianni (remotely).

Motion and Second to record excuse Councilman Grove for health reasons. Roll Call: Unanimous. **MOTION PASSED BY ACCLAMATION OF ALL MEMBERS.**

Minutes of the September 21, 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. Minutes of the September 21, Finance Committee Meeting
2. Memorandum from Auditor Knowles RE: Municipal Income Tax Recap
3. Memorandum from Auditor Knowles RE: Updated 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 the Corona Virus numbers have increased significantly and at a higher than normal rate in the last week. The City experienced 17 new cases in one week which is the highest single week increase since the pandemic began. There has been a cluster outbreak and urged everyone to stay vigilant in efforts with masks and distancing.

Stated that City wide trick or treat is scheduled for October 31 from 5 to 7 with residents turning on their porch light to participate. Citizens should watch media and the City web site for possible changes if warranted. It could be postponed if necessary and the City will follow the CDC Guidance.

Stated that the efforts to get response to the Census continues with the door to door canvassing effort extended through the end of October.

Councilman Lohnes questioned if the 17 new Corona virus cases are symptomatic or just positive random tests. Mayor stated that they are symptomatic.

Safety Service Director Dreger: (remotely): Updated the status of the paving with pavement all down and striping is partially done. Adjustments to the manholes are currently being completed. City in-house work on Cambridge between Bonneview and Fernwood is near completion.

Stated all Commercial Building Inspection work has now been entirely transferred to the County pursuant to the contract. Residential is still being done in-house with our new inspector close to being certified to handle them.

Councilman Lohnes questioned if Rockhill near Parkway Elementary School is on the list of concrete streets for the city crews to rehab. Director Dreger stated that this section is being looked at but there is more extensive rehab work needed there and it is more than City crews have been doing on other concrete streets. It is under consideration for repairs.

Law Director Arnold: Informed Council that she taped a video for the Domestic Violence collaborative for Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Auditor Knowles: Reviewed the Municipal Income Tax figures and stated that collection is still down about 7% from last year. Stated that it started picking back up in August but as leveled off a little in September and is still down.

Stated that Councilwoman King is having technical difficulties but trying to log in to the meeting.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Streets & Alley: Bugara: No formal report.

Properties and Lands: Cherry: Noted that it was good to get some National News coverage with a presidential candidate stopping in town. Stated that the “Get Out the Vote” campaign had a lot of success registering voters in Alliance but has moved on to other areas where they are needed more.

Utilities: Edwards: No formal report but asked if Water and Sewer Advisory meeting is still on for Friday morning and if a notice needs to be put out. Director Dreger stated that it is, and that a notice will go out soon.

Finance: Grove: Absent. No Report.

Community Development: King: No formal report but stated that there will be a meeting to discuss CDBG Funds on October 9, 2020 at 2:30 PM

Safety & Judiciary: Lohnes: No formal report

Planning Zoning and Housing: Mastroianni: No formal report

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mayor Andreani reported that there were none

THIRD READINGS: None

SECOND READINGS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

Councilman Bugara: Stated everyone be healthy and safe.

Councilwoman Cherry: Urged everyone to use masks and other protection such as gloves and sanitizer and to observe precautions and be safe and kind..

Councilman Edwards: Asked everyone to stay safe and hopefully we can all meet in person again someday soon

Councilman Grove: Absent.

Councilwoman King: Thanked Councilwoman Cherry for her efforts at Census and Voter Registration

Councilman Lohnes: Wished good luck to the AHS teams headed to tournaments.

Councilman Mastroianni: Informed everyone that on October 21, 2020 there will be free COVID-19 testing at through the Family Health Center at the old Thornes Building on Union from noon to three. Don't need to be symptomatic or have a prescription.

President Garnes: Asked everyone to stay healthy.

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 5:50 PM.

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN:

NONE

**ARTHUR GARNES,
COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

**GERARD T. YOST
COUNCIL CLERK**