

**MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 19, 2020  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE ALLIANCE CITY COUNCIL**

The meeting was called to order by President Garnes at 5:30 P.M. who 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 October 5, 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 October 21, 2020 Parks Board Meeting
2. Notice of 2021 Alliance City Council Meeting dates and City legal holidays
3. Minutes of the June 18, 2020; July 23, 2020; August 12, 2020; and September 17, 2020 Alliance Civil Service Commission Meetings
4. Memorandum from Mayor Andreani RE: Receipts Collected in August of 2020
5. Memorandum from Mayor Andreani RE: Receipts Collected in September of 2020
6. Agenda for the October 20, 2020 Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting

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 been very erratic. We had the highest numbers since the beginning of the pandemic during the first two weeks of October and the lowest number in the past week. Shows that this is very erratic and we need to remain vigilant in our efforts with masks, sanitizing, 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. We will follow the protocols of the Health Department.

Announced that there was a socially distanced opening of the Dog Park. The two primary donors were present. The park will be named the Coastal Pet Burnell Dog park. Will try to do a more formal opening and dedication in the Spring.

Informed Council of the efforts to make the Mum the co-State flower with the Scarlet Carnation and a Resolution the Administration but together opposing that effort and keeping the Scarlet Carnation as the sole State flower. Action is up to Council

Councilman Grove questioned if it is necessary to act on Resolution regarding State Flower. Mayor stated it is up to Council. If passed tonight it will be inspected for typos or it can be done next meeting.

Councilwoman Cherry asked if Historical Society might be able to add more information and maybe that should be included with the resolution. Mayor stated that most information included came from the Historical Society, but more could be included if Council wished.

**Safety Service Director Dreger:** (remotely): Addressed City wide leaf clean up and stated that the process should begin first of November. Public should consult the City Web Site for information on progress and schedule.

Reviewed Ordinances 75-20 and 76-20

Updated Council on the testing at the Water Treatment Plant for disinfectant byproduct levels. New equipment installed has been having an effect.

Councilwoman Cherry questioned money from Ordinance 76-20 could be used for repair of a sewer in 1<sup>st</sup> ward. Director Dreger explained that this is for water customer service line replacement.

Councilman Mastroianni questioned if Ordinance 74-20 would result in adding another employee and Mr. Dreger explained it is the opposite as it would hire Regional Planning to do the work so we don't have to have City employees do it.

**Law Director Arnold:** Asked if the State flower Resolution would be 77-20 and the clerk clarified that is the next number up. Ms. Arnold then addressed potential action on the Resolution. Stated that nothing can be added if it is passed tonight.

**Auditor Knowles:** Reviewed Ordinance 73-20 and Reviewed CARES Act revenue and the use of the funds.

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

**Streets & Alley: Bugara:** No formal report.

**Properties and Lands: Cherry:** Reported she is attempting to get an update from First Energy on the reclaimed property on Patterson and Front Streets. Looking for an update so that we can decide what might be done in that area in the future.

**Utilities: Edwards:** Reviewed the Water and Sewer Advisory meeting held at the Water and Sewer plant to review the recent projects done there. Asked for support and approval of Ordinance 76-21.

**Finance: Grove:** Reviewed the City Cash position and revenues.

**Community Development: King:** Reported that there will be a meeting to discuss CARES Act Funds next month.

**Safety & Judiciary: Lohnes:** Asked for support for Ordinance 75-20.

**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:**

**Resolution 73-20:** Introduced by Grove: A Resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor. Motion and Second to suspend the rule requiring 3 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 74-20:** Introduced by King: An Ordinance authorizing and directing the Director of Public Safety and Service to enter into a contract with the Stark County Regional Planning Commission to provide Housing Rehabilitation technical assistance services to the City of Alliance; and declaring an emergency. Motion and Second to suspend the rule requiring 3 readings. Roll Call: Unanimous. Motion and Second to adopt. Roll Call: Unanimous. **ADOPTED.**

**Ordinance 75-20:** Introduced by Lohnes: An Ordinance authorizing and directing the Director of Public Safety and Service to apply for an Ohio Department of Commerce Multi-agency radio communication system (MARCS) grant for the purpose of funding the purchase of new radio hardware for the Fire Department ; and declaring an emergency. Motion and Second to suspend the rule requiring 3 readings. Roll Call: Unanimous. Motion and Second to adopt. Roll Call: Unanimous. **ADOPTED.**

**Ordinance 76-20:** Introduced by Edwards: An Ordinance authorizing and directing the Director of Public Safety and Service to nominate the City of Alliance for a One Million Dollar (\$1,000,000) loan from the Water Supply Revolving Loan Account (WSRLA) and if accepted, apply for, accept and enter into a Water Supply Revolving Loan Account (WSRLA) Agreement for the purpose of replacing lead service lines; and declaring an emergency. Motion and Second to suspend the rule requiring 3 readings. Roll Call: Unanimous. Motion and Second to adopt. Roll Call: Unanimous. **ADOPTED.**

Questioned if want to address Resolution 77-20 tonight. It was stated that it should be addressed as a first impression at the next meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:**

**Councilman Bugara:** Stated everyone stay healthy.

**Councilwoman Cherry:** Questioned the Trump rally or “Trump Train” that assembled at the old Value City Lot and proceeded through town. The biggest concern is that there was a parade through town with Police assistance and all other parades were cancelled this year without any permits issued. Our City services should not be involved in promoting any political activity. Who is going to pay for it. Also why were the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward targeted with the parade progressing through yelling racial slurs at the public in those neighborhoods. We need to stop the social injustice in the community not provide assistance for it. Very socially unacceptable things were screamed at bystanders and a traffic accident was caused by this activity. Stated that she will be introducing legislation regarding social injustice.

Mayor Andreani stated that the Police were involved just to provide traffic assistance just as has been done in many other “Caravans this year such as the Graduation caravan and similar events

for birthdays or retirements.

**Councilman Edwards:** Thanked Ms. Cherry for her observation of the Trump Train events and stated that he is open to Social injustice legislation.

Reminded everyone to continue wearing face masks and stay healthy

**Councilman Grove:** Stated God Bless everyone and apologized for the technical difficulties tonight.

**Councilwoman King:** Thanked Councilwoman Cherry for her comments regarding the Trump Train and stated her phone rang off the hook regarding this event. The Police may have helped with the route but did not keep the caravan at a reasonable speed. They were way too fast and reckless in their driving. Was very disappointed the Police didn't regulate the speed and the vulgarity of the group better. Stated that she took a video of the caravan passing shouting racial slurs and racially inflaming things at people along the route. This was unacceptable

**Councilman Lohnes:** Stated that he stands with Council members Cherry and King and out citizens being exposed to vulgar racial hatred is unacceptable.

Reminded everyone that early voting is open at the Board of elections.

Reminded everyone to be safe at Halloween.

**Councilman Mastroianni:** Stated that he supports finding out about the Trump Train caravan issues.

Stated that there will be Community Covid-19 screening at the old Thornes lot on October 21st.

**President Garnes:** Stated that we need to teach respect in this day and age. This is lacking and we need to teach respect for our fellow man.

Complimented Jen Arnold on the Domestic Violence video she did for the for the Domestic Violence Project.

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 6:30 PM.

**SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN:**

<b>Resolution 73-20</b>	<b>ADOPTED</b>
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**ARTHUR GARNES,  
COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

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**GERARD T. YOST  
COUNCIL CLERK**