

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

The meeting was called to order by President Garnes at 6:04 P.M. since the Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting ran long and delayed the start of the Council Meeting. President Garnes then 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 January 4, 2021 Regular Council Meeting and the January 14, 2021 Special 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 November 11, 2020 CDBG FY2021 Commission meeting
2. Minutes of the November 13, 2020 CDBG FY2021 Commission meeting
3. Minutes of the November 13, 2020 CV CDBG Commission meeting
4. Notice of the January 20, 2021 Parks Board Meeting
5. Notice of City Board of Control Meetings in the year 2021
6. Finance Committee Chairman's Report of Fiscal Year 2020
7. 2020 City of Alliance Income Tax Summary Report
8. Memorandum from Mayor Andreani RE: Annual Report to the legislative body
9. Memorandum from Mayor Andreani RE: Receipts collected in December 2020
10. Agenda for the January 19, 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): Reviewed the annual report to the Legislative Body which included:

- Numbers of infections and deaths related to the COVID 19 pandemic
- CARES Act funding to the City
- Commendation to the Health Department for hard work during the pandemic
- Fiscal situation of the City – Revenue is down 7%
- Completion of Union Ave Corridor of the Iron Horse Trail
- Demo at Crest Rubber with site ready for Circle K build
- T&W Forge Demo with site ready for Soccer field park
- LED lighting at city buildings due to NOPEC grant
- Electric Vehicle charging stations due to NOPEC grant
- Veteran Banner program success
- Progress on Dog park and Soccer park
- Capital Improvement grant for the parks

Reviewed Ordinance 4-21 and asked for action tonight. Outlined the time frame for Ordinance 86-20

Stated that the Vaccine clinics for COVID-19 vaccines will start on January 20, 2020 for class 1B

Discussed a rewards program from Crime Stoppers as it relates to situations such as the Johnson Family vandalism situation that arose last week. When the family offered to set up a foundation and offer a reward, Greg Hawk of the Stark County Crime Stoppers offered to meet with Council and offer information on how their organization may assist in funding these situations. Offered to meet with Council to provide information. Councilwoman Cherry thanked the Mayor for his efforts and the Crime Stoppers Organization for assistance but noted the family is also setting up a foundation for community education and organization. However is open to any information or presentation offered by Crime Stoppers. – Mayor will set up a presentation to Council.

**Safety Service Director Dreger:** (remotely): Informed Council that the Traffic Study information is complete for the Left Turn Lane on West State Street at Parkway and he will forward that information to Chairman Bugara for further review.

Reviewed Ordinances 3-21; 5-21; 6-21; and 7-21.

Councilman Mastroianni asked the life expectancy of a fire truck as the Department is seeking funding for a replacement. Director Dreger explained that the apparatus (such as the ladder on a ladder truck) is the bigger problem but explained the expectations on the life expectancy of a fire truck.

**Law Director Arnold:** No formal Report but available for questions. No questions for Law Director

**Auditor Knowles:** Reviewed the 2020 Income Tax Report. Stated that the tax collection is down \$725,000.00

Noted that the budget is in the black due to COVID-19 CARES Act money. Reviewed how the CARES Act money was distributed and how it supplemented the 2020 budget to keep the City in the Black for the year.

Reviewed CARES Act funding and spending and how it affected the General Fund balances.

Discussed the proposed sewer fund rate increases with no water increases.

Councilman Mastroianni asked if the reduced Income Tax Collection in December 2020 is a trend we need to be concerned about or just an result of temporary COVID situations. Auditor Knowles explained

Councilman Lohnes questioned if there might be more increased COVID funding for local governments with the new administration. Auditor explained that nothing is set to go forward at this time.

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

**Streets & Alley: Bugara:** No Formal Report but stated that he will review the left turn lane info for parkway and State Street and determine a course of action.

**Properties and Lands: Cherry:** Will have Law Director review the proposed Social Injustice Proclamation that she has put together.

**Utilities: Edwards:** Asking for support on Ordinance 5-21.

**Finance: Grove:** Reviewed the year end statement of cash position for the City. Discussed the Mayors fiscal recovery plan for fiscal watch and how the city has benefitted and is improving.

**Community Development: King:** Stated that there is a meeting scheduled for January 22, 2021 at 3:00 PM to discuss CDBG Funding and distribution. They will be working on annual planning.

**Safety & Judiciary: Lohnes:** No formal report.

**Planning Zoning and Housing: Mastroianni:** No Formal Report but noted the need to abstain from Ordinance 2-21 due to a conflict of interest.

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

**THIRD READINGS:** None

**SECOND READINGS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Ordinance 2-21:** Introduced by Edwards: An Ordinance accepting and approving the replat of all of outlot 671 and part of outlot 218 located at 653 South Union Avenue in the City of Alliance, County of Stark and State of Ohio. Motion and Second to excuse Councilman Mastroianni due to a conflict of interest. Roll Call: Unanimous. Motion and Second to refer to the Planning Commission. Roll Call: Unanimous. **REFERRED TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION.**

**Ordinance 3-21:** Introduced by Council as a Whole: An Ordinance ratifying a contract between the City of Alliance and Local 2233 Alliance Street Department Employees and the Ohio Council 8 American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees Union AFL-CIO; 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 4-21:** Introduced by Council as a Whole: An Ordinance approving certain payments to the Marlinton Local School District and the execution and delivery of a compensation agreement with the Marlinton Local School District to memorialize such payments. Motion and Second to suspend the rule requiring 3 readings. Roll Call: Unanimous. Motion and Second to adopt. Roll Call: Unanimous. **ADOPTED.**

**Ordinance 5-21:** Introduced by Edwards: An Ordinance amending the Sanitary Sewer charges contained in Ordinance 34-04 as amended by Ordinances 172-04, 105-08, 107-11, 76-14, and 5-20 and the Alliance Codified Ordinances section 911.931; 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 6-21:** Introduced by Council as a Whole: An Ordinance authorizing and directing the Director of Public Safety and Service to apply for a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Assistance for Firefighters Grant (AFG) in the amount of \$618,818.18 for the purpose of purchasing a new ladder truck, 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 7-21:** Introduced by Council as a Whole: An Ordinance authorizing and directing the Director of Public Safety and Service to apply for a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Assistance for Firefighters Grant (AFG) in the amount of \$45,978.18 for the purpose of purchasing firefighting and rescue equipment, 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.**

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Ordinance 80-20:** Introduced by Bugara: An Ordinance vacating all of a twenty (20) foot alley bounded on the North by Prospect Street; bounded on the South by part of a twenty (20) foot alley; bounded on the East by lot 505; and bounded on the West by lot 13102 in the City of Alliance, County of Stark and State of Ohio. **NO FORMAL ACTION.**

**Ordinance 81-20:** Introduced by Bugara: An Ordinance vacating all of a twenty (20) foot alley bounded on the North by Norfolk Southern Railroad; bounded on the South by Prospect Street; bounded on the East by part of lot 482; and bounded on the West by lot 2094 in the City of Alliance, County of Stark and State of Ohio. Motion and Second to set a Public Hearing for December 21, 2020 at 6:00 PM. Roll Call: **NO FORMAL ACTION.**

**Ordinance 82-20:** Introduced by Bugara: An Ordinance vacating all of a twenty (20) foot alley bounded on the North by a twenty (20) foot alley; bounded on the South by lot 11829; bounded on the East by part of lot 231; and bounded on the West by lot 221 in the City of Alliance, County of Stark and State of Ohio. **NO FORMAL ACTION.**

**Ordinance 86-20:** Introduced by Council as a Whole: An Ordinance declaring the improvement to certain parcels of real property in the City to be a public purpose and exempt from taxation; providing for the collection and deposit of service payments and specifying the purpose for which those service payments may be expended; and authorizing compensation payments to the Marlinton Local School District. **NO FORMAL ACTION.**

#### **MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:**

**Safety Service Director Dreger:** Noted that Police Captain Jenkins is on this meeting in case anyone had any questions regarding the Racial Vandalism Case discussed last week. He will be happy to answer as best as he can on an open investigation. Thanked Captain Jenkins for attending. There were no questions but Councilwoman Cherry thanked him for his efforts.

**Councilman Bugara:** Wished everyone stay healthy and warm and hoped for a smooth transition of power with the new President being sworn in hopefully without incident or rioting.

**Councilwoman Cherry:** May God bless everyone and reminded everyone to be safe and be kind to one another.

**Councilman Edwards:** Reminded everyone that we need to take care of one another.

**Councilman Grove:** Looking forward to COVID vaccines so things can begin to get back to a state of normal.

**Councilwoman King:** Reminded everyone to be safe and wear your mask. It is now a way of life. Noted how sad at the number of deaths we have seen. Hoping for a peaceful and safe inauguration day

**Councilman Lohnes:** Thanked Auditor Knowles and Councilman Grove for the hard work on the City finances keeping things in line in this difficult year.

**Councilman Mastroianni:** Be safe, be kind and respect each other.

**President Garnes:** Reminded everyone to do something nice for your friends and neighbors.

**Mayor Andreani:** Commended Helen Miller who was taking the calls for vaccine registration at the Senior Center. That will be transferring over to a call company very soon for effectiveness with many different formats. Also thanked everyone for the thoughts and prayers for his family over the past several weeks.

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 6:52 PM.

**SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN:**

<b>Ordinance 80-20</b>	<b>NO FORMAL ACTION</b>
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<b>Ordinance 86-20</b>	<b>NO FORMAL ACTION</b>
<b>Ordinance 2-21</b>	<b>REFERRED TO PLANNING COMMISSION</b>
<b>Ordinance 3-21</b>	<b>ADOPTED</b>
<b>Ordinance 4-21</b>	<b>ADOPTED</b>
<b>Ordinance 5-21</b>	<b>ADOPTED</b>
<b>Ordinance 6-21</b>	<b>ADOPTED</b>
<b>Ordinance 7-21</b>	<b>ADOPTED</b>

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**ARTHUR GARNES,  
COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

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**GERARD T. YOST  
COUNCIL CLERK**