

**MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 3, 2022
REGULAR MEETING OF THE ALLIANCE CITY COUNCIL**

The meeting was called to order by President Garnes at 6:00 P.M. President Garnes gave the invocation and led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Kris Bugara, Sheila Cherry, James Edwards, Cindy King, Edward Lohnes, Jack Madison, and Phillip Mastroianni present.

APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY CLERK: President Garnes appointed Gerard Yost to act as temporary clerk

APPOINTMENT OF CLERK: President Garnes informed Council that he received only one letter of interest for the Clerk's position. That letter was from Gerard Yost expressing a desire to continue as Council Clerk. President Garnes then called the roll for appointment of Mr. Yost. Roll Call Unanimous. **GERARD YOST APPOINTED COUNCIL CLERK.**

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT PRO-TEM: President Garnes asked for nominations for President Pro-Tem of City Council. Councilman was nominated. President Garnes then called the roll for election of President Pro-Tem. Roll Call Unanimous. **COUNCILMAN LOHNES APPOINTED PRESIDENT PRO-TEM.**

ADOPTION OF RULES: President Garnes noted that the latest version of the Council rules have been working without problems noting only that we are not currently meeting at the regular site set out in the rules due to Covid. He recommended adopting the existing rules. There was a brief discussion regarding the possibility of making the Senior Center the formal site of meetings. The Mayor suggested that be tabled and further addressed at a later date. Motion and second to adopt Rules of Council in effect for the last session of City Council: Roll Call Unanimous. **MOTION PASSED BY ACCLAMATION OF ALL MEMBERS.**

President Garnes noted two letters of interest to be re-appointed to the Water and Sewer Advisory Board. One letter was from David Dreger and one from Mark Locke with no other known interest expressed by anyone seeking appointment to the Board. Motion and Second to appoint David Dreger and Mark Locke to the Water and Sewer Advisory Board. Roll Call Unanimous. **MOTION PASSED BY ACCLAMATION OF ALL MEMBERS.**

COUNCIL COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS: Motion and second to approve the following committee assignments: **Streets and Alleys:** Jim Edwards, Sheila Cherry, and Kris Bugara (Chairman); **Property and Lands:** Cindy King, Edward Lohnes and Shelia Cherry (Chairman); **Utilities:** Kris Bugara, Phillip Mastroianni, and Jim Edwards (Chairman); **Finance:** Jack Madison, Kris Bugara and Edward Lohnes (Chairman); **Community Development:** Sheila Cherry, Phillip Mastroianni, and Cindy King (Chairman); **Planning, Zoning, and Housing:** Jack Madison, Jim Edwards and Phillip Mastroianni (Chairman); **Safety and Judiciary:** Cindy King, Edward Lohnes, and Jack Madison (Chairman). Roll Call Unanimous. **MOTION PASSED BY ACCLAMATION OF ALL MEMBERS.**

Minutes of the December 20, 2021 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 as presented. Roll Call Unanimous. **MOTION PASSED BY ACCLAMATION OF ALL MEMBERS.**

Minutes of the December 29, 2021 Special 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 as presented. Roll Call Unanimous. **MOTION PASSED BY ACCLAMATION OF ALL MEMBERS.**

MEMBERS.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Memorandum From Mayor Andreani RE: Receipts collected in the month of September 2021.
2. Memorandum From Mayor Andreani RE: Receipts collected in the month of October 2021.
3. Memorandum From Mayor Andreani RE: Receipts collected in the month of November 2021.
4. Memorandum from Mayor Andreani RE: Board and Commission Appointments
5. Letter from Liquor Control RE: Permit application for Get Go on West State Street
6. Memorandum from Mayor Andreani RE: Annual report to City Council

Motion and second to receive and file all communications tendered to the Clerk. Roll Call Unanimous.
MOTION PASSED BY ACCLAMATION OF ALL MEMBERS.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Mayor Andreani: Reviewed his annual report to City Council pursuant to Alliance Codified Ordinance 733.41

Reviewed the numbers on the Covid pandemic. The Mayor also noted that there has been no new data reported since December 23, 2021. There were 2364 cases in 2021 which is double the number in 2020 and 15 deaths. Stated that the City will again be closing the in person windows for the Water Billing office, Engineer's office, and Income tax office. The City will return to the drop box system that was in place due to the high number of covid cases and the effect on the city offices.

Reported that the Health Department will conduct a vaccine booster clinic on Wednesday January 5, 2022 from 9 to 11 AM. Residents should call for an appointment

Noted and reviewed his appointments and re-appointments to various boards and commissions and asked council to confirm the appointments.

Motion and Second to confirm the Mayor's appointments to the various Boards and Commissions including Tiffany Gravlee and Lori Kumler to the Green Commission; Dalton Kline and Thomas Sabatini to the Historic Preservation Commission; Mike Griner and Kathryn Miller to the Shade Tree Commission; Eddie Williams to the Board of Zoning Appeals; Tonya Martin Burley RNC to the Health Board; Kim Henderson, Matt Pauli, and Joe Laure III to the Property Maintenance Code Board of Appeals; and Christopher Hunt, Sue Goris, and Dave Mannion to the Greater Alliance Development Corporation Board. Roll Call Unanimous. **MOTION PASSED BY ACCLAMATION OF ALL MEMBERS.**

Noted that there is no action necessary on the pending old business.

Safety Service Director Dreger: Noted the part time City Engineer has been appointed and is working on next year's paving as a priority.

Informed Council that there should be an ordinance to modify sewer rates coming at the next meeting.

Addressed the mandatory vaccine regulations that are set to start. The City would fall under the OSHA

guidelines and we have no testing system in place for those not vaccinated. This also includes individuals not able to be vaccinated medically so there is a lot to work through and it is pending at the Supreme Court so the City is paying attention so that we know how to proceed.

Law Director Arnold: No Report

Auditor Knowles: Working on the 2021 year-end numbers for a final report for next meeting.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Streets and Alleys; Bugara: No formal report.

Properties and Lands; Cherry: No formal report.

Utilities; Edwards: No formal report.

Community Development; King: No formal report.

Finance; Lohnes: No formal report.

Safety and Judiciary; Madison: Noted the Liquor permit application for Get Go and noted no need to object.

Motion and second to waive hearing on the liquor permit application for Get Go. Roll Call Unanimous.
MOTION PASSED BY ACCLAMATION OF ALL MEMBERS.

Planning, Zoning, & Housing; Mastroianni: No formal.

Public Speaks: None

THIRD READINGS: None

SECOND READINGS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Ordinance 1-22: Introduced by Councilman Edwards: An Ordinance authorizing and directing the Director of Public Safety and Service to advertise for bids and enter into a contract for the removal of biosolids from the Wastewater treatment plant during 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$150,000 and appropriating the necessary funds; and declaring an emergency. 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. Voice Vote: Unanimous. **ADOPTED.**

Proclamation: Introduced by Council as a Whole and the Administration: A Proclamation expressing to Andrew Grove the sincere appreciation of this Council, the Administration, and the Citizens of Alliance for his dedicated four years of service as a member of the Alliance City Council. Motion and Second to adopt. Voice Vote: 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. **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.**

Ordinance 86-21: Introduced by Council as a Whole: An Ordinance affirming the conditions as set forth in Ordinance 37-20; and declaring an emergency. **NO FORMAL ACTION.**

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

Councilman Bugara: Nothing to add.

Councilwoman Cherry: Nothing to add.

Councilman Edwards: Welcomed Jack Madison to City Council and looking forward to working with him.

Councilwoman King: Noted a naked woman on the windows of Jupiter studio causing a community up roar. Stated that she informed the citizens she believed it was “art” and there was nothing that could be done but wanted to bring the issue to the attention of Council. Mayor Andreani stated the administration has fielded a number of similar complaints and agrees with the assessment of it being “art” and very little recourse available.

Councilman Lohnes: Wished everyone a happy and safe new year.

Councilman Madison: Stated that everyone should stay safe in these times and stated that he is excited to get started on Council serving the Citizens of Alliance.

Councilman Mastroianni: Nothing to add.

President Garnes: Looking to working with this City Council in the upcoming term.

ADJOURNMENT: Noting no further business to come before this Council, President Garnes adjourned the meeting at 6:40 P.M..

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN:

Ordinance 80-20	NO FORMAL ACTION
Ordinance 81-20	NO FORMAL ACTION
Ordinance 82-20	NO FORMAL ACTION
Ordinance 86-20	NO FORMAL ACTION
Ordinance 86-21	NO FORMAL ACTION
Ordinance 1-20	ADOPTED
Proclamation	ADOPTED

**ARTHUR GARNES,
COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

**GERARD T. YOST,
COUNCIL CLERK**