

**MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 3, 2023
REGULAR MEETING OF THE ALLIANCE CITY COUNCIL**

The meeting was called to order by President Garnes at 6:00 P.M. Councilman Bugara then 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.

Minutes of the December 19, 2022 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.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Agenda for the January 18, 2023 Planning Commission Meeting.
2. Minutes for the October 19, 2022 Planning Commission Meeting.
3. Memorandum from Auditor Knowles RE: December Municipal Income Tax Recapitulation.

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: Mayor Andreani distributed his annual report to City Council and highlighted a number of items for Council:

Reviewed the Covid numbers for the year and compared them to the previous years

Noted the office modifications and meeting modifications that occurred and stated that activities and special events have resumed

Reviewed the receipt of ARPA money and ways that it has been and is being applied.

Noted Alliance's selection as a finalist in the "All American City" competition.

Reviewed the City's Fiscal watch status and noted the need to renew the park levy

Stated that the Mall demolition is under way to make way for the new Meijer store

Reviewed the \$250,000 grant that the park got that resulted in the garage renovation and the new lodge. Stated that there is a second grant that is being used to renovate and improve and expand the skate park facilities.

Noted the completion of the City portion of the Iron Horse trail and stated that Stark Parks is still working on development of segments to City parks.

Informed Council of the formation of the Region 6 Opioid Committee and the Mayor's membership to that board to review and determine expenditure of the funds received

Stated that this year's NOPEC grant was for improvement of the HVAC units at the Courthouse which is a vast improvement over the old system.

Columbia Gas is continuing the replacement of lines and mains through the City

Reviewed the progress on the Lead Water line replacement project

Noted the work at repairing and improving the Martin Luther King Jr. viaduct and the expanded work of the committee and improving the whole downtown area.

Safety Service Director Dreger: Noted the need for a Water and Sewer Advisory Board meeting to discuss rates.

Reviewed Ordinance 003-23 and apologized for the lateness.

Noted the First Friday events coming up this weekend downtown

Law Director Weyer: Updated Council on the efforts of putting the park levy renewal on the spring ballot. Informed Council that Ordinance 089-22 will need amended before passage as there are some additional language changes set out by the Auditor due to the changes in the law.

Auditor Knowles: Reviewed the Income tax recapitulation and explained Ordinance 002-23.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Streets and Alleys: Bugara: No formal report.

Properties and Lands: Cherry: No formal report however thanked the street department for efficient and quick response to a culvert repair.

Utilities: Edwards: No formal report.

Community Development: King: No formal report.

Finance: Lohnes: No formal report.

Safety and Judiciary: Madison: No formal report.

Planning Zoning and Housing: Mastroianni: Noted the Public Hearing on Ordinance 062-82 coming up at 6:25.

Public Speaks: None

THIRD READINGS: READINGS: None

SECOND READINGS:

Resolution 089-22: Introduced by Council as a Whole: A Resolution certifying to the Board of Elections the issue of a 3 Mill renewal tax levy for parks and recreation purposes pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.19(H) for a period of five years to be voted upon by the electors of the City of Alliance; and declaring an emergency. **NO FORMAL ACTION.**

NEW BUSINESS:

Ordinance 001-23: Introduced by Mastroianni: An Ordinance accepting and approving the replat of lots 12875, 11658, 11659, 11660 and 11661 located at 975 Commonwealth Avenue, in the City of Alliance, County of Stark, and State of Ohio. Motion and Second to refer to the Planning Commission. Roll Call Vote: Unanimous. **REFERRED TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION.**

Ordinance 002-23: Introduced by Lohnes: An Ordinance making appropriations and transfers of funds in the 2022 appropriations to provide for necessary expenses and adjustments; and declaring an emergency. Motion and Second to suspend the rule requiring Finance Committee review. Roll Call Vote: Unanimous. Motion and Second to suspend the rule requiring three readings. Roll Call Vote: Unanimous. Motion and Second to adopt. Roll Call Vote: Unanimous. **ADOPTED.**

Ordinance No. 003-23: Introduced by: Cherry: An Ordinance appropriating funds and authorizing and directing the Director of Public Safety and Service to advertise for bids and enter into contract(s) with a roofing contractor for the purpose of replacing the roof on the Alliance Senior Center, and renovating the cupola, but at a cost not to exceed \$110,000.00; and declaring an emergency. Motion and Second to suspend the rule requiring Finance Committee review. Roll Call Vote: Unanimous. Motion and Second to suspend the rule requiring three readings. Roll Call Vote: Unanimous. **NO FURTHER ACTION.**

PUBLIC HEARING: Public Hearing was called at 6:25 regarding Ordinance 062-22. Clerk Yost read the notice of public Hearing and then President Garnes called three times for anyone wishing to speak in favor of Ordinance 062-22 with no response. President Garnes then called three times for anyone wishing to speak against Ordinance 062-22 with no response. Seeing no one wishing to speak in favor of or against Ordinance 062-22, President Garnes declared the public hearing closed and resumed the regular City Council Meeting at 6:26 pm.

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 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 S86-21: 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.**

Ordinance 062-22: Introduced by Mastroianni: An Ordinance vacating part of Miller Avenue, bounded on the North and South by Miller Avenue, bounded on the West by lot 6838, part of lot 6837 & part of out lot 290, and bounded on the East by lot 6839, part of lot 6840 & part of out lot 290; accepting and approving the replat of all of lots 6838 & 6839, part of lots 6837 & 6840, part of out lot 290 and a vacated part of Miller Avenue, located at 191 Maplewood Drive, in the City of Alliance, County of Stark, and State of Ohio. Motion and Second to remove from the table. Roll Call Vote: Unanimous. Motion and Second to Adopt. Roll Call Vote: Unanimous. **ADOPTED.**

Ordinance 071-22: Introduced by Madison: An Ordinance to enact Section 1501.15 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Alliance authorizing the Fire Chief to establish fire lanes on public and private property, prohibiting the obstruction of a fire lane or the parking of a vehicle in a fire lane, and providing for the removal of obstructions and the removal and impoundment of parked vehicles; and declaring an emergency. **NO FORMAL ACTION.**

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

Councilman Bugara: Nothing to add.

Councilwoman Cherry: Hope everyone has a happy and safe Martin Luther King Jr. holiday weekend.

Councilman Edwards: Nothing to add.

Councilwoman King: Happy New Year to everyone.

Councilman Lohnes: Happy New Year to everyone.

Councilman Madison: Nothing to add.

Councilman Mastroianni: Happy New Year to everyone.

President Garnes: Nothing to add.

ADJOURNMENT: Noting no further business to come before this Council, President Garnes adjourned the meeting at 6:28 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 86-21S	NO FORMAL ACTION
Ordinance 062-22	ADOPTED
Ordinance 071-22	NO FORMAL ACTION
Ordinance 001-23	REFERRED TO PLANNING COMMISSION
Ordinance 002-23	ADOPTED
Ordinance 003-23	FIRST READING

**ARTHUR GARNES,
COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

**GERARD T. YOST,
COUNCIL CLERK**