

**MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 4, 2021
REGULAR MEETING OF THE ALLIANCE CITY COUNCIL**

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

ROLL CALL: Kris Bugara (remotely), Sheila Cherry (remotely at 5:33PM), James Edwards (Remotely), Andrew Grove (remotely), Edward Lohnes (remotely) and Phillip Mastroianni (remotely).

Motion and Second to excuse Councilwoman King. Roll Call: Unanimous. **MOTION PASSED BY ACCLAMATION OF ALL MEMBERS.**

Minutes of the December 30, 2020 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 December 30, 2020 Treasury Investment Board Meeting
2. Minutes of the June 27, 2020 Treasury Investment Board Meeting
3. Memorandum from Auditor Knowles RE: Municipal Income Tax Recapitulation
4. Memorandum from Law Director Arnold RE: Pending Litigation
5. Agenda for the January 20, 2021 Planning Commission Meeting
6. Memorandum from Mayor Andreani RE: Annual Commission Appointments

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 the nominated annual appointments to the various commissions and boards as outlined in his memorandum and requested that Council approve the appointments.

Motion and Second to approve the Mayors annual appointments to the various boards and commissions as outlined in his memorandum. Roll Call: Unanimous. **MOTION PASSED BY ACCLAMATION OF ALL MEMBERS.**

Updated Council on the progress on the TIFF for the Carnation Mall Property. Stated that things are moving forward and taking place. There should be more information by the end of the week. Will inform Council if we are not ready for action on Ordinance 86-20 and need to hold a special Council meeting.

Safety Service Director Dreger: (remotely): Informed Council that the City has been experiencing a high number of items in the streets when attempting to plow snow. There have been a high number of portable basketball hoops and trash cans put into the street and in the way when plow trucks need to get through.

Noted that the administration and Street Committee will be looking at paving projects for this season and at the long range paving plat for the City.

Stated that the City is looking to ramp up part time employment labor force. Part-time

employees can be very helpful and making things proactive instead of complaint driven. This could be particularly helpful in areas of high grass, improper signage, zoning violations, etc. He envisions this being a group of part-time employees driving throughout the City and noting these issues for the various departments.

Councilwoman Cherry stated that the items in the street is similar individuals leaving trash cans out for days after trash pick up. We need to be proactive with this and should be enforced even if it means some sort of fines for such conduct

Councilman Edwards questioned what work specifically would be handled by increased part-time employees and Director Dreger explained the envisioned process.

Councilman Mastroianni questioned who is doing the City's mowing and Director Dreger explained the bidding and contract process with this service and clarified when the contract will need to be renewed.

Law Director Arnold: Reviewed her Annual Litigation Report.

Auditor Knowles: Thanked Council for the cooperation in setting the Special Meeting last week and getting the year end legislation passed so that the accounts could be balanced to close out the year.

Reviewed the Income Tax and General Fund balances at years end.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Streets & Alley: Bugara: No Formal Report.

Properties and Lands: Cherry: No Formal Report.

Utilities: Edwards: No formal report.

Finance: Grove: No Formal Report but asked Council for support and action on Resolution 1-21 tonight.

Community Development: King: Absent, no formal report.

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:

Resolution 1-21: Introduced by Grove: A Resolution authorizing the sale by internet auction during calendar year 2021, City owned personal property which is not needed for public use or

which is obsolete or unfit for the use for which it was acquired. 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:

Councilman Bugara: wished everyone a Happy New Year and expressed the desire and everyone experience a better year than 2020.

Councilwoman Cherry: Wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Councilman Edwards: Thanked all of the City Administration for all of their hard work in 2020 especially the Health Department that was overwhelmed with COVID response. Happy New Year to all.

Councilman Grove: Thanked all of the City Employees for all of their hard work in a very difficult year of 2020 especially the Health Department that was overwhelmed with COVID response.

Councilman Lohnes: Thanked everyone in the support services for their hard work with the pandemic. Expressed well wishes to both the Browns and Buckeyes

Councilman Mastroianni: Thanked all who did such a great job combating the pandemic.

President Garnes: Wished everyone good new year.

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 5:52 PM.

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN:

Ordinance 80-20	NO FORMAL ACTION
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Ordinance 86-20	NO FORMAL ACTION

**ARTHUR GARNES,
COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

**GERARD T. YOST
COUNCIL CLERK**