

**MINUTES OF THE MARCH 7, 2022  
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 February 22, 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. Roll Call Unanimous. **MOTION PASSED BY ACCLAMATION OF ALL MEMBERS.**

**COMMUNICATIONS: :**

1. Notice of the March 7, 2022 Finance Committee Meeting
2. Notice of the March 7, 2022 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Viaduct Improvement Commission Meeting
3. Notice of the March 11, 2022 Streets and Alleys Committee Meeting
4. Notice of the March 14, 2022 CRA Tax Incentive Review Committee meeting
5. Notice of the Alliance Shade Tree Commission 2022 Meeting schedule
6. Agenda and Revised Agenda for the March 15, 2022 Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting
7. Memorandum from Auditor Knowles RE: Municipal Income Tax Recapitulation
8. Memorandum from First Energy RE: Assistance with winter electric bills

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 the numbers on the Covid pandemic. The Mayor noted that the number of cases has dropped significantly to just 5 cases last week from an average of 300 per week in January. Given the drop the mask mandate in City buildings and at City meetings has been removed allowing individuals to make their own choice based on personal feelings and comfort levels.

Stated that Mall property development is moving forward and the transfer is anticipated to close sometime in late March so the legislation in old business should be ready for action in early April.

Noted the receipt of a “Game Ball” for economic development in Alliance and showed the ball and explained

**Safety Service Director Dreger:** Praised the most recent attorney hired in the Law Director’s

office for his experience and ideas on assisting code enforcement officials. Stated there are some interesting ideas at utilizing tools in Revised Code 1.08.

Reviewed Ordinance 018-22.

Stated that the City as been informed that the Stark County Community Action Agency has funding that may be available to assist residents with high utility bills. We have had some residents with excessive delinquent water bills coming out of the winter months and are working with them but this potential funding source may also assist.

Introduced our new City Engineer to Council

**Law Director Weyer:** Discussed the Opioid Settlement and how county officials are meeting to establish the funding mechanism.

**Auditor Knowles:** Thanked everyone for participation at the Finance Committee earlier to go over the budget the budget.

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

**Streets and Alleys; Bugara:** Reminded Council that the Committee will meet on March 11<sup>th</sup> to discuss summer projects.

**Properties and Lands: Cherry:** Thanked everyone that attended the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Bridge Committee earlier tonight. It was an informational meeting and the Committee will meet again in a couple weeks to organize and elect officers.

Announced the Neighborhoods in the 1<sup>st</sup> Ward need some clean up efforts.

**Utilities: Edwards:** Announced the City is seeing an abundance of Gas and Electric suppliers soliciting business. If residents want to take advantage of the aggregation system, don't be lured into doing anything with these solicitations.

**Community Development: King:** Revuewed the Committee meeting on February 25, 2022 that handled distribution of the CDBG funding.

**Finance: Lohnes:** Reviewed the Finance Committee earlier to go over the budget the budget and Ordinance 020-22. Stated the Committee recommends suspension of the rules but no further action tonight. That way a rule suspension is out of the way allowing for the Ordinance to progress but also allows members to pick through and analyze the Ordinance before taking action on it.

**Safety and Judiciary: Madison:** No formal report.

**Planning Zoning and Housing: Mastroianni:** Set a committee meeting for March 18, 2022 at 8:00 AM to discuss and review code enforcement issues.

**Public Speaks:** None.

**THIRD READINGS:** None

**SECOND READINGS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Ordinance 018-22:** Introduced by Edwards: An Ordinance authorizing and directing the Director of Public Safety and Service to nominate the City for a One Million Dollar (\$1,000,000.00) 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. Voice Vote: Unanimous. **ADOPTED.**

**Resolution 019-22:** Introduced by Lohnes: A Resolution authorizing the sale, by internet auction during calendar year 2022, of City owned personal property which is not needed for public use or which is obsolete or unfit for the use for which is was acquired. . Motion and second to suspend the rule requiring 3 readings. Roll Call: Unanimous. Motion and Second to adopt. Voice Vote: Unanimous. **ADOPTED.**

**Ordinance 020-22:** Introduced by Lohnes: An Ordinance making permanent appropriations for 2022 for the General Fund, Water Fund, Sewer Fund and other City funds, and authorizing the Auditor to draw payments from those appropriations upon receiving proper certificates and vouchers; and declaring an emergency. Motion and second to suspend the rule requiring 3 readings. Roll Call: Unanimous. **NO FURTHER ACTION.**

**Proclamation:** Introduced by Council as a Whole and the Administration: A Proclamation expressing to Vanessa Freeman the Sincere appreciation of this Council, the Administration and the Citizens of Alliance for here nearly 14 years of dedicated service to the City of Alliance. 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 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.**

#### **MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:**

**Councilman Bugara:** Wished everyone a good evening.

**Councilwoman Cherry:** Expressed being tired of the rain and asked everyone to be safe and healthy.

**Councilman Edwards:** Wished everyone a good evening.

**Councilwoman King:** Expressed that she mis-stated that the Alliance Steel is closed for good. It has not been made permanent but all contingent workers were paid out and there is nothing active or continuing.

**Councilman Lohnes:** Expressed gratitude that the Covid numbers are down and hopefully they stay that way.

**Councilman Madison:** Nothing to add

**Councilman Mastroianni:** Wished everyone a good evening..

**President Garnes:** Expressed to citizens that the recent storms are washing debris into blocking storm drains causing backup on the streets. If you notice backup please take a minute to clear it away from the drain so that this large puddling quits forming.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Noting no further business to come before this Council, President Garnes adjourned the meeting at 6:28 P.M..

**SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN:**

<b>Ordinance 80-20</b>	<b>NO FORMAL ACTION</b>
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<b>Ordinance 018-22</b>	<b>ADOPTED</b>
<b>Ordinance 019-22</b>	<b>ADOPTED</b>
<b>Ordinance 020-22</b>	<b>RULES SUSPENDED</b>

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**ARTHUR GARNES,  
COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

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**GERARD T. YOST,  
COUNCIL CLERK**