

**MINUTES OF THE MARCH 15, 2021
REGULAR MEETING OF THE ALLIANCE CITY COUNCIL**

The meeting was called to order by President Garnes at 5:30 P.M. Councilman Lohnes 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 March 1, 2021 Regular 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. Memorandum from Mayor Andreani RE: Receipts collected in February 2021
2. Agenda for the March 16, 2021 Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting
3. Notice of the March 15, 2021 meeting of the Alliance Lexington township joint urban enterprise zone tax incentive review committee meeting
4. Notice of the March 17, 2021 City Parks board of commissioners meeting.
5. Memorandum from Auditor Knowles RE: City Income Tax recapitulation

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): Updated Council on the Covid numbers for the month of February 2021 with 146 new cases and 1 death reported. The numbers are coming back down and but citizens still need to be vigilant at wearing masks and socially distancing so they don't escalate again. Vaccines are being given and over 5000 have been given so far.

Stated that no action is needed on Ordinance 86-20 as the paperwork is still proceeding and action would be premature. Also stated that the three replat ordinances in old business are still in the planning commission so no action is needed on those yet as well.

Clarified that an email from the Engineer regarding some planning issues was intended for the planning commission.

Safety Service Director Dreger: (remotely): Reviewed the lead line replacement program and stated that letters will be going out to residents that most likely will be affected explaining what to expect. Bids are going out for work soon.

Explained the advertisement for bids for downtown building demolition and returned without an award. There was concern in the way the bid was structured with City employee contribution to certain areas so it will be re-advertised with modifications.

Announced that hydrant flushing should occur on Memorial Day weekend. It wasn't done last year due to COVID restrictions but shouldn't be left undone again.

Councilman Bugara questioned the leaning light pole in MARC's parking lot. Director Dreger explained that it is on private property but that the City is aware and it is a concern.

Councilman Lohnes asked about the lead line replacement and the responsibility to the homeowner. Director Dreger explained the work done under the grant but the risk of failure of customer lines. Further explained the line insurance available to homeowners to avoid a large cost potential.

Councilman Edwards asked if we know the number of water customers with line insurance and Director stated that number is unknown.

Councilwoman Cherry asked what particular insurance is recommended and Director Dreger clarified.

Councilman Edwards asked about the cost of the water line warranty program and Director Dreger clarified

Auditor Knowles explained that the Water Line warranty letter is posted on the City web site

Law Director Arnold: Noted that she sent out a confidential litigation update to all Council members.

Auditor Knowles: Stated that we were notified by the State Auditor that the City was selected for an OPERS audit. This is a random selection and happens every few years.

Stated that the regular annual audit is progressing on schedule.

Stated that the American Rescue Plan signed by the President should bring some money and relief to the City but is unknown exactly what at this point. It appears that it will be more flexible than CARES Act programs were.

Reviewed the Budget in Ordinance 20-21.

Councilman Grove asked about project income tax in 2021. Auditor Knowles explained.

Councilman Edwards questioned the Reallocation of income tax this year. Auditor Knowles explained the probable need.

Councilwoman Cherry questioned where we stand with the State Auditor in the fiscal recovery plan. Auditor Knowles explained.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Streets & Alley: Bugara: No Formal Report but asked for support on Ordinance 17-21.

Properties and Lands: Cherry: No Formal Report.

Utilities: Edwards: No Formal Report but asked for support on Ordinance 18-21.

Community Development: King: No Formal Report.

Safety & Judiciary: Lohnes: Stated he will be meeting with the Law Director regarding the potential restructuring of the Law Director's Office.

Acknowledged Citizen Mike Grinter for entering his neighbor's apartment and extinguishing a kitchen fire.

Planning Zoning and Housing: Mastroianni: No Formal Report but asked for support on Ordinance 20-21.

Finance: Grove: No Formal Report

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mayor Andreani reported that there were none

THIRD READINGS: None

SECOND READINGS:

Ordinance 16-21: Introduced by Mastroianni: An Ordinance accepting and approving the replat of all of lots 9113 and 9114 Located at 930 West Summit Street in the City of Alliance, County of Stark and State of Ohio Motion and Second to refer to the Planning Commission.. Roll Call: Unanimous. **NO FORMAL ACTION.**

NEW BUSINESS:

Ordinance 17-21: Introduced by Bugara: An Ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Safety and Service to enter into a contract for Engineering Services for the design of the US-62/Beechwood/Sawburg intersection improvement project (STA-62-37.47-PID 113209) with IBI Group in a sum not to exceed \$175,000; appropriating additional funds for such purpose; 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 18-21: Introduced by Edwards: amending section 117.02 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Alliance to update and establish engineering & planning fees; 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 19-21: Introduced by Mastroianni: An Ordinance accepting and approving the replat of all of lots 110, 112, 5792, 5793, 5794, 5795, 5796, 5797, 11176, 11623, 11624, 11839, 12085, 13243, 13244, 13245, 13246, and 13247 and all of outlots 85, 86, and 87 located at the Northeast corner of North Union Avenue and East Wayne Street in the City of Alliance, County of Stark and State of Ohio. Motion and Second to refer to the Planning Commission.. Roll Call: Unanimous. **REFERRED TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION.**

Ordinance 20-21: Introduced by Grove: An Ordinance making permanent appropriations for 2021 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. Motion and Second to suspend the rule requiring finance committee review . 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 stay safe and healthy

Councilwoman Cherry: Advised everyone we are still in a pandemic and need to continue to follow the rules and wear your mask and get vaccinated

Councilman Edwards: Advised everyone to get vaccinated and stay safe.

Councilman Grove: Advised everyone to get vaccinated and take care.

Councilwoman King: Stated that she saw that the Park Easter Egg hunt is set for Maple Beech Park but the park needs some attention and cleaned up. Noted the trash on the neighboring property on Mahoning Avenue. Director Dreger stated that the City is aware but that the property is not in the City but in Smith Township in Mahoning County. Councilwoman Cherry stated that she has been in Contact with the Smith Township Trustees about it.

Councilman Lohnes: Noted the new restaurant opening in Ward 3. Aeonian Brewery is opening in the old Mt. Union Mill and will be good for the community.

Councilman Mastroianni: Stated everyone be safe and well.

President Garnes: Stated that as he has said before we are all in this together and everyone stay safe.

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 6:28 PM.

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN:

Ordinance 80-20	NO FORMAL ACTION
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Ordinance 82-20	NO FORMAL ACTION
Ordinance 86-20	NO FORMAL ACTION
Ordinance 16-21	NO FORMAL ACTION
Ordinance 17-21	ADOPTED
Ordinance 18-21	ADOPTED
Ordinance 19-21	REFERRED TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION
Ordinance 20-21	ADOPTED

**ARTHUR GARNES,
COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

**GERARD T. YOST
COUNCIL CLERK**