

**MINUTES OF THE MARCH 21, 2022  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE ALLIANCE CITY COUNCIL**

The meeting was called to order by President Garnes at 6:00 P.M. Councilwoman Cherry 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 March 7, 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 23, 2022 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Viaduct Improvement Commission Meeting
2. Minutes of the March 11, 2022 Streets and Alleys Committee Meeting
3. Notice from the Ohio Ethics Commission RE: List of Elected Officials and Notification of Filing Requirements

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 there has been 5 cases per week for the past two weeks bringin our number of cases down significantly.

Reviewed Ordinance 021-22 and the need to update things.

Updated Council on the mall property development status stating that the attorneys are working out some final bugs in the transaction and the transfer should happen soon so that Ordinance 86-20 may be ripe for action soon.

Noted the Ethics Commission reports for elected officials are coming due soon and the City received a reminder notice regarding them.

**Safety Service Director Dreger:** Reported that the City will not be buying any vehicles except for police vehicles this year as all domestic producers have pulled out of State bidding prices causing the prices to increase considerably. This is not true of emergency response vehicles so cruiser purchases should be fine as scheduled. Vehicles not subject to state bidding are up approximately 30% making purchases unreasonable this year.

Reviewed Ordinance 023-22. Announced bids were opened on phase II of lead line replacement

and are only up about 10% over phase I meaning we are in good shape to continue the program.

Noted the Police Department Commendation ceremony in the training room of the police department and invited all of Council to attend if possible.

**Law Director Weyer:** No Formal Report.

**Auditor Knowles:** Announced that action is needed on Ordinance 020-22 by the end of March to be in compliance.

### **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Streets and Alleys; Bugara:** Reviewed the Committee on March 11<sup>th</sup> to discuss summer projects. A list of streets for potential paving was sent out and will need to be trimmed down. The Committee will meet again in the near future to further discuss.

**Properties and Lands: Cherry:** The Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Bridge Committee will meet next Wednesday at the YWCA. Asked Auditor Knowles about fund/codes to accept donations as well as City funding. Mr. Knowles explained. Questioned the status of the First Energy remediation property on Patterson and Front streets and the time line and possible uses. Troy Rhodes from First Energy was present and responded to explain.

**Utilities: Edwards:** No formal report.

**Community Development: King:** No formal report.

**Finance: Lohnes:** Reviewed Ordinance 020-22 and 022-22 stating the Committee recommends approval tonight.

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

**Planning Zoning and Housing: Mastroianni:** Reviewed the Committee meeting of March 18, 2022 to discuss and review code enforcement issues. Stated the Committee is looking at restrictions on residential storage of vehicles, boats and RV's.

Asked for support on Ordinance 023-22.

**Public Speaks:** Sue Grove of 2920 Cedarwood Drive Alliance spoke of the loss of cinema theaters in Alliance given the report that the Carnation Mall Theaters will not be saved in the redevelopment of that property.

Troy Rhodes of First Energy/Ohio Edison spoke to Council to update on proposed activities in 2022 such as vegetation management and upgrades to infrastructure.

**THIRD READINGS:** None

**SECOND READINGS:**

**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 adopt. (Motion to suspend the rule requiring 3 readings passed on March 7, 2022) Voice Vote: Unanimous. **ADOPTED.**

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Ordinance 021-22:** Introduced by Madison: An Ordinance enacting the rules and regulations of the indigent cremation policy for the City of Alliance; 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.**

**Ordinance 022-22:** Introduced by Lohnes: An Ordinance authorizing and recommending the continuance of the Alliance Community Reinvestment Area (CRA) Agreement tax abatement with CRA No. 2 Lavery Chevrolet Buick Inc. Alliance Ventures Western, Alliance Ventures Kohl's, Alliance Ventures Gateway; and declaring an emergency. Motion and second to excuse Councilman Mastroianni. Roll Call: Unanimous. Motion and second to suspend the rule requiring 3 readings. Roll Call: Unanimous. Motion and Second to adopt. Voice Vote: Unanimous. **ADOPTED.**

**Ordinance 023-22:** Introduced by Mastroianni: An Ordinance amending sections 117.03, 117.04, 117.05, and 117.06 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Alliance to update and establish Engineering and Planning fees, Zoning fees, Building fees, Electrical fees, and Mechanical fees; 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.**

#### **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:** Nothing to add.

**Councilwoman Cherry:** Expressed to everyone to be kind, safe and healthy.

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

**Councilwoman King:** Nothing to add.

**Councilman Lohnes:** Expressed gratitude that the Covid numbers are down.

**Councilman Madison:** Nothing to add

**Councilman Mastroianni:** Wished everyone well and enjoy the good weather.

**President Garnes:** Nothing to add.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Noting no further business to come before this Council, President Garnes adjourned the meeting at 6:43 P.M.

**SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN:**

<b>Ordinance 80-20</b>	<b>NO FORMAL ACTION</b>
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<b>Ordinance 86-20</b>	<b>NO FORMAL ACTION</b>
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<b>Ordinance 020-22</b>	<b>ADOPTED</b>
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**ARTHUR GARNES,  
COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

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**GERARD T. YOST,  
COUNCIL CLERK**