

ALLIANCE - RECORD OF MEETINGS OF COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE MAY 3, 2021 REGULAR MEETING OF THE ALLIANCE CITY COUNCIL

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

ROLL CALL: Kris Bugara (remotely), James Edwards (Remotely), Andrew Grove (remotely), Cindy King (remotely), Edward Lohnes (remotely) and Phillip Mastroianni (remotely).

Councilwoman Sheila Cherry joined the meeting at 5:34 due to connection issues

Minutes of the April 19, 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: Notice of Executive Session
2. Memorandum from Auditor Knowles RE: Municipal Income Tax Recapitulation
3. Minutes of the April 23, 2021 Planning Zoning and Housing Committee Meeting

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 with 20 to 22 new cases in the past two weeks the numbers are coming down from the past couple of months but are still up from last fall. Precautions such as masks and social distancing are still necessary. 300 second dose vaccines have been given by the Alliance Health Department last week and this week.

Discussed the effort by the Ohio Legislature to eliminate local health departments in cities with less than 50,000 people noting that hearings in the Senate Health Committee are set to begin soon. Senator Kirk Schuring is on this Committee. Noted that the next closest Health Department is 22 miles away if this were to occur putting a huge burden on our citizens.

Councilman Edwards asked if there had been any feed back from our legislators regarding the Health Department legislation and the Mayor explained.

Councilwoman Cherry asked census mandated re-drawing of congressional districts may be having some impact on the Health Department legislation. Mayor explained he had not heard that.

Councilman Lohnes asked if it is known how many local Health Departments are affected by

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this legislation. The Mayor stated he is unsure.

Safety Service Director Dreger: (remotely): Stated that the Regional Planning Commission and Land Bank previously approved the Demolition assistance packages for the four downtown buildings that had been proposed so that project should be moving forward shortly however there are new barricades up in front of a building on the North side of Main between Arch and Linden. This is a Stark County Building Department Condemnation and a County action.

Stated that hydrant flushing will take place starting June 20. It didn't get done last year due to Covid restrictions and had to be pushed back from the normal Memorial Day weekend this year.

Announced that the Parks Department got a large grant from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources for the parks. They are currently evaluating projects to be done with the grant money.

Councilwoman Cherry questioned an odor in her home drain. Director Dreger explained to call the Distribution Department and they will check it out.

Councilman Mastroianni asked if we have examples of previous micropaving done in the City. Director Dreger and Auditor Knowles explained where other examples done several years ago are located.

Councilwoman Cherry asked if there is a compiled list of streets for summer paving. Councilman Bugara explained that he has a list and will distribute.

Law Director Arnold: Stated that the newest Assistant Law Director has received his bar exam results and can now be hired. Noted that the hiring of assistants by the Law Director needs Council approval.

Motion and Second to approve the hiring of Matt Mutigli as an Assistant Law Director. Roll Call: Unanimous. **MOTION PASSED BY ACCLAMATION OF ALL MEMBERS.**

Auditor Knowles: Reviewed the Municipal Income Tax Recap.

Councilman Edwards asked if there is any new information on the American Rescue Plan (new round of Covid relief) that is coming or any new details on how much funding the City may receive or how restrictive it is going to be. Auditor stated that there is no new information yet.

Councilwoman Cherry asked if funding for broad band would be acceptable under the American Rescue Plan funding. Auditor Explained.

Councilman Mastroianni asked if there are any back burner projects that any of the various City Commissions or Boards have that might qualify for funding under the American Rescue Plan funding. Mayor Andreani explained.

Councilwoman Cherry stated that there is an odor problem with Triology plastics that is disrupting the neighborhood. Mayor explained the ongoing communications on the problem.

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STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Streets & Alley: Bugara: Stated that he will call a meeting to review summer paving and is asking for support on Ordinance 33-21.

Properties and Lands: Cherry: Stated there is a nuisance property at 841 Noble Street with trash, debris, weeds etc and it can't seem to get cleaned up. Residence have accosted inspectors when they go down there and it doesn't seem to get any better. Someone even apparently pulled a gun on City employees attempting to address the situation. We need to support our housing and health officials doing their jobs.

Utilities: Edwards: Asking for support on Ordinance 33-21.

Finance: Grove: Stated the City's financial situation is encouraging and the new round of stimulus funding has not been outlined yet but is encouraging to assist City finances..

Community Development: King: No formal report.

Safety & Judiciary: Lohnes: No formal report.

Planning Zoning and Housing: Mastroianni: Trying to schedule a Committee meeting on April 23rd to review legislation. There is a need to better regulate temporary sheds and skid barns on property.

Called for a committee meeting on April 23, 2021 @ 9:00 to discuss matters. Will be a virtual meeting and formal notice will be prepared.

Questioned a flag of questionable taste that has been posted across the street from the early learning center. The Mayor explained that a discussion was had with the owner but that little can be done legally as it falls under the Court's interpretation of free speech.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mayor Andreani reported that there were none

THIRD READINGS:

Ordinance 24-21: Introduced by Mastroianni: An Ordinance accepting and approving the replat of parts of lots 447 and 448 located at 245 West Main Street, in the City of Alliance, County of Stark, and State of Ohio. Motion and Second to adopt. Roll Call: Unanimous. **ADOPTED.**

Ordinance 25-21: Introduced by Mastroianni: An Ordinance accepting and approving the replat of part of out lot 157 located at 1119 Pike Street, in the City of Alliance, County of Stark, and State of Ohio. Motion and Second to adopt. Roll Call: Unanimous. **ADOPTED.**

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Ordinance 26-21: Introduced by Mastroianni: An Ordinance accepting and approving the replat of out lot 592 located in the 2000 block of Carrie Drive, in the City of Alliance, County of Stark, and State of Ohio. Motion and Second to adopt. Roll Call: Unanimous. **ADOPTED.**

SECOND READINGS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Ordinance 32-21: Introduced by Edwards: An Ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Safety and Service to nominate the City for a one Million Dollar 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. Roll Call: Unanimous. **ADOPTED.**

Ordinance 33-21: Introduced by Bugara: An Ordinance authorizing and directing the Director of Public Safety and Service to enter into a contract with Strawser Construction Inc. through the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) cooperative purchasing program for labor and materials for the Micro surfacing of Glamorgan Street from Sawburg Avenue to South Rockhill Avenue in the City of Alliance for a cost not to exceed \$61,000.00; 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 34-21: Introduced by Mastroianni: An Ordinance accepting and approving the replat of parts of out lots 622, 623,496, and 624 located in the 1950 West State 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.**

Resolution 35-21: Introduced by Council as a Whole: A Resolution urging the General Assembly to eliminate all language in Sub HB 110 that would eliminate or cause further study of consolidation of Health Districts with populations of less than 50,000 citizens. 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.**

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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: Nothing to add.

Councilwoman Cherry: Nothing to add

Councilman Edwards: Reminded everyone to get vaccinated.

Councilman Grove: Stay healthy.

Councilwoman King: Nothing to add.

Councilman Lohnes: Stated that the junk on residential property may be something to address in the Planning Zoning and Housing Committee review of new regulations.

Congratulated the Parks Department on the new ODNR Grant.

Councilman Mastroianni: Nothing to add.

President Garnes: Nothing to add wasn't said by Council members

Motion and Second to enter executive session to consider confidential information related to the marketing plans, specific business strategy, production techniques, trade secrets, or personal financial statements of an applicant for economic development assistance, or to negotiations with other political subdivisions respecting requests for economic development assistance, provided that both of the following conditions apply:

(a) The information is directly related to a request for economic development assistance that is to be provided or administered under any applicable provision of the Revised Code, or that involves public infrastructure improvements or the extension of utility services that are directly related to an economic development project.

(b) A unanimous quorum of the public body determines, by a roll call vote, that the executive session is necessary to protect the interests of the applicant or the possible investment or expenditure of public funds to be made in connection with the economic development project.

To be included in the executive session are Members of Council, the Mayor, Safety Service Director, Law Director, Auditor, and Clerk of Council.

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Roll Call vote: Unanimous. Council entered executive session at 6:35 PM

Council re-entered regular session at 7:10 PM

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 7:10 PM.

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN:

Ordinance 80-20	NO FORMAL ACTION
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Ordinance 86-20	NO FORMAL ACTION
Ordinance 24-21	ADOPTED
Ordinance 25-21	ADOPTED
Ordinance 26-21	ADOPTED
Ordinance 32-21	ADOPTED
Ordinance 33-21	ADOPTED
Ordinance 34-21	REFERRED TO PLANNING COMMISSION
Resolution 35-21	ADOPTED

**ARTHUR GARNES,
COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

**GERARD T. YOST
COUNCIL CLERK**