

**MINUTES OF THE JULY 19, 2021
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE ALLIANCE CITY COUNCIL**

The meeting was called to order by President Garnes at 7:00 P.M. Councilman Lohnes then gave the invocation and led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Kris Bugara, Sheila Cherry, James Edwards, Cindy King, Andrew Grove, and Edward Lohnes

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

No corrections were noted to the Minutes of the July 6, 2021 regular meeting and they were filed as presented.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Memorandum from Finance Chairman RE: Summary of cash position for first 6 months of 2021
2. Notice the July 20, 2021 Parks Board Meeting
3. Notice of Revised starting time for Alliance City Council Regular Meetings

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: Updated Council on the Covid numbers in the City. Seeing an increase in July with cluster outbreaks. Health Department is still offering vaccinations on Wednesdays.

Advised Council that the provision to eliminate local health departments in communities under 50,000 has been amended and signed by the Governor. Now local departments have until 2025 to obtain accreditation. Our health department was already almost done with the process so the accreditation process should occur fairly quickly after the covid restrictions are gone.

There is a Citizens committee formed to conduct a 9/11 20th year ceremony at Silver Park at the 9/11 memorial. It will likely be on September 11th which is a Saturday, in the morning.

Acknowledged Mark Franco for painting the Caboose downtown. The paint was donated by Behr Paint through Home Depot in Salem and the project is over half done.

Noted that this is the last meeting we can hold in the Firehouse Theater as they are beginning to build sets and prepare for the upcoming theater season so we need to move locations. He further noted that he believes the Senior Center is available and appropriate for social distancing.

Motion and Second to move the regular Council meetings to the Alliance Senior Center as a temporary location beginning the next meeting. Roll Call: Unanimous. **MOTION PASSED BY ACCLAMATION OF ALL MEMBERS.**

Safety Service Director Dreger: Announced that the paving bids came in and are higher than expected. Believe it is due to the uncertainty of construction projects and materials these days. Good news in the situation is that we have several new bidders so we may see more competition and better bids in the future.

Reviewed Ordinance 53-21 and 54-21 which are also related to paving.

Discussed Ordinance 51-21 and the project of rehabilitating Rockhill Avenue South of State Street as we have been discussing and considering

Informed Council of a notice of violation at the Water Treatment Plant for low chlorine levels. Noted that this was due to UV treatment due to algae outbreaks and discussed what processes were put in place to address this in the future.

Announced that the bids for the NFA project at the Wastewater Treatment plant have come in and are lower than expected. Reviewed Ordinance 52-21 as related to this project and noted how the project cost may not be as high as estimated in the ordinance.

Law Director Arnold: No formal report

Auditor Knowles: Reviewed Ordinance 53-21 and how it relates to previously passed ordinance 43-21 accounting for increased bid expenses

Reviewed Ordinance 54-21 and how the costs were originally determined with an increase due to actual ODOT calculations and noted the urgency to meet ODOT time lines and not delay the project.

Reviewed line items in Ordinance 55-21.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Streets & Alley: Bugara: Asked for support on Ordinances 51-21; 53-21; and 54-21.

Properties and Lands: Cherry: No formal report however noted recent vandalism and stated that if these are kids doing these things, the parents need held accountable for the actions of their children. Law Director Arnold stated she is unaware if that can be done. Some research is needed to determine what if any action Council can take in this area

Utilities: Edwards: Noted the Water and Sewer Advisory Board met on July 9th and recommended Council support Ordinance 53-21.

Community Development: King: No formal report.

Safety & Judiciary: Lohnes: No formal report.

Planning Zoning and Housing: Mastroianni: Absent. No formal report.

Finance: Grove: Reviewed the summary of cash position for first 6 months of 2021.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

THIRD READINGS:

Ordinance 48-21: Introduced by Mastroianni: An Ordinance accepting and approving the replat of lots 13004 and 13005 at 1992 Park Commons Circle, and the replat of lots 13010 and 13011 at 1987 Park Commons Circle in the City of Alliance, County of Stark and State of Ohio.

NO FORMAL ACTION

SECOND READINGS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Ordinance 51-21: Introduced by Bugara: An Ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Safety and Service to prepare and submit applications to participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) State Capital Improvement Program and to execute contracts as may be necessary for the purpose of obtaining grants and/or loans up to \$250,000.00 for the purpose of paving and rehabilitation of a portion of South Rockhill Avenue from US 62 State Street to Overlook Drive; 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 52-21: Introduced by Edwards: An Ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Safety and Service to enter into contract with Arcadis for professional engineering services to provide inspection and project administration for the construction of the Wastewater Treatment Plant NFA Improvements Phase 1 at a cost not to exceed \$1,271,000.00; 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 53-21: Introduced by Bugara: An Ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Safety and Service to enter into contracts for services to complete and carry out the 2021 comprehensive road resurfacing and overlay program and the resurfacing of South Sawburg Avenue from West State Street to the North Corporation Limits (Approximately 675 feet North of McCrae Street) in an amount not to exceed \$1,537,818,39; appropriating an additional sum of \$125,697.29; 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.**

Ordinance 54-21: Introduced by Bugara: An Ordinance authorizing and directing the Director of Public Safety and Service to enter into a contract with the Director of the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) for the resurfacing of Union Avenue (S.R. 183) between College Street and approximately 150 feet South of Main Street and Union Avenue (S.R. 183) between Diehl Court and the Alliance Northern Corporation limit including curb ramps and pavement markings, lying within 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. Roll Call: Unanimous. **ADOPTED.**

Ordinance 55-21: Introduced by Grove: An Ordinance making appropriations and transfers of funds in the 2021 appropriations to provide for necessary expenses and adjustments; 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. **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: Nothing to add.

Councilwoman Cherry: Back to school time is coming and backpack and school supply programs are being under utilized. Parents need to get out to get the necessary supplies for their children.

Stay Safe

Councilman Edwards: Carnation Festival is coming and hope to see everyone out at events.

Councilman Grove: Thanked Ms. Cherry for her efforts regarding the recent vandalism acts in town. Agree that the destructive behavior by children is learned behavior.

Councilwoman King: Thanked Ms. Cherry for her efforts regarding the recent vandalism acts and stated this is a very sad thing. Stated people need to be kind and treat each other with respect.

Councilman Lohnes: Thanked Street Department and Police Department for efforts in the City.

Councilman Mastroianni: Absent

President Garnes: Stated that we have freedom of speech in this country but when your expression of your ideas destroys and defaces property, it is a crime. We as a Community are judged and recognized by the actions of our citizens and our response to it. The public, not just the Police Department need to hold the individuals accountable for these disgraceful actions.

ADJOURNMENT: Noting no further business to come before this Council President Garnes adjourned the meeting at 7:43 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 48-21	THIRD READING
Ordinance 51-21	ADOPTED
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**ARTHUR GARNES,
COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

**GERARD T. YOST
COUNCIL CLERK**