

**MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 2, 2021
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE ALLIANCE CITY COUNCIL**

The meeting was called to order by President Garnes at 7:00 P.M. Councilman Mastroianni 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, Edward Lohnes, and Phillip Mastroianni

Noted that the electronic transmission of the Minutes of the July 19, 2021 regular meeting did not go through and any action on filing was postponed until the next meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Memorandum from Auditor Knowles RE: Income Tax Recap for July 2021
2. Notice of the Alternate Meeting location for regular Council Meetings
3. Notice of request for an Executive Session of Council
4. Notice from Ohio Liquor Control RE: License Transfer from Ullman Castle to Mitch & Mel Industries

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 noting that the statistics are fluctuating wildly similar to last October so they are watching closely. Health Department is still offering vaccinations clinics.

We will have a swearing in of new firemen prior to the next meeting at 5:45.

Administration is currently re-negotiating the lease of the two City reservoirs with Stark Parks. The current leases are coming due and are nominal but Stark Parks does a tremendous amount of work on the facilities out there.

Noted the need for an Executive Session to discuss pending litigation and potential purchase of Real Estate.

Noted that the Carnation Festival is starting and hope everyone gets out to enjoy it but be cautious and take precautions.

Thanked Helen Miller for the use of the Senior Center for meetings and her preparation in setting up

Safety Service Director Dreger: Announced that he has received notice from the County Engineer that there is money available for water and sewer projects so the City is putting together applications for projects that are needed.

Announced the 4 demolition buildings in downtown area are down and the City is preparing the calculation of the City portion with the consideration of the in-kind contributions.

The notices to neighboring residents are out regarding the Summer paving and Columbia Gas

has been notified to attempt to minimize disruption to the new pavement.

Councilman Edwards asked about the schedule for paving Union Avenue. Director Dreger stated the state is working on it and it should be done this paving season.

Councilwoman Cherry asked about the intent for the property where the downtown demolitions took place and Director Dreger responded greening and parking for now.

Councilwoman King questioned how houses are picked out for demolition and Director Dreger explained.

Law Director Arnold: Passed out sample ordinances from other municipalities regarding prosecuting hate speech/crimes in other area. Explained how some other locations put some responsibility on parents for actions of juveniles.

Noted the need for an Executive Session to discuss pending litigation and stated there will need to be action afterward.

Councilwoman Cherry asked for a Safety and Judiciary Committee meeting on August 16, 2021 at 5:15 to review the hate crime ordinances provided by the Law Director.

Auditor Knowles: Reviewed the Income Tax Recap for July 2021.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Streets & Alley: Bugara: No formal report.

Properties and Lands: Cherry: Witnessed a residential demolition in the neighborhood and noted the efficiency of the job. Stated she is checking on long standing blight in the North end of town.

Thanked the Police Chief and Safety Service Director for quick response to the recent hate crime vandalism activity

Thanked the YWCA and Stacy Weimer for organizing the Unity Walk in town.

Also noted the success of the wine fundraiser for the Senior Center.

Utilities: Edwards: No formal report.

Finance: Grove: No formal report.

Community Development: King: No formal report.

Safety & Judiciary: Lohnes: Asked for no action on the Liquor License transfer application tonight

Planning Zoning and Housing: Mastroianni: Noted the need for a Committee meeting and stated he is trying to organize one on August 11, 2021 at 9:00.

Asked about the state of the old McCaskey Register Building on South Union stated it is a

hazard and unsightly. Director Mazola responded as to the status.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

THIRD READINGS: None

SECOND READINGS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Ordinance 56-21: Introduced by Cherry: An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to accept a grant from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) for \$250,000.00 for the purpose of making improvements to the Alliance Park System, and to enter into a contract with ODNR as required; 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 57-21: Introduced by Mastroianni: An Ordinance accepting and approving the replat of part of outlot 543 located at the Northeast corner of West Main Street and Freshley Avenue, 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 PLANNING COMMISSION.**

Resolution 58-21: Introduced by Council as a Whole: A Resolution to authorize the execution of then and now certificates by the City Auditor and the payment of amounts due for various purchase orders. 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. **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 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. Motion and Second to Adopt. Roll Call: Unanimous. **ADOPTED.**

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

Councilman Mastroianni: Asked everyone to enjoy the Carnation Festival.

Councilman Lohnes: Also asked everyone to enjoy the Carnation Festival.

Councilwoman King: Nothing to add.

Councilman Grove: Noted the Delta strain of Covid 19 is surging in the unvaccinated population so encourage everyone to get vaccinated.

Councilman Edwards: Also asked everyone to get out and enjoy the Carnation Festival events.

Councilwoman Cherry: Thanked the Carnation Festival Board for their work and encouraged everyone to get out, enjoy and have fun at the events but be cautious and safe.

Councilman Bugara: Noting to add

President Garnes: Also, nothing to add.

Motion and Second to enter executive session to discuss the purchase or sale of real property pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 121.22(G)(2) and to discuss the with an attorney for the public body pending litigation pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 121.22(G)(3).

To be included in the executive session are Members of Council, the Mayor, Safety Service Director, Law Director, Auditor, Clerk of Council Development Director and purchasing agent for the City Edward Epp.

Roll Call vote: Unanimous. Council entered executive session at 6:42 PM

Council re-entered regular session at 7:35 PM

Motion and Second to authorize the Law Director to Participate in the OneOhio settlement plan with the big three opioid distributors. 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 7:38 PM.

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN:

Ordinance 80-20	NO FORMAL ACTION
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Ordinance 86-20	NO FORMAL ACTION
Ordinance 48-21	ADOPTED
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Resolution 58-21	ADOPTED

**ARTHUR GARNES,
COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

**GERARD T. YOST
COUNCIL CLERK**