

**MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 15, 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, Edward Lohnes, Jack Madison and Phillip Mastroianni present

President Garnes noted he received word Councilwoman King is caught in traffic and may not make it in time. We will address it at the end of the meeting if she does not make it back.

Minutes of the August 1, 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.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Memorandum from the Planning Commission RE: Recommendations for August Commission meeting

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: Updated Council on Covid statistics with 45 to 55 new cases per week for the last six weeks showing an increase and the highest numbers since last Christmas. We also had one new death bringing the total deaths to nine. Health Department is still doing vaccinations and boosters at their office and individuals should call for an appointment.

Related that Tom Bellish of Energy Brokers has asked about meeting with Council again to discuss energy aggregation and possibly moving away from NOPEC given the industry costs.

Announced the purchase agreement for the Mall property is finally complete and thanked everyone for the patience and hard work on getting this accomplished.

Complemented the Carnation Festival Board for a successful City festival.

Complemented the Martin Luther King Jr Memorial Bridge Committee and the YWCA for the successful Unity walk.

Explained Ordinance 053-22.

Safety Service Director Dreger: Updated Council on the Street paving timeline and stated initial intersection work should begin in about a week.

Explained some anticipated park improvements and the plan of utilizing the road grindings as a base for some new park parking areas.

Reviewed Ordinance 049-22 and 052-22.

Announced a representative from Kimball is present if Council has any questions or concerns to discuss with him now or after the meeting. (Council had no questions at the time)

Law Director Weyer: Announced and explained the new direct indictment process that is beginning with the County Prosecutor's Office and explained it should speed up the process.

Explained Ordinance 054-22 and the planned restructuring of her office staff.

Auditor Knowles: No formal report.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Streets and Alleys; Bugara: No formal report but announced he will conduct a committee meeting soon to go over pending business.

Properties and Lands: Cherry: Questioned the intended future use of the old nursing home property on Freshley near West Main street now that the building has been razed. Director Mazola explained there is nothing definite at this time but razing the building makes the property more desirable.

Thanked all involved for the success of the unity walk and thanked the Safety Service Director for the timely repairs to the bridge to have it done prior to the walk.

Utilities: Edwards: Thanked the Kimball rep for coming and being available for discuss.

Community Development: King: Absent. No formal report.

Finance: Lohnes: No formal report but asking for support on Ordinances 050-22; 051-22; 052-22 and 054-22.

Safety and Judiciary: Madison: No formal report.

Planning Zoning and Housing: Mastroianni: No formal report.

Public Speaks: None

THIRD READINGS: NONE

SECOND READINGS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

Ordinance 049-22: Introduced by Madison: An Ordinance accepting and approving the replat of parts of outlots 473 and 474 and all of outlot 819 located 2012 Tanglewood Avenue and 2250 West State Street in the City of Alliance, County of Stark, and State of Ohio. Motion and Second to excuse Mastroianni due to a conflict. Roll Call Vote: Unanimous. Motion and Second to refer to the Planning Commission. Roll Call Vote: Unanimous. **REFERRED TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION.**

Ordinance 050-22: Introduced by Lohnes: An Ordinance authorizing and directing the Director of Public Safety and Service to advertise for requests for proposals (RFP) as required and enter into a contract or contracts for the City of Alliance for group life, AD&D, medical, and dental insurance and other related coverages; and declaring an emergency. Motion and Second to suspend the rule requiring three readings. Roll Call Vote: Unanimous. Motion and Second to adopt. Roll Call Vote: Unanimous. **ADOPTED.**

Ordinance 051-22: Introduced by Lohnes: An Ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Safety and Service to advertise for bids and enter into contracts for the purchase of various supplies for the year 2023; and declaring an emergency. Motion and Second to suspend the rule requiring three readings. Roll Call Vote: Unanimous. Motion and Second to adopt. Roll Call Vote: Unanimous. **ADOPTED.**

Ordinance 052-22: Introduced by Lohnes: An Ordinance authorizing and directing the Director of Public Safety and Service to solicit quotes or advertise for bids and enter into contract with a roofing contractor for the purpose of replacing the roof above the administrative portion of the City's courthouse, but at a cost not to exceed \$40,000.00; and declaring an emergency. Motion and Second to suspend the rule requiring three readings. Roll Call Vote: Unanimous. Motion and Second to adopt. Roll Call Vote: Unanimous. **ADOPTED.**

Ordinance 053-22: Introduced by Madison: An Ordinance amending Codified Ordinance chapter 175, Keep America Beautiful Commission in the City of Alliance. Motion and Second to suspend the rule requiring three readings. Roll Call Vote: Unanimous. Motion and Second to adopt. Roll Call Vote: Unanimous. **ADOPTED.**

Ordinance 054-22: Introduced by Council as a Whole: An Ordinance amending Ordinances 7-91, 161-99, 30-15 and 23-20 wages, salaries and work benefits for employees of the City of Alliance who are not represented by a collective bargaining agreement; and declaring an emergency. Motion and Second to suspend the rule requiring three readings. Roll Call Vote: Unanimous. Motion and Second to adopt. Roll Call Vote: Unanimous. **ADOPTED.**

OLD BUSINESS:

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: Noting to add.

Councilwoman Cherry: Commended the City for coming together for the Unity Walk and announced the Martin Luther King Jr Memorial Bridge Committee will meet again in the near future to discuss further downtown cleanup and improvements.

Councilman Edwards: Everyone be safe and have a good evening.

Councilwoman King: Absent.

Councilman Lohnes: Reminded everyone that school starts back in about a week so be careful and mindful of children and school buses.

Councilman Madison: Noting to add

Councilman Mastroianni: Congratulated everyone involved for closing the mall property sale noting what an economic accomplishment that is.

Commended the Carnation Festival Board for the successful festival and the Martin Luther King Jr Memorial Bridge Committee for the successful unity walk.

President Garnes: Noted the public has no idea the amount of behind the scenes work that goes into things like the Mall transformation and the community events such as the Carnation Festival but just see the end results. It is good to take a moment to recognize what goes into getting the final product the public finally sees and enjoys.

Thanked the Kimball representative for coming

Motion and second to excuse Councilwoman King who did not make it in time. Roll Call Vote: Unanimous. Councilwoman King excused.

ADJOURNMENT: Noting no further business to come before this Council, President Garnes adjourned the meeting at 6:38 P.M.

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN:

Ordinance 80-20	NO FORMAL ACTION
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Ordinance 86-20	NO FORMAL ACTION
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Ordinance 050-22	ADOPTED
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**ARTHUR GARNES,
COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

**GERARD T. YOST,
COUNCIL CLERK**