

**MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 7, 2021
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE ALLIANCE CITY COUNCIL**

The meeting was called to order by President Garnes at 6:00 P.M. and Councilman Edwards 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

No corrections were noted to the Minutes of the August 16, 2021 regular meeting and special meeting and they were filed as presented.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Safety & Judiciary Committee Meeting minutes
2. Memorandum from Mayor Andreani RE: Board of Zoning Appeals and other appointments
3. Planning, Zoning and Housing Meeting Notice for Wed, Sept 8, 2021 3pm
4. City Council Finance Committee Meeting Notice for Sept 7, 2021 at 5:30pm and additional info
5. City of Alliance Income Tax Recap-August 2021
6. Agenda for the September 21, 2021 Board of Zoning Appeals 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: Updated Council on the Covid numbers in the City noting that there were 74 new cases in the City last week and we are experiencing the 3rd highest month since tracking began. Minors are being affected at an alarming rate and Alliance now has the 2nd highest rate in the County.

Announced Bill Morris was appointed as the interim Law Director until Ms. Arnold's replacement is selected.

Asked Council to affirm his various appointments to Boards and Commissions as set forth in his memorandum.

Motion and Second to approve the Mayor's appointment of Brent Barnes to the Board of Zoning Appeals and Christopher Hunt, Pat Heddleston and Ryan Jones to the Greater Alliance Development Commission. Roll Call: Unanimous. **MOTION PASSED BY ACCLAMATION OF ALL MEMBERS.**

Noted the City has received an additional grant from ODOT for the McCrea street extension reducing the City's portion of that project.

Noted that the September 11 20th anniversary commemoration at the memorial in Silver park as well as the POW-MIA commemoration on September 19th at Freedom Square.

Stated that no action is yet needed on the items in Old Business.

Safety Service Director Dreger: Reviewed Ordinances 64-21; 67-21; 69-21; 65-21; and 68-21

Councilwoman Cherry asked about the number of police cars in rotation and take home vehicle policies and Mr. Dreger explained.

Councilwoman Cherry asked the location of the rejected traffic signal on Freshley and Mr. Dreger explained.

Law Director Arnold: No Report.

Auditor Knowles: No Report.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Streets & Alley: Bugara: No formal report.

Properties and Lands: Cherry: No formal report except that she is still getting cost estimates on the clean up of the vandalism to the Martin Luther King Jr. viaduct.

Utilities: Edwards: No formal report.

Finance: Grove: Noted the Finance Committee meeting held prior to this meeting at 5:30 PM and asked for support of Ordinance 60-21; 67-21; and 68-21

Community Development: King: No formal report.

Safety & Judiciary: Lohnes: Outlined the two prior Committee meetings that reviewed the City's vandalism ordinances for possible changes. Stated that Ordinance 66-21 was the result of those meetings and asked for support on that. Also asked for support of Ordinance 67-21; 68-21; and 70-21

Planning Zoning and Housing: Mastroianni: Noted there will be a committee meeting at the City Administration Conference Room on September 8, 2021 at 3:00PM.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Daniele Gallina of 1309 Noble discussed the vandalism and hate crimes on the Martin Luther King Jr. viaduct and the YWCA and the need for community and police involvement to solve it.

THIRD READINGS: None

SECOND READINGS:

Ordinance 60-21: Introduced by Grove: An Ordinance authorizing Department Heads to transfer funds between individual accounts within a fund up to a maximum amount of \$10,000.00 per code subject to the signed approval of the City Auditor and Director of Public Safety and Service; 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.**

NEW BUSINESS:

Ordinance 64-21: Introduced by Cherry: An Ordinance authorizing and directing the Director of Public Safety and Service to enter into an agreement between the City of Alliance and Lundgren, Goldthorpe & Zumbar, an Ohio Partnership, for the acquisition of fee simple interest in real estate by the City of Alliance for the purpose of the expansion of its east Main Street facilities/offices in the City of Alliance, Stark County, Ohio; to enter into lease agreements attendant thereto; 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 65-21: Introduced by Cherry: An Ordinance authorizing and directing the Director of Public Safety and Service to enter into a contract with American Ramp Company through Sourcewell, a State of Minnesota service cooperative, for labor and materials for the replacement of obstacles at the Alliance Skate Park at Memorial Park in the City of Alliance for a cost not to exceed \$147,000.00; 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 66-21: Introduced by Lohnes: An Ordinance amending Alliance Codified Ordinance Section 541 Property Offenses; 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 67-21: Introduced by Grove and Lohnes: An Ordinance appropriating funds for Court record storage and authorizing and directing the Director of Public Safety and Service to enter into contract for the purpose of purchasing record storage units through the Cooperative Purchasing Programs of the State of Ohio or to advertise for bids, but for a cost not to exceed \$107,000.00 in any case; and declaring an emergency. Motion and Second to suspend the rule requiring Finance Committee review. Roll Call: Unanimous. Motion and Second to suspend the rule requiring 3 readings. Roll Call: Unanimous. Motion and Second to Adopt. Roll Call: Unanimous. **ADOPTED.**

Ordinance 68-21: Introduced by Grove and Lohnes: An Ordinance appropriating funds and authorizing and directing the Director of Public Safety and Service to enter into contract for the purpose of purchasing four new police cruisers through the Cooperative Purchasing Programs of the State of Ohio or to advertise for bids and enter into contracts with other vendors at the lowest and best price and to purchase necessary items to equip the cruisers, but for a cost not to exceed \$215,000.00 in any case; and declaring an emergency. Motion and Second to suspend the rule requiring Finance Committee review. Roll Call: Unanimous. Motion and Second to suspend the rule requiring 3 readings. Roll Call: Unanimous. Motion and Second to Adopt. Roll Call: Unanimous. **ADOPTED.**

Ordinance 69-21: Introduced by Cherry: An Ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Safety and Service to accept a proposal from and enter into contract with Atlas Technical for \$15,985.00 to provide a Phase I assessment, a limited Phase II assessment, and support in acquiring grants for the property located at 555 East Main Street; and declaring an emergency. Motion and Second to suspend the rule requiring Finance Committee review. Roll Call: Unanimous. Motion and Second to suspend the rule requiring 3 readings. Roll Call: Unanimous. Motion and Second to Adopt. Roll Call: Unanimous. **ADOPTED.**

Resolution 70-21: Introduced by Lohnes: A Resolution authorizing participation in a mutual

aid agreement with the Village of East Canton. 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.**

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

Councilman Bugara: Nothing to add

Councilwoman Cherry: Thanked Barb for her service to the City and wished her well.

Councilman Edwards: Nothing to add.

Councilman Grove: Thanked Ms. Gallina for her comments and agreed that it will take the Community to address this problem. Also, thanked the Law Director, Ms. Cherry and Dr. Lohnes for their work on the Ordinance to address this. Stated the new Ordinance will send a message that this conduct will not be tolerated and that Hate has no place in the City of Alliance. Congratulated Ms. Arnold on her recent appointment as Judge.

Councilwoman King: Questioned the problem of solicitors going door to door about utility service. Safety Service Director stated no permits have been issued so there is no legitimate solicitors conducting this activity. Citizens should report it to the administration or police department.

Councilman Lohnes: Also thanked Ms. Gallina for her comments. Congratulated Ms. Arnold on her recent appointment as Judge and wished her well

Councilman Mastroianni: Congratulated Ms. Arnold on her recent appointment.

President Garnes: Stated that Ms. Gallina’s comments were on point and that it takes a community to fix a problem.

ADJOURNMENT: Noting no further business to come before this Council President Garnes adjourned the meeting at 7:01 PM.

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN:

Ordinance 80-20	NO FORMAL ACTION
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Ordinance 86-20	NO FORMAL ACTION
Ordinance 60-21	ADOPTED
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Ordinance 68-21	ADOPTED
Ordinance 69-21	ADOPTED
Resolution 70-21	ADOPTED

**ARTHUR GARNES,
COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

**GERARD T. YOST
COUNCIL CLERK**