

**MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 20, 2021
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE ALLIANCE CITY COUNCIL**

The meeting was called to order by President Garnes at 6:00 P.M. and Councilman Grove 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 September 7, 2021 regular meeting and they were filed as presented.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Memorandum from Mayor Andreani RE: Annual Trick or Treat
2. Notice of re-scheduled Park Board Meeting September 24, 2021 at 9:30am
3. Minutes of the September 8, 2021 Finance Committee Meeting
4. Memorandum from Mayor Andreani RE: Receipts from June 2021
5. Memorandum from Mayor Andreani RE: Receipts from July 2021
6. Memorandum from Mayor Andreani RE: Receipts from August 2021

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: Noted Auditor Knowles had something come up and asked to be excused

Updated Council on the Covid numbers in the City noting numbers are up considerably and there were 3 new deaths this past week which were the first since May 4th. If we have the same numbers the last week in September it will be the second highest month the City has seen. It is affecting more youth and he reminded everyone to still get vaccinated and be careful around our community's children

Mayor Andreani introduced Caity Weyer as our newly appointed Law Director replacing Jennifer Arnold.

Introduced Troy Rhodes of Ohio Edison and gave Mr. Rhodes the floor.

Troy Rhodes provided an update on the Utility Company activity in the Community including tree trimming efforts, storm response, street light outages and estimated billing during covid versus actual reading bills and how large bills currently may be the result of under estimation and recoupment. Mr. Rhodes encouraged residents with these larger than normal recoupment bills to contact the utility to arrange payment options.

Safety Service Director Dreger: Updated Council on the progress of the Street paving program.

Informed Council that there will be letters going out to households with confirmed lead water service lines to encourage them to participate in the available replacement grant.

Announced that the ODNR grant documents for the park grants have been executed

Informed Council that the four downtown demolition buildings are finishing up and the only thing left is the final work on the newly exposed former common walls. The Land Bank has granted an extension to accomplish this and it should be complete in the next month or so.

Councilman Edwards questioned the status of the State paving project on Union Avenue and Director Dreger provided an update that the project is still on the State's fall schedule

Councilwoman Cherry question if we can extend McCrea Avenue why can't we get U.S. 62 extended beyond the Rt 225 termination. Director Dreger advised this is a project outside the City's control and that the State has abandoned the idea of further extension of this route North of Town even announcing plans to remove the 225 overpass bridges in the future.

Councilman Mastroianni asked about a timetable to start replacing the lead water service lines and Director Dreger explained.

Law Director Weyer: No Formal Report

Auditor Knowles: Absent. No Formal Report

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Streets & Alley: Bugara: No formal report but asked for support of Ordinance 73-21.

Properties and Lands: Cherry: No formal report.

Utilities: Edwards: No formal report.

Finance: Grove: No formal report but reminded Council of the upcoming Committee meeting on October 4, 2021 at 5:30 PM.

Community Development: King: No formal report.

Safety & Judiciary: Lohnes: No formal report.

Planning Zoning and Housing: Mastroianni: Thanked the building department and code enforcement department for the efforts in formulating and organizing Ordinance 71-21. Stated that this is an effort to address the enforcement areas and that a separate Ordinance will be coming to address the Zoning issues.

Asking Council for support of Ordinance 71-21 but no action tonight so that members can review it more thoroughly.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

THIRD READINGS: None

SECOND READINGS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Ordinance 71-21: Introduced by Mastroianni: An Ordinance to improve and enhance Part

Thirteen – Building Code of the Alliance Codified Ordinances by amending sections 1325.01, 1361 heading, 1361.01, 1361.02, 1361.03, 1365.01, 1369 heading, 1369.01, 1369.02, and deleting chapter 1347. **NO FORMAL ACTION.**

Ordinance 72-21: Introduced by Lohnes: An Ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Safety and Service to donate fire equipment which will no longer be needed for municipal purposes to the Stark State Fire Academy, 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 73-21: Introduced by Bugara: An Ordinance accepting two grants from the Ohio Department of Transportation totalling \$500,000 for the extension of McCrea Street, authorizing and directing the Mayor and the Director of Public Safety and Service to enter into the necessary agreements; 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.**

Proclamation: Introduced by Council as a Whole and the Administration: A Proclamation expressing appreciation to Jennifer Arnold. 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: Continue to be mindful of Covid and especially the Delta Strain. Be vigilant.

Councilman Edwards: Be kind, safe and responsible.

Councilman Grove: Asked if the Amazon facility going in near Louisville ever considered Alliance and if we had missed an opportunity. Mayor Andreani responded that he was unaware if Alliance was even a consideration for them.

Councilwoman King: Stated that Covid is real and she has had first hand experience at just how serious it really is. Don't know what it will finally take for people to take it seriously.

Councilman Lohnes: Wished everyone safety and good health.

Councilman Mastroianni: Welcomed Law Director Weyer and wished her well.

President Garnes: Stated that people need to also be aware that the Covid situation is causing overcrowding in hospitals and non-covid related issues such as a friend with a serious non-covid related emergency having to be shipped several counties away to find an open hospital bed for him.

ADJOURNMENT: Noting no further business to come before this Council President Garnes adjourned the meeting at 7:36 PM.

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN:

Ordinance 80-20	NO FORMAL ACTION
Ordinance 81-20	NO FORMAL ACTION
Ordinance 82-20	NO FORMAL ACTION
Ordinance 86-20	NO FORMAL ACTION
Ordinance 71-21	FIRST READING
Ordinance 72-21	ADOPTED
Ordinance 73-21	ADOPTED
Proclamation	ADOPTED

**ARTHUR GARNES,
COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

**GERARD T. YOST
COUNCIL CLERK**