

**MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 18, 2021  
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE ALLIANCE CITY COUNCIL**

The meeting was called to order by President Garnes at 6:00 P.M. Councilman Lohnes then gave the invocation and led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL:** Kris Bugara, Sheila Cherry (arrived at 6:04), James Edwards, Cindy King, Andrew Grove, Edward Lohnes, and Phillip Mastroianni

No corrections were noted to the Minutes of the October 4, 2021 regular meeting October 14, 2021 Special meeting or the and they were filed as presented.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. Notice of the October 19, 2021 Board of Park Commissioners Meeting
2. Memorandum from Finance Chairman Grove RE: Finance Report
3. Minutes of the October 4, 2021 Finance Committee 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 the numbers are trending back down with 125 new cases in the first two weeks of October however hospitalizations are up and there were two deaths. There have been 8391 vaccines administered by the Alliance Health Department but people have also been vaccinated elsewhere and vaccines were also administered to nonresidents at our health department so those numbers are not necessarily representative of our residents. Statistics from the state show approximately 50% of the 44601 zip code have been vaccinated as that is how the state keeps records.

Announced that Halloween trick or treat will be on October 31<sup>st</sup> from 5 to 7 PM and as always turn on a porch light to participate. Be safe and careful and try to observe social distancing when possible.

Things are progressing on the legal work required for action on the ordinance in old business, but no action is necessary tonight.

**Safety Service Director Dreger:** Kimble is still trying to get on schedule with garbage pick up but still running behind due to hiring and training difficulties. It is going to take a while to get back on track.

Updated Council on the clean up efforts on properties in the area of Front Street and Mahoning.

Announced that the efforts to link the Ely Street property donated and being prepared for soccer fields to the Northside elementary school property is closer due to a proposed donation of property on Harrison Street.

**Law Director Weyer:** No Formal Report

**Auditor Knowles:** Reviewed Ordinance 81-21.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Streets & Alley: Bugara:** No formal report.

**Properties and Lands: Cherry:** Thanked Mr. Dreger for the efforts at clean up of the blighted property in the area of Front Street and Mahoning.

**Utilities: Edwards:** No formal report.

**Finance: Grove:** Reviewed the summary of cash position of the City in the Finance Chairman's report.

**Community Development: King:** Asked for support and action on Ordinance 8-21.

**Safety & Judiciary: Lohnes:** No formal report.

**Planning Zoning and Housing: Mastroianni:** Reviewed the Planning Zoning and Housing Committee meeting on October 13, 2021 and stated that more zoning changes are coming.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Dan Cherry of 1215 Jersey Street thanked the Street Department for the repairs to Front Street.

**THIRD READINGS:** None

**SECOND READINGS:**

**Ordinance 75-21:** Introduced by Mastroianni: An Ordinance accepting and approving the replat of part lot 1375 and all of lot 1374 located at 407-435 East High Street, in the City of Alliance, County of Stark, and State of Ohio. **NO FORMAL ACTION.**

**Ordinance 76-21:** Introduced by Mastroianni: An Ordinance accepting and approving the replat of lots 3417 and 3418 located at 1132 Forest Avenue, in the City of Alliance, County of Stark, and a State of Ohio. **NO FORMAL ACTION.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Ordinance 80-21:** Introduced by King: An Ordinance authorizing and directing the Director of Public Safety and Service to enter a contract with The Stark County Regional Planning Commission to provide housing rehabilitation technical assistance services to 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. Councilwoman Cherry stated that Regional Planning does a good job managing but the contractors hired for the work need to be more responsive to the citizens being served. Roll Call: Unanimous. **ADOPTED.**

**Resolution 81-21:** Introduced by Grove: A Resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor. 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:** Stated that she needs information for the rehab and repairs of the Martin Luther King Jr. bridge and who is doing the work. She stated that she has been in touch with the Contractor that did the original work and that the City has halted the work. Mr. Dreger and Mayor Andreani responded.

**Councilman Edwards:** Questioned what effort are being made to replace the City Engineer. Mr. Dreger explained the interview process is under way.

**Councilman Grove:** Congratulated Director Mazola on the Mall revitalization project and stated that is a great accomplishment.

Congratulated Clerk Yost on his recent promotion at the County Prosecutor's Office.

**Councilwoman King:** Stated be safe and cautious, Covid numbers are down but tensions are still high.

**Councilman Lohnes:** Noted the paving project on North Union is nearing completion and looks very nice.

Also Noted the Circle K on North Union is also nearly done and is a great improvement to the area.

**Councilman Mastroianni:** Everyone be safe.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Noting no further business to come before this Council President Garnes adjourned the meeting at 6:33 PM.

**SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN:**

<b>Ordinance 80-20</b>	<b>NO FORMAL ACTION</b>
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<b>Ordinance 75-21</b>	<b>NO FORMAL ACTION</b>
<b>Ordinance 76-21</b>	<b>NO FORMAL ACTION</b>
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**ARTHUR GARNES,  
COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

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**GERARD T. YOST  
COUNCIL CLERK**