

**MINUTES OF THE MAY 1, 2023
REGULAR MEETING OF THE ALLIANCE CITY COUNCIL**

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

ROLL CALL: Kris Bugara, James Edwards, Cindy King, Edward Lohnes, Jack Madison and Phillip Mastroianni present.

Motion and second to excuse Councilwoman Cherry who is ill. Roll Call Vote. **MOTION PASSED BY ACCLAMATION OF ALL MEMBERS.**

Minutes of the April 17, 2023 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 Mayor Andreani RE: Appointment to the Historic Preservation Commission
2. Notice of May 1, 2023 Public Hearing
3. Memorandum from Auditor Knowles RE: Income Tax Recapitulation
4. Agenda for the May 16, 2023 Board of Zoning Appeals meeting
5. Agenda for Planning Commission Meeting on May 17, 2023
6. Minutes of the April 19, 2023 Alliance City Planning 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: Explained and asked for action on Ordinance 042-23.

Reviewed Ordinance 051-23

Asked for Council to confirm his appointment of Christine Popovich to the Alliance Historic Preservation Commission.

Motion and second to confirm the Mayor's appointment of Christine Popovich to the Alliance Historic Preservation Commission. Roll Call Unanimous. **MOTION PASSED BY ACCLAMATION OF ALL MEMBERS.**

Safety Service Director Dreger: Informed Council that the annual hydrant flushing that normally takes place Memorial Day weekend will be delayed due to high MIB levels and algae treatment at the reservoir.

There has been a pre-construction meeting with North Star Paving regarding the summer paving program. Paving is expected to start in August but will be coordinated so not to interfere with Carnation Festival activities

Bret Fegan from Kimball Refuge was present and addressed Council on ongoing trash issues and answered questions from Council members regarding quality of service

Law Director Weyer: No formal report

Auditor Knowles: Reviewed the Income Tax Recapitulation

Reviewed Ordinances 044-23; 045-23; 052-23 and 055-23

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Streets and Alleys: Bugara: Reviewed the paving bid and contract specs for the project.

Properties and Lands: Cherry: Absent. No formal report.

Utilities: Edwards: No formal report.

Community Development: King: No formal report.

Finance: Lohnes: Noted that the committee still needs to schedule a meeting to review the budget and other City Matters.

Safety and Judiciary: Madison: Asked that members of the Fire Department that were present at last meeting asking for policy changes that would sanction Patient transports prepare a prospectus for the cost benefit analysis of such a policy for the committee to review.

Planning Zoning and Housing: Mastroianni: No formal report.

Public Speaks: Bill Green of 9345 Pauli Street in Massillon addressed Council on the need for support of Issue 21 to support Stark County DD.

Council recessed regular session at 6:20 to enter a public hearing.

Public Hearing @ 6:20 pm: Regarding - **Ordinance No. 025-23:** Introduced by: Lohnes: An Ordinance vacating part of Miller Avenue, bounded on the North by out lot 763 and bounded on the South by West State Street; vacating part of Penn Avenue, bounded on the North by Hartshorn Street and bounded on the South by West State Street; vacating an unnamed 15' East-West alley, bounded on the West by Miller Avenue, bounded on the North by out lot 763, bounded on the East by Penn Avenue, and bounded on the South by lots 374, 375, 29 and 30; and accepting an approving the replat of all of lots 374, 375, 29, 30, 13201, out lot 782, and vacated portions of Miller Avenue, Penn Avenue, and an unnamed 15' East-West alley from Penn Avenue to Miller Avenue, located at the intersection of Penn Avenue and West State Street in the City of Alliance, County of Stark, and State of Ohio.

Clerk Yost read the Notice of Public hearing and Council President Garnes called for anyone wishing to speak on behalf of Ordinance 025-23,

Lee Smith, Development Director for the University of Mount Union, 1972 Clark Avenue, Alliance spoke in favor of the Ordinance and cited the need to close streets to improve parking in the area and for campus aesthetics.

Council President Garnes called two more times for anyone wishing to speak on behalf of Ordinance 025-23 with no response.

Council President Garnes then called three times for anyone wishing to speak against Ordinance 025-23 with no response.

President Garnes declared the Public Hearing closed at 6:24 PM and Council re-entered regular session

THIRD READINGS:

Ordinance No. 036-23: Introduced by: Mastroianni: An Ordinance accepting and approving the replat of parts of out lots 587 and 636 located North of West Main Street and approximately 1,000 feet West of South Sawburg Avenue, in the City of Alliance, County of Stark, and State of Ohio. **NO FORMAL ACTION.**

SECOND READINGS:

Resolution No. 042-23: Introduced by: Council as a Whole: A Resolution declaring support for the proposed bicycle routes developed by the Green Commission Transportation Study Group to supplement the bike/hike system stemming from the Iron Horse Trail. 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 No. 043-23: Introduced by Council as a Whole: An Ordinance accepting a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Fire Prevention and Safety (FP&S) grant for the purpose of funding additional fire inspections and community risk assessment studies; authorizing and directing the Director of Public Safety and Service to enter into any necessary agreements; 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 No. 044-23: Introduced by: Edwards: An Ordinance authorizing and directing the Director of Public Safety and Service to enter into contracts for right of way acquisition for the US-62/Beechwood/Sawburg intersection improvement project (STA-62-37.47 -pid 113209) for a sum not to exceed \$75,000; 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 No. 045-23: Introduced by: Madison: An Ordinance authorizing and directing the Director of Public Safety and Service to advertise for bids and to award and enter into contract for the purchase of twelve Motorola APX6000 portable radios at a cost not to exceed \$64,000.00; 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 No. 046-23: Introduced by: Lohnes: An Ordinance approving the expenses incurred with the Kimble Company for residential garbage and recycling collection for December 2022 and the first quarter of 2023; and declaring an emergency. Motion and second to suspend the rule requiring three readings. Roll Call Vote: 5 to 1 (King). **NO FURTHER ACTION.**

Ordinance No. 047-23: Introduced by: Council as a Whole: An Ordinance establishing rates for residential garbage collection for July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024; and declaring an emergency. Motion and second to suspend the rule requiring three readings. Roll Call Vote: 3 in favor (Edwards, Madison, Mastroianni) to 3 against (Bugara, King, Lohnes). **NO FORMAL ACTION.**

Ordinance No. 048-23: Introduced by: Council as a Whole: An Ordinance ratifying a memo of understanding (MOU) between the City of Alliance and the Fraternal Order of Police/Ohio Labor Council, Inc. (F.O.P./O.L.C), for the police clerical bargaining unit; 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.**

NEW BUSINESS:

Ordinance No. 049-23: Introduced by: Mastroianni: An Ordinance accepting and approving the replat of lots 5573 and 5574 located in the 1300 block of South Morgan Avenue, in the City of Alliance, County of Stark, and State of Ohio. Motion and Second to refer to the Planning Commission. Roll Call Vote: Unanimous.

REFERRED TO PLANNING COMMISSION.

Ordinance No. 050-23: Introduced by Lohnes: An Ordinance authorizing and recommending the continuance of the Alliance Community Reinvestment Area (CRA) agreement tax abatement with CRA No.2, Lavery Chevroletbuick, Inc., Alliance Ventures - Western, Alliance Ventures - Kohl's; Alliance Ventures Mount Union Gateway; and declaring an emergency. Motion and second to excuse Councilman Mastroianni due to a conflict. Roll Call Vote: Unanimous. Motion and second to suspend the rule requiring three readings. Roll Call Vote: Unanimous. Motion and second to adopt. Roll Call Vote: Unanimous. **ADOPTED.**

Resolution No. 051-23: Introduced by: Council as a Whole: A Resolution congratulating the new president of the University of Mount Union and declaring May 12, 2023 to be “Gregory L. King Day” in the City of Alliance. Motion and second to adopt. Roll Call Vote: Unanimous. **ADOPTED.**

Ordinance No. 052-23: Introduced by: Council as a Whole: An Ordinance providing bonus payments from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds allocated to the City to employees who work for the Alliance Municipal Court; 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 No. 053-23: Introduced by: Council as a Whole: An Ordinance authorizing and directing the Director of Public Safety and Service to extend the current sole provider contract for emergency medical and ambulance transport services within the city of alliance; 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 No. 054-23: Introduced by: King: An Ordinance accepting the proposed Annual Consolidated Plan for the City of Alliance pursuant to the FY-2023 Community Development Block Grant program in an amount not to exceed \$632,148.00; 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 No. 055-23: Introduced by: Madison: An Ordinance approving the purchase of ammunition for training by the Alliance Police Department, but at a cost not to exceed \$40,000; and declaring an emergency. Motion and second to suspend the rule requiring finance committee review. Roll Call Vote: Unanimous. 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 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 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 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.**

Ordinance No. 025-23: Introduced by: Lohnes: An Ordinance vacating part of Miller Avenue, bounded on the North by out lot 763 and bounded on the South by West State Street; vacating part of Penn Avenue, bounded on the North by Hartshorn Street and bounded on the South by West State Street; vacating an unnamed 15' East-West alley, bounded on the West by Miller Avenue, bounded on the North by out lot 763, bounded on the East by Penn Avenue, and bounded on the South by lots 374, 375, 29 and 30; and accepting an approving the replat of all of lots 374, 375, 29, 30, 13201, out lot 782, and vacated portions of Miller Avenue, Penn Avenue, and an unnamed 15' East-West alley from Penn Avenue to Miller Avenue, located at the intersection of Penn Avenue and West State Street in the City of Alliance, County of Stark, and State of Ohio. Motion and second to adopt. Roll Call Vote: Unanimous. **ADOPTED.**

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

Councilman Bugara: Nothing to add.

Councilwoman Cherry: Absent.

Councilman Edwards: Nothing to add except to have a good evening.

Councilwoman King: Nothing to add.

Councilman Lohnes: Asked everyone to get out to vote and support the Park and DD Board levies.

Councilman Madison: Thanked the Fire Department for the quick response to a false alarm call at his residence.

Councilman Mastroianni: Asked everyone to get out to vote and support the Park levy

President Garnes: Asked everyone to get out to vote and support the Park and DD Board levies.

ADJOURNMENT: Noting no further business to come before this Council, President Garnes adjourned the meeting at 6:43 P.M.

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN:

Ordinance 80-20	NO FORMAL ACTION
Ordinance 81-20	NO FORMAL ACTION
Ordinance 82-20	NO FORMAL ACTION
Ordinance 86-21S	NO FORMAL ACTION
Ordinance 025-23	ADOPTED
Ordinance 036-23	THIRD READING
Resolution 042-23	SECOND READING
Ordinance 043-23	ADOPTED
Ordinance 044-23	ADOPTED
Ordinance 045-23	ADOPTED
Ordinance 046-23	SECOND READING
Ordinance 047-23	SECOND READING
Ordinance 048-23	ADOPTED
Ordinance 049-23	REFERRED TO PLANNING COMMISSION
Ordinance 050-23	ADOPTED
Resolution 051-23	ADOPTED
Ordinance 052-23	ADOPTED
Ordinance 053-23	ADOPTED
Ordinance 054-23	ADOPTED
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**ARTHUR GARNES,
COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

**GERARD T. YOST,
COUNCIL CLERK**