

**MINUTES OF THE MAY 4, 2020  
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE ALLIANCE CITY COUNCIL**

The meeting was called to order by President Garnes at 4:30 P.M. Councilman Mastroianni then gave the invocation and led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL:** Kris Bugara (remotely), Sheila Cherry (remotely), James Edwards (remotely), Andrew Grove (remotely), Edward Lohnes (remotely) and Phillip Mastroianni (remotely).

Motion and Second to excuse Councilwoman King due to work obligations. Roll Call: Unanimous. **MOTION PASSED BY ACCLAMATION OF ALL MEMBERS.**

Clerk Yost read the notice of the special meeting and compliance with S.B. 197 permitting public meetings by teleconferencing.

Minutes of the April 20, 2020 Special Council Meeting were distributed electronically to all members prior to the meeting. No deletions or corrections were offered by Council Members. Minutes of the meeting were received and filed.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. Notice of the Cancellation of the May 4, 2020 Regular City Council Meeting
2. Notice of the May 4, 2020 Special City Council
3. Notice of the May 12, 2020 Planning Zoning and Housing Committee Meeting
4. Memorandum from Auditor Knowles RE: Municipal Income Tax Information
5. Minutes of the April 15, 2020 Planning Commission Meeting
6. Agenda for the May 20, 2020 Planning Commission Meeting
7. Notice of May 20, 2020 Planning Commission Public Hearing

Motion and Second to record and file all communications tendered to the Clerk. Roll Call: Unanimous. **MOTION PASSED BY ACCLAMATION OF ALL MEMBERS.**

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

**Mayor Andreani:** (remotely): Continued to thank City employees for continuity of service to the Citizens of Alliance through the Pandemic shut downs. In particular, noted the job the Department heads have done keeping services going while paying attention to the health and safety of the employees. Stated the Department Heads are working to see that the employees have face covering and safety equipment and are maintaining social distancing while working.

The Mayor stated that the public areas of City Hall and in particular the payment and help counters continue to be closed to the public. As those areas and services begin to re-open, it will probably be by appointment in the beginning.

Asked the public to be continually aware of the strain on the Health Department and again asked that routine requests of the Health Department not related to COVID be directed to email and not add to the call volume that is coming in.

The City is examining cancellations of Summer activities based upon the ongoing Health Orders of the State and the Health situation in the City.

Stated that the City is still examining the CDBG COVID funding and working on how distribution should be handled.

Stated the Census is still being conducted by email, phone, and mail and currently the City is at

59.8% reporting which is about 1% below the National and State averages. Stressed how important accuracy is and asked citizens to make the reports.

Reminded citizens that the City parks are open for recreation. The focus should be on hiking, running or exercise and not congregating. The playgrounds and pavilions remain closed and there are no team sport activities to assist in the social distancing.

Noted that the question has come up of the permissiveness of Garage sales and the position of the City is that they are likened to other retail activity and are permitted after May 12. Social distancing, masks and sanitization should be incorporated.

**Safety Service Director Dreger:** Stated that the water tower on Rosemont has been rehabilitated and re-painted with the bladder replaced.

Noted that Council did not take action to contest the fact finding report in the Patrolman's Union but stated that the Union did file objections which would send it to arbitration. However the Director stated the two sides are close to a resolution and an agreement appears to have been reached to resolve the matter.

Informed the paving Ordinance has been scaled back to a level that the administration believes is acceptable due to reduced funds due to the necessary budget reductions from COVID 19 lack of funding.

Reviewed Ordinances 35-20; 36-20; 37-20; 38-20; 39-20; and 40-20.

Councilman Grove thanked the Administration for their fiscal responsibility in this situation.

Councilman Edwards asked about a barrier for the sidewalk on State Street near the Goodwill where the ravine drops off. Director Dreger stated that the drop off isn't the problem as much as the distance between the sidewalk and the drop off. Stated the City will look at it.

**Law Director Arnold:** No formal report.

**Auditor Knowles:** Reviewed the Income Tax Recapitulation looking at the projected impact throughout the year. More information will be compiled as we go throughout the year and provided as the budget may need to be adjusted.

Discussed the lower paving budget and how the administration came to what they believe is an acceptable number that can be done with the anticipated reduced revenue.

Noted the City received a \$215,000 return on BWC premiums due to the BWC re-evaluations.

Announced the City is installing a Kiosk in front of the Administration building for payments such as water bills and income tax. It has been purchased and the building is being looked at for necessary modifications to accommodate installation.

Councilman Grove thanked the Auditor for his work and fiscal responsibility in this reduce revenue situation.

Councilman Edwards questioned the Union Avenue paving and if it is still going forward this year. Auditor Knowles stated that it has been delayed by the State. Mayor Andreani stated that

the project has been delayed by the State of Ohio several times and now appears to have been pushed back to 2021.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Streets & Alley: Bugara:** Asked for support on Ordinance 38-20.

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

**Utilities: Edwards:** Stated that the quarterly meeting of the Water and Sewer Advisory Board was cancelled due to the pandemic restrictions.

**Finance: Grove:** No formal report at this time. The Committee will work with the Auditor as more definite numbers come in.

**Community Development: King:** Absent. No formal report.

**Safety & Judiciary: Lohnes:** Need to hold a meeting to review animal legislation. Trying to set a meeting May 13<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 or 5:30 depending on what works best for the other committee members. Notice will be provided once it is verified.

**Planning Zoning and Housing: Mastroianni:** Announced the Committee will meet virtually on May 12, 2020 at 4:30 PM to review Ordinance 25-20.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None were presented

**THIRD READINGS:**

**Ordinance 27-20:** Introduced by Edwards: An Ordinance granting John W Neidert and Kimberly N. Neidert, Trustees, an exclusive easement over approximately 500 square feet of land in the Southwest Quarter of Section 1, Knox Township, Columbiana County, Ohio (Westville Lakes Reservoir) for the maintenance of a driveway and bocce court. Motion and Second to adopt. Roll Call: Unanimous. **ADOPTED.**

**SECOND READINGS:** None

**ALLNEW BUSINESS:**

**Ordinance 33-20:** Introduced by Council as a Whole: An Ordinance authorizing and directing the Director of Public Safety and Service to enter into a two year contract to provide legal counsel to indigent persons charged with the loss of liberty offenses in the Alliance Municipal Court; and declaring an emergency. Motion and Second to suspend Council rules. Roll Call: Unanimous. Motion and Second to adopt. Roll Call: Unanimous. **ADOPTED.**

**Ordinance 34-20:** Introduced by Council as a Whole: An Ordinance temporarily moving the regular Council Meetings to 4:30 PM in the City Administration Building on the first and third Monday during the State of Emergency; and declaring an emergency. Motion and Second to amend to change time from 4:30 to 5:30 PM. Motion and Second to suspend Council rules. Roll Call: Unanimous. Motion and Second to adopt as amended. Roll Call: Unanimous. **ADOPTED AS AMENDED.**

**Ordinance 35-20:** Introduced by Bugara: An Ordinance authorizing and directing the Director of Public Safety and Service to advertise for bids and enter into contracts for services to complete and carry out the 2020 comprehensive road resurfacing and overlay program and the resurfacing of South Arch Avenue from US62/ East State Street to East Broadway Street (2020 Paving) in an amount not to exceed \$850,000; and declaring an emergency. **NO FORMAL ACTION.**

**Ordinance 36-20:** Introduced by Council as a Whole: An Ordinance authorizing and directing the Director of Public Safety and Service to apply for and accept grants for the purposes of defraying the costs to the City associated with the Covid-19 pandemic and to enter into the necessary agreements; and declaring an emergency. Motion and Second to suspend Council rules. Roll Call: Unanimous. Motion and Second to adopt. Roll Call: Unanimous. **ADOPTED.**

**Ordinance 37-20;** Introduced by Council as a Whole: An Ordinance amending the Exhibit to Ordinance 23-20 setting 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 Council rules. Roll Call: Unanimous. Motion and Second to adopt. Roll Call: Unanimous. **ADOPTED.**

**Ordinance 38-20:** Introduced by Bugara; Introduced by Bugara: An Ordinance authorizing and directing the Director of Public Safety and Service to enter into contracts for the purpose of purchasing a new single axle dump truck with plow and salt spreader for the street department through the cooperative purchasing programs of the Ohio Department of Transportation or to advertise for bids and enter into contracts with other vendors at the lowest and best price, but for a cost not to exceed \$180,000 in any case: and declaring an emergency. Motion and Second to suspend Council rules. Roll Call: Unanimous. Motion and Second to adopt. Roll Call: Unanimous. **ADOPTED.**

**Ordinance 39-20:** Introduced by Edwards: An Ordinance authorizing and directing the Director of Public Safety and Service to advertise for bids and enter into contracts for conveyors and associated parts needed for the Wastewater Treatment Plant at a cost not to exceed \$200,000; and declaring an emergency. Motion and Second to suspend Council rules. Roll Call: Unanimous. Motion and Second to adopt. Roll Call: Unanimous. **ADOPTED.**

**Ordinance 40-20:** Introduced by Bugara: An Ordinance authorizing and directing the Director of Public Safety and Service to enter into a consent agreement with the Director of the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) for sign replacement on US-62 from the West corporation limit to SR-183, on SR-183 from the South corporation limit to the North corporation limit, and on SR-225 from SR-183 to the North corporation limit; and declaring an emergency. Motion and Second to suspend Council rules. Roll Call: Unanimous. Motion and Second to adopt. Roll Call: Unanimous. **ADOPTED.**

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Ordinance 25-20:** Introduced by Mastroianni: An Ordinance amending the Alliance City Zoning Code as adopted by Ordinance 130-05 and subsequently amended. **NO FORMAL ACTION.**

#### **MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:**

**Councilman Bugara:** Expressed healthy wishes for everybody.

**Councilwoman Cherry:** Reminded everyone to be safe, healthy and kind during the pandemic situation.

**Councilman Edwards:** Thanked the City Employees for the efforts to keep services going.

**Councilman Grove:** Expressed best of health and God bless everyone

**Councilwoman King:** Absent.

**Councilman Lohnes:** Expressed his thanks to Citizens for maintaining their social distancing and following other pandemic rules.

**Councilman Mastroianni:** Expressed well wishes to everyone and thanked the Health Department for their efforts and the Citizens for supporting local businesses.

**President Garnes:** Thanked Council members for patience in getting through this new meeting process.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Noting no further business to come before this Council President Garnes adjourned the meeting at 5:18 PM.

**SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN:**

<b>Ordinance 25-20</b>	<b>NO FORMAL ACTION</b>
<b>Ordinance 27-20</b>	<b>ADOPTED</b>
<b>Ordinance 33-20</b>	<b>ADOPTED</b>
<b>Ordinance 34-20</b>	<b>ADOPTED AS AMENDED</b>
<b>Ordinance 35-20</b>	<b>FIRST READING</b>
<b>Ordinance 36-20</b>	<b>ADOPTED</b>
<b>Ordinance 37-20</b>	<b>ADOPTED</b>
<b>Ordinance 38-20</b>	<b>ADOPTED</b>
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**ARTHUR GARNES,  
COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

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**GERARD T. YOST  
COUNCIL CLERK**