

**MINUTES OF THE MAY 18, 2020
REGULAR MEETING OF THE ALLIANCE CITY COUNCIL**

The meeting was called to order by President Garnes at 5:30 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. Roll Call: Unanimous. **MOTION PASSED BY ACCLAMATION OF ALL MEMBERS.**

Minutes of the May 4, 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 May 18, 2020 Regular City Council Meeting pursuant to Ordinance 34-20
2. Notice of the May 21, 2020 Special Parks Board Meeting
3. Notice of the May 27, 2020 Planning Zoning and Housing Committee Meeting
4. Memorandum from Auditor Knowles RE: Municipal Income Tax Information
5. Memorandum from Chairman Grove RE: Finance Committee Report
6. Memorandum from Mayor Andreani RE: Receipts collected in April 2020
7. Agenda for the May 19, 2020 Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting
8. Notice of the May 19, 2020 Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting
9. Notice of the May 13, 2020 Safety and Judiciary Committee Meeting

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): Reviewed the continuity of Operations for the City amid the COVID-19 shut downs. Thanked Department Heads and City employees for keeping City services going during this period. Reminded everyone of the extreme strain on the Health Department and asked that non-essential or non-Covid related calls be postponed if possible or directed through email. Phones are extremely busy and the lobby is not open to the public for in-person business.

Stated that the Administration Offices are still closed to public access. The Lobby is open for Water and Income Tax payments to be dropped off in the drop off boxes. The payment Kiosk is on order and will be installed soon.

Stated that Barb Saferra and Joe Mazola are working on the COVID CDBG funding that will need distributed. They are reviewing the distribution guidelines.

The Administration is reviewing the most current conditions for opening up the community pool and bat/ball sports in the City. Noting most local sports leagues have already cancelled and there are even more prerequisites for opening up to traveling teams. Opening the pool may be very expensive meeting the increased requirements and the income will be less due to occupancy restrictions. All of this may make pool operations cost prohibitive.

Updated Council on the Status of Memorial Day. There will not be a parade and the cemetery

ceremony will be electronically pre-recorded for transmission on Memorial Day.

Reminded everyone to participate and report for the census. City participation has improved with an estimated 62.9% of residents reporting. Please fill out the report as it is highly important for things such as Federal and State funding.

Recognized that it was National Police week and although a ceremony couldn't be done this year please keep law enforcement in everyone's thoughts and prayers especially with all of the pandemic situation going on.

Councilwoman asked how to report businesses not complying with re-opening restrictions. Mayor Andreani responded that an email directly to Health Commissioner Flint would probably be the most effective and easiest.

Safety Service Director Dreger: Updated Council on the conversion from a City Department to the County Building Department for Commercial Building approvals and inspections. Reported that the State has approved the conversion and contract and the conversion is set for Memorial Day Weekend. Anyone filing prior to Memorial Day will continue with the City and all New filings after Memorial Day will work with the County Department.

Reviewed Ordinance 42-20.

Noted that there have been defects in the pavement on State Street between Belflower and Federal and the City has been working with the Contractor to have them corrected. That has been resolved and the contractor will be making the repairs soon which may result in some lane restrictions while the work is progressing

Councilman Grove questioned the responsibility of the cemetery on River Street near the old Stanley Pool property. Director stated he believes the City mows it but is unaware of responsibility for tracking who is buried there or if such records even exist. He will check further.

Councilman Mastroianni asked for clarification on how the transition to the County Building Department would occur for ongoing projects. Director Dreger stated he believed the easiest way is open projects would continue to conclusion with the City and New projects would start with the County.

Law Director Arnold:

Reviewed Ordinances 41-20 and 43-20.

Councilman Grove thanked the Law Director for the work on Ordinance 41-20 and stated that this is a way to generate revenue with little strain on the Law Department and generating good will with the Village of Minerva. Asked other Council members for support.

Auditor Knowles: Reviewed the Income Tax Recapitulation looking at the projected impact throughout the year. Stated he will provide this report each meeting instead of once a month as has been the practice since a diligent review of City finances is necessary due to the loss of revenue due to Pandemic shut down.

Encouraged Citizens to file and pay their income tax when they can. The Deadline has been

extended to July 15th but if residents file before that the finance department can determine the budget impact a little sooner.

Stated the City portion of Real estate taxes has been delayed due to the County's delay in collection. Distributions are coming in now so the City can better judge its financial position.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Streets & Alley: Bugara: Discussed the City Street paving. Stated that the Streets have been graded and prioritized. Stated that at this point it is a matter of evaluating the budget numbers to determine what will be done.

Stated that the paving of Arch Ave. will proceed because of the grant funding for the majority of it. It doesn't make sense to turn down the large portion of grant money.

Asked for Council action and support on Ordinance 40-20.

Properties and Lands: Cherry: No formal report.

Utilities: Edwards: No formal report.

Finance: Grove: Reviewed the City Financial Summary and Statement of Cash Position.

Community Development: King: Absent. No formal report.

Safety & Judiciary: Lohnes: Reviewed the May 13th Committee meeting to review Codified Ordinance 505 dealing with animals. Stated the Committee is working with the Law Director to finalize potential changes and put together a final ordinance to present to Council. Will hold another committee meeting on June 3, 2020 at 5:30 to further review.

Planning Zoning and Housing: Mastroianni: Reviewed the Committee meeting of last week that reviewed the proposed Zoning changes. Stated the Committee will meet again on June 3, 2020 at 5:30 to further examine the Proposed Zoning changes. Stated there is a need to move the Public Hearing on Ordinance 25-20 to July 6th.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None were presented

THIRD READINGS: None

SECOND READINGS:

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 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.**

NEW BUSINESS:

Ordinance 41-20: Introduced by Grove: An Ordinance authorizing the City of Alliance to contract with the Village of Minerva to provide prosecution services; and declaring an emergency. Motion and Second to suspend Council rules. Roll Call: Unanimous. Motion and Second to adopt. Roll Call: Unanimous. **ADOPTED.**

Ordinance 42-20: Introduced by Council as a Whole: An Ordinance ratifying a contract between the City of Alliance authorizing the City of Alliance and the Patrolman's Benevolent Association (OPBA); and declaring an emergency. Motion and Second to suspend Council rules. Roll Call: Unanimous. Motion and Second to adopt. Roll Call: Unanimous. **ADOPTED.**

Ordinance 43-20: Introduced by Council as a Whole: An Ordinance supporting receipt of Coronavirus aid, relief and economic security funding pursuant to Ohio S.B. 310; and declaring an emergency. **NO FORMAL ACTION.**

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 desire for everyone to stay healthy

Councilwoman Cherry: Asked everyone to stay healthy wise and kind when venturing out.

Councilman Edwards: Thanked the City Health Department and City Employees for the efforts to keep citizens safe and City services going.

Councilman Grove: Expressed best of health and everyone have faith situation will improve. Wished Councilwoman Cherry a Happy Birthday.

Councilwoman King: Absent.

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

Councilman Mastroianni: Complimented the Hair salons and barber shops for the professional efforts at reopening. Also complimented the Restaurants with open air dining for all following the rules and recommendations in reopening. Stated that following the rules will speed the recovery/reopening process.

President Garnes: Thanked the community for all of the good things going on behind the scenes. There is a lot of good in people out there.

Mayor Andreani: Reminded everyone that the only things reopening are the things modified by the Governor. All other things that were previously closed remain closed such as playgrounds, parades and public gatherings.

ADJOURNMENT: Noting no further business to come before this Council President Garnes adjourned the meeting at 6:16 PM.

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN:

Ordinance 25-20	NO FORMAL ACTION
Ordinance 35-20	NO FORMAL ACTION
Ordinance 40-20	ADOPTED
Ordinance 41-20	ADOPTED
Ordinance 42-20	ADOPTED
Ordinance 43-20	FIRST READING

**ARTHUR GARNES,
COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

**GERARD T. YOST
COUNCIL CLERK**