

**MINUTES OF THE JUNE 15, 2020
REGULAR MEETING OF THE ALLIANCE CITY COUNCIL**

The meeting was called to order by President Garnes at 5:30 P.M. and he then gave the invocation and led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Kris Bugara (remotely), Sheila Cherry (remotely), James Edwards (remotely), Cindy King (remotely), Edward Lohnes (remotely) and Phillip Mastroianni (remotely).

Motion and Second to excuse Councilman Grove due to illness. Roll Call: Unanimous.
MOTION PASSED BY ACCLAMATION OF ALL MEMBERS.

Minutes of the June 1, 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. June 8, 2020 Media Release from Mayor Andreani
2. Notice of the June 18, 2020 Parks Board Meeting
3. Minutes of the June 3, 2020 Safety and Judiciary Committee Meeting
4. Minutes of the May 20, 2020 Planning Commission Meeting
5. Agenda for the June 17, 2020 Planning Commission Meeting
6. Notice of cancellation of the June Board of Zoning Appeals 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 EPA revisions of the water department. Noted the billing office is still closed but water billing office and income tax department are available by phone and appointments can be scheduled.

Opening of the parks is in progress. The Administration is reviewing the opening requirements for parks facilities and noted determining what the City must do is difficult. Pavilions are still closed and the 10 person maximum is still in place. This means paying the rental on a pavilion for a party of 10 or less would be cost prohibitive. There is a requirement for pavilions and playgrounds to have sanitization stations and those are extremely hard to find.

Updated everyone on the City participation in the census. The committee is examining digital enumeration possibilities due to the inability to send out individuals due to COVID. Reporting in Alliance is at about 64% with the State average at 66%.

Reported the Alliance Postmaster has expressed concern regarding dogs in neighborhoods and has requested the City look into regional mailboxes at the corners of streets or putting rural mailboxes on one side of the street and restrict parking to only one side to do a city version of rural delivery. Streets and Alleys Committee should look at this.

Reported the Independence Day fireworks have been postponed and there is concern for safety if individuals try to do home displays.

Councilman Edwards questioned the Postal Service requests and Mayor Andreani clarified.

Councilman Mastroianni questioned the time frame on reopening the playgrounds noting other communities have opened playgrounds. The Mayor responded with the types of difficulties the City faces and potential liability concerns the Administration has.

Councilman Lohnes questioned if it is possible to reopen a limited number of playgrounds such as just major parks. Mayor Andreani responded that may be a possibility.

Safety Service Director Dreger: Reviewed Ordinance 50-20.

Announced there will be a Civil Service test administered for the police department and stressed the public meeting the requirements should apply.

Reported the Ohio EPA is now allowing water shut offs for non-payment so the City will begin sending notices in July and begin shut offs in August if necessary.

Councilman Mastroianni questioned the rate increases in the garbage contract and Director Dreger explained this is a pass on to customers of the increases to Kimble.

Law Director Arnold:

Reviewed Ordinance S43-20 and explained the process.

Auditor Knowles: Reviewed Ordinance 48-20 and explained the City share of assistance is \$523,000.

Councilwoman Cherry questioned the prioritizing of the funding and Auditor Knowles explained.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Streets & Alley: Bugara: No formal report.

Properties and Lands: Cherry: No formal report.

Utilities: Edwards: No formal report.

Finance: Grove: Absent. No formal report.

Community Development: King: No formal report.

Safety & Judiciary: Lohnes: Reviewed the Committee meeting on June 3, 2020 and the review Codified Ordinance 505 dealing with animals that led to ordinance 49-20. Stated the ordinance is on for a first reading with no action until there is time for further review.

Asked for support of Resolution 45-20 to assist the Village of East Canton with our Police

Department Special Response Team if needed.

Planning Zoning and Housing: Mastroianni: Thanked Councilman Grove for giving his report at the last meeting. Reminded everyone that there will be a public hearing on Ordinance 25-20 at the next meeting on July 6th.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None were presented

THIRD READINGS:

Ordinance S43-20: Introduced by Council as a Whole: An Ordinance supporting receipt of Coronavirus aid, relief and economic security funding pursuant to Ohio. Motion and Second to substitute for Ordinance 43-20. Roll Call: Unanimous. Motion and Second to Suspend the rule requiring three readings. Roll Call: Unanimous. Motion and Second to adopt. Roll Call: Unanimous. **ADOPTED.**

SECOND READINGS:

Ordinance 44-20: Introduced by Edwards: An Ordinance granting exception for the construction of a single-family residence on Alliance lot 12660 One Hundred feet distant from an existing oil and gas wellhead; and declaring an emergency. Motion and Second to Suspend the rule requiring three readings. Roll Call: Unanimous. Motion and Second to adopt. Roll Call: Unanimous. **ADOPTED.**

Resolution 45-20: Introduced by Lohnes: A Resolution authorizing participation in a Mutual Aid Agreement with the Village of East Canton. Motion and Second to Suspend the rule requiring three readings. Roll Call: Unanimous. Motion and Second to adopt. Roll Call: Unanimous. **ADOPTED.**

Ordinance 46-20: Introduced by King: An Ordinance authorizing the City of Alliance to enter into an agreement with the County of Stark, Ohio, and the City of Massillon for the purpose of continuing the participation of the City of Alliance in the Stark County Home Ownership Made Easy (HOME) consortium for the period of FY 2020-2021; and declaring an emergency. Motion and Second to Suspend the rule requiring three readings. Roll Call: Unanimous. Motion and Second to adopt. Roll Call: Unanimous. **ADOPTED.**

NEW BUSINESS:

Ordinance 47-20: Introduced by Mastroianni: An Ordinance vacating a part of two twenty (20) foot alleys, bounded on the North by lot 12084, a 20' alley and lot 12085; bounded on the South by lot 5792 and outlot 87; bounded on the East by lot 11623, lot11624 and outlot 87; bounded on the West by North Union Avenue/SR 183 in the City of Alliance, County of Stark, and State of Ohio. Motion and Second to refer to the Planning Commission. Roll Call: Unanimous.

REFERRED TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION.

Resolution 48-20: Introduced by Council as a Whole: A Resolution authorizing the Auditor of the City of Alliance, Ohio to establish a local Coronavirus relief fund, and to establish revenue and expenditure codes and declaring an emergency. Motion and Second to Suspend the rule

requiring three readings. Roll Call: Unanimous. Motion and Second to adopt. Roll Call: Unanimous. **ADOPTED.**

Ordinance 49-20: Introduced by Lohnes: An Ordinance amending Alliance Codified Ordinance section 505 animals and fowl. **NO FORMAL ACTION.**

Ordinance 50-20: Introduced by Edwards: An Ordinance establishing rates for residential garbage collection for July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021, and declaring an emergency. Motion and Second to Suspend the rule requiring three readings. 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 desire for health and healing and stated everyone should get out and enjoy the warm summer weather.

Councilwoman Cherry: Expressed the desire everyone be kind, safe, and well and stated she has been talking to young people regarding the recent protests. The young people are the ones that must bring about the change that is needed.

Councilman Edwards: Stated be well, kind and safe and can't wait to meet again in person.

Councilman Grove: Be safe and remember God gives hope.

Councilwoman King: Stated that she had the virus and reminded everyone it is real and nothing to be taken lightly. It can be taken into your home so easily and contracted without even knowing. Spent nearly a whole month in quarantine and home bound and is still recovering from it. Thanked the Alliance Health Department for all their assistance.

Councilman Lohnes: Thanked Councilwoman King for her candid remarks and also reminded everyone to stay safe and maintain social distancing. Cautioned against relaxing with everything opening back up.

Councilman Mastroianni: Also thanked Councilwoman King for her remarks reminding everyone to stay safe. Also thanked Councilwoman Cherry for her work on the peaceful protests and working with the youth for civil rights.

Council President Garnes: Wished King well in recovery and complimented the young people for the manner in which the peaceful protests were conducted.

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 S43-20	ADOPTED
Ordinance 44-20	ADOPTED
Resolution 45-20	ADOPTED
Ordinance 46-20	ADOPTED
Ordinance 47-20	REFERRED TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION
Ordinance 48-20	ADOPTED
Ordinance 49-20	FIRST READING
Ordinance 50-20	ADOPTED

**ARTHUR GARNES,
COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

**GERARD T. YOST
COUNCIL CLERK**