

**MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 21, 2023
REGULAR MEETING OF THE ALLIANCE CITY COUNCIL**

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

ROLL CALL: Kris Bugara, Sheila Cherry (6:04), James Edwards, Edward Lohnes, Jack Madison and Phillip Mastroianni present.

Motion and second to excuse Councilwoman Cindy King due to illness. Roll Call Unanimous. **MOTION PASSED BY ACCLAMATION OF ALL MEMBERS.**

Minutes of the August 7, 2023 Regular Council Meeting were distributed electronically to all members prior to the meeting. Noting a correction on the date and no additional additions, deletions or corrections as seen by Council Members. Minutes were received and filed as presented.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Memorandum from Mayor Grove RE: Receipts collected in July 2023
2. Memorandum from Mayor Grove RE: Appointment of Kathy Kramer to the Early Childhood Education Alliance Inc.

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 Grove: Thanked citizens and employees for support leading to his appointment and is grateful to be back involved with City government again

Noted his intent to work toward completing the projects and goals of the Andreani Administration.

Stated his commitment to keeping City fiscally strong and getting Alliance out of fiscal warning as well as make Alliance a great place to live, work and raise a family.

Announced that the Early Childhood Education Alliance has expanded to 7 members and he has nominated Kathy Kramer for the additional position. His nomination needs the approval of Council.

Motion and Second to confirm Mayor Grove's appointment of Kathy Kramer to the Early Childhood Education Alliance Board. Roll Call Unanimous. **MOTION PASSED BY ACCLAMATION OF ALL MEMBERS.**

Safety Service Director Dreger: Updated Council on the progress of the purchase of a new fire truck for the fire department.

Reviewed Ordinances 072-23 and 073-23

Explained the progress on 555 East Main Street clean up with some new BUSTER regulations and progress toward getting that done.

Councilman Edwards asked about the progress on the summer paving. Engineer Mueser explained.

Law Director Weyer: No formal report

Auditor Knowles: Reviewed Ordinance 074-23

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Streets and Alleys: Bugara: No formal report

Properties and Lands: Cherry: No formal report.

Utilities: Edwards: Reported he has been in touch with Kimball about heavy trash zones in the City and will schedule a meeting to review.

Community Development: King: Absent. No formal report however Councilwoman Cherry reported that there will be a meeting set to review some matters.

Finance: Lohnes: Update on work for coming out of fiscal watch

Safety and Judiciary: Madison: No formal report

Planning Zoning and Housing: Mastroianni: No formal report.

Public Speaks: Charles Jenkins of 532 E. Broadway RE: Neighbor problem at Mother's house at 1012 E. Summit Street.

Jeremy Rhome of 63 E. Broadway discussed Fire Department

THIRD READINGS:

Ordinance No. 066-23: Introduced by: Lohnes: An Ordinance authorizing and directing the Director of Public Safety and Service to enter into an exclusive contract for emergency medical and ambulance transport services within the City of Alliance; and declaring an emergency. Motion and second to adopt. Lengthy discussion. Lohnes noted reasons for support. Edwards expressed concern on the current level of service and terms of the contract. Cherry expressed concern on the current level of service. Law Director Weyer explained terms of the contract. Director Dreger explained economics and time to switch to a different method. Madison

expressed support. Bugara and Mastroianni both questioned service and moving to a different system. Roll Call Vote: 5 to 1 (Edwards) in favor. **ADOPTED.**

SECOND READINGS:

Ordinance No. 068-23: Introduced by: Mastroianni: An Ordinance accepting and approving the replat of parts of out lots 172 and 174 located at 1049 South Mahoning Avenue, in the City of Alliance, County of Stark, and State of Ohio. Motion and Second to waive the rule requiring three readings. Roll Call Vote: Unanimous. Motion and second to adopt. Roll Call Vote: Unanimous. **ADOPTED.**

Ordinance No. 071-23: Introduced by: Edwards: An Ordinance appropriating \$200,000.00 and authorizing and directing the Director of Public Safety and Service to enter into contracts for the purchase of real estate and easements needed as right of way acquisitions for the US62 Beechwood Sawburg intersection improvement project (STA-62-37.47 - pid 113209); and declaring an emergency. Noted Councilman Mastroianni previously excused from action. **NO FORMAL ACTION.**

NEW BUSINESS:

Ordinance No. 072-23: Introduced by: Madison: An Ordinance appropriating funds and authorizing and directing the Director of Public Safety and Service to purchase two new police cruisers and a SRT van through cooperative purchasing programs or to advertise for bids if required and enter into contracts at the lowest and best prices to purchase the vehicles and items necessary to equip the vehicles, but for a cost not to exceed \$186,000.00 in any case; and declaring an emergency. Motion and Second to waive the rule requiring Finance Committee review. Roll Call Vote: Unanimous. Motion and Second to waive the rule requiring three readings. Roll Call Vote: Unanimous. Motion and second to adopt. Roll Call Vote: Unanimous. **ADOPTED.**

Ordinance No. 073-23: Introduced by: Madison: An Ordinance authorizing and directing the Director of Public Safety and Service to purchase twenty new body cameras for the police department, but for a cost not to exceed \$26,000.00 in any case; and declaring an emergency. Motion and Second to waive the rule requiring Finance Committee review. Roll Call Vote: Unanimous. Motion and Second to waive the rule requiring three readings. Roll Call Vote: Unanimous. Motion and second to adopt. Roll Call Vote: Unanimous. **ADOPTED.**

Ordinance No. 074-23: Introduced by: Lohnes: An Ordinance making appropriations and transfers of funds in the 2023 Appropriations to provide for necessary expenses and adjustments; and declaring an emergency. Motion and Second to waive the rule requiring Finance Committee review. Roll Call Vote: Unanimous. Motion and Second to waive the rule requiring three readings. Roll Call Vote: Unanimous. Motion and second to adopt. Roll Call Vote: Unanimous. **ADOPTED.**

OLD BUSINESS: None

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

Councilman Bugara: Congratulated Mayor Grove on his appointment

Councilwoman Cherry: Thanked all the supporters and sponsors of the back to school community day and back pack give away. It was very successful.

Also thanked the Carnation Festival Board for the successful festival.

Councilman Edwards: Welcomed Mayor Grove back to city government.

Councilwoman King: Absent.

Councilman Lohnes: Stated the Carnation days went well and thanked all involved.

Noted the debate over Ordinance 066-23 was productive.

Councilman Madison: Nothing to add.

Councilman Mastroianni: Looking forward to working with Mayor Grove and noted the Carnation festival was a success

President Garnes: Absent.

ADJOURNMENT: Noting no further business to come before this Council, President Pro Tem Lohnes adjourned the meeting at 7:27 P.M.

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN:

Ordinance 066-23	ADOPTED
Ordinance 068-23	ADOPTED
Ordinance 071-23	SECOND READING
Ordinance 072-23	ADOPTED
Ordinance 073-23	ADOPTED
Ordinance 074-23	ADOPTED

**EDWARD LOHNES,
COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEM**

**GERARD T. YOST,
COUNCIL CLERK**