

**MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 5, 2023  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE ALLIANCE CITY COUNCIL**

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

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

Minutes of the August 21, 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: Trick or Treat schedule
2. Notice of the October 16, 2023 Keep Alliance Beautiful Commission Meeting rescheduled from October 23, 2023
3. Memorandum from Auditor Knowles RE: August 2023 Municipal Income Tax Recapitulation
4. Minutes of the June 6, 2023 Treasury Investment Board Meeting
5. City of Alliance investment strategy update.
6. Agenda for the September 19, 2023 Board of Zoning Appeals 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 Grove:** Announced there will be a Historical Preservation Downtown revitalization program kickoff event on October 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> at Jupiter Studios.

Announced the Raising Canes project is under way with the demolition of the existing structure scheduled to begin soon.

Commended the Mount Union University for its beautification efforts in the area of State Street. They are enhancing the area of State Street and Union Avenue in the area of the University.

Announced the dates and times as well as procedure for city trick or treat for Halloween.

**Safety Service Director Dreger:** Reviewed Ordinances 071-23 and stated that action is needed for the project to get started.

Reviewed Ordinances 075-23 and stated that action is needed for procurement of necessary supplies.

Announced the Pickle Ball Court is finished at Silver Park except for some lining which will be done shortly. This was done by Park staff and they did a good job of being done quickly and working around the Carnation Festival activities.

**Law Director Weyer:** Announced the Officer involved shooting by the Police Department is being independently investigated by BCI and asked for patience while the investigation progresses.

Councilman Edwards asked for an addendum to Ordinance 066-23 for clarification on certain issues. Law Director stated she would work with him to draft what he is looking for.

**Auditor Knowles:** Reviewed Municipal Income tax recapitulation.

### **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Streets and Alleys: Bugara:** Announced the Rockhill Avenue Rehab project is completed and the summer paving project is about 80% complete.

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

**Utilities: Edwards:** No formal report.

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

**Finance: Lohnes:** Update for progress working on coming out of fiscal watch.

Announced there is about 7.9 Million in ARPA money left and the City will look to spend it down next year with more increased paving like this year.a

**Safety and Judiciary: Madison:** No formal report

**Planning Zoning and Housing: Mastroianni:** No formal report.

**Public Speaks:** None

### **THIRD READINGS:**

**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. Motion and second to adopt. (Mastroianni was previously excused) Roll Call Vote: Unanimous (6 – 0). **ADOPTED.**

**SECOND READINGS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Ordinance No. 075-23:** Introduced by: Lohnes: An Ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Safety and Service to advertise for bids and enter into contracts for the purchase of various supplies for the year 2024; and declaring an emergency. 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:** Nothing to add.

**Councilwoman Cherry:** Nothing to add.

**Councilman Edwards:** Nothing to add.

**Councilwoman King:** Nothing to add.

**Councilman Lohnes:** Nothing to add.

**Councilman Madison:** Nothing to add.

**Councilman Mastroianni** Nothing to add.

**President Garnes:** Nothing to add.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Noting no further business to come before this Council, President Garnes adjourned the meeting at 6:14 P.M.

**SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN:**

**Ordinance 071-23    ADOPTED**

**Ordinance 075-23    ADOPTED**

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**ARTHUR GARNES,  
COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

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**GERARD T. YOST,  
COUNCIL CLERK**