

**MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 16, 2023  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE ALLIANCE CITY COUNCIL**

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

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

Motion and second to excuse Councilwoman Sheila Cherry due to illness and Councilman James Edwards due to a schedule conflict. Roll Call Unanimous. **MOTION PASSED BY ACCLAMATION OF ALL MEMBERS.**

Minutes of the October 2, 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. Notice of the October 9, 2023 Streets and Alleys Committee meeting
2. Notice of the October 10, 2023 joint Finance Committee and Safety and Judiciary Committee meeting
3. Engineering Department recommendations for the October 25, 2023 Planning and Zoning Commission meeting
4. Notice of the October 20, 2023 Historic Preservation Commission meeting
5. Minutes of the October 9, 2023 Streets and Alleys Committee meeting
6. Notice of the October 26, 2023 joint Finance Committee and Safety and Judiciary Committee 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:** Reviewed the Green Commission meeting to review the filling an opening. Recommend Amy Elliott to fill the position

Motion and second to approve the appointment of Amy Elliot to the Green Commission opening. Roll Call: Unanimous. **MOTION PASSED BY ACCLAMATION OF ALL MEMBERS.**

Reviewed efforts for a City-wide residential tax abatement for new housing that would benefit the area and schools and housing development

Noted the progress of the new IML Container facility. Councilman Lohnes asked about employment numbers. Mayor replied.

**Safety Service Director Dreger:** Reviewed languishing fire sites that need cleaned up. Noted the funding is now available for clean up

Looking to County for financial assistance in demo clean up next year.

Updated Council on the beginning of leaf collection and the prohibition of putting leaves in the street.

Noted process for raising farm animals in City and a recent inquiry and request for variation

**Law Director Weyer:** Updated Council on new body cameras for Police and effectiveness.

**Auditor Knowles:** No report

### **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Streets and Alleys: Bugara:** Reviewed the October 9<sup>th</sup> meeting and plans to pave Vine Street.

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

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

**Community Development: King** Happy Fire clean ups are coming from CDBG funding

**Finance: Lohnes:** Reviewed the October 9<sup>th</sup> meeting and approved the funding for a new fire truck as well as spending ARPA funding and fiscal watch status.

**Safety and Judiciary: Madison:** Reviewed the October 10<sup>th</sup> meeting to review purchasing new fire truck

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

**Public Speaks:** John Stancato of 363 Buckeye Street addressed the raising chickens on his property. Questions from Councilman Lohnes regarding possible changes to regulations and possible restrictions.

Law Director Weyer clarified existing restrictions and the Ordinance covering this.

Amber Stancato of 363 Buckeye Street addressed the chicken restrictions.

Council President Garnes asked Planning Zoning and Housing and Safety and Judiciary Committees to review

**THIRD READINGS:** None

**SECOND READINGS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Ordinance No. 078-23:** Introduced by: Council as a Whole: An Ordinance appropriating funds and authorizing and directing the Director of Public Safety and Service to enter into contract for the purchase of a NFPA 1901 compliant Quint, but at a cost not to exceed \$1,255,000.00, and declaring an emergency. **NO FORMAL ACTION.**

Safety Service Director noted a deadline on this issue. Advised a special meeting may be advisable.

Discussed setting a special meeting for Wednesday October 18 at 5:30 to review Ordinance 78-23 and potentially a second on October 26<sup>th</sup>.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:**

**Councilman Bugara:** Nothing to add.

**Councilwoman Cherry:** Absent.

**Councilman Edwards:** Absent.

**Councilwoman King:** Nothing to add.

**Councilman Lohnes:** Be aware with Halloween and trick or treat coming.

**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 6:29 P.M.

**SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN:**

**Ordinance 078-23    FIRST READING**

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**ARTHUR GARNES,  
COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

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**GERARD T. YOST,  
COUNCIL CLERK**