

**MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 20, 2023  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE ALLIANCE CITY COUNCIL**

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

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

Minutes of the November 6, 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 December 13, 2023 Streets and Alleys Committee Meeting
2. Notice of the December 6, 2023 Water and Sewer Advisory Board meeting
3. Memorandum from Mayor Grove RE: Commission Re-appointments
4. Memorandum from Mayor Grove RE: Receipts collected in August 2023
5. Memorandum from Mayor Grove RE: Receipts collected in September 2023

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:** Noted the expiration of Sarah Mastroianni's term on the Green Commission and asked council to confirm her re-appointment of her to a new term.

Motion and second to confirm the re-appointment of Sarah Mastroianni to the Green Commission. Roll Call Unanimous. **MOTION PASSED BY ACCLAMATION OF ALL MEMBERS.**

Noted the expiration of Kris Benedetti's term on the Historic Preservation Commission and asked council to confirm her re-appointment of her to a new term.

Motion and second to confirm the re-appointment of Kris Benedetti to the Historic Preservation Commission. Roll Call Unanimous. **MOTION PASSED BY ACCLAMATION OF ALL MEMBERS.**

Announced that he had met with Judge Zubar to discuss Council moving regular meetings back to the Courtroom / Council Chambers until the new Council Chambers in City Administration building. Noted Judge Zubar is supportive and the Mayor would like Council to begin regular meetings in the Courtroom in January 2024.

Motion and second to begin holding regular Council Meetings in the Courtroom / Council Chambers beginning in January 2024. Roll Call Unanimous. **MOTION PASSED BY ACCLAMATION OF ALL MEMBERS.**

Councilman Cherry asked if it could be set up in a more space efficient way. Clerk Yost stated that some extra tables and things were there but no longer are. We may need some things to make it a better set up.

Councilman Edwards asked when the Administration building space might be ready. Mayor stated a lot of work and approval is still needed.

Clerk Yost stated that the regular meeting place is addressed in the Council rules. If moving regular meeting location, it would be a good time to address it in the rules when the new session begins in January and adopts new rules.

**Safety Service Director Dreger:** Updated Council on the leaf collection program for the year and stated that the first pass is done or will be tomorrow. Crews will take the weekend off and begin second pass on Monday. Second pass will go quickly so residents should use the long Thanksgiving weekend to clean up the leaves for pick up next week.

Updated Council on the light pole replacement on North Union Avenue. Noted there has been a delay from the company getting the light poles to the City for installation

Noted Chief Griffith's long dedicated service to the City and congratulated him on his retirement.

Councilwoman Cherry questioned procedure for getting burned out street lights fixed. Ohio Edison has been less than cooperative. Director Dreger suggested going through the Street Department for action, they seem to be more successful and getting results.

**Law Director Weyer:** Asked for Safety and Judiciary Committee meeting with the Police Chief and Fire Chief present to further review changes to fireworks regulations.

Commended Chief Griffith upon his impending retirement.

Asked for an executive session at the end of regular session to discuss pending or imminent litigation with no action expected.

**Auditor Knowles:** Reviewed Ordinance 081-23

Reported on the progress on the 2024 Budget. Working with department heads on training on new software to streamline the process. Appears to be going well.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Streets and Alleys: Bugara:** Asking for support for Ordinance 081-23 and noted the upcoming Committee on December 13.

**Properties and Lands: Cherry:** No formal report but thanked Chief Griffith and wished him well in his retirement.

**Utilities: Edwards:** Noted the upcoming quarterly Water and Sewer Advisory Committee meeting on December 6, 2023 in the City Administration Conference room.

Wished Chief Griffith well in his retirement.

**Community Development: King:** No formal report but thanked Chief Griffith and wished him well in his retirement.

**Finance: Lohnes:** Noted the introduction of Ordinance 082-23 and asking for no action on it tonight to allow members to review it.

**Safety and Judiciary: Madison:** No formal report but thanked Chief Griffith for his service and wished him well in his retirement.

**Planning Zoning and Housing: Mastroianni:** No formal report but thanked Chief Griffith and wished him well in his retirement.

**Public Speaks:** None

**THIRD READINGS:** None

**SECOND READINGS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Proclamation:** Introduced by: Bugara: A Proclamation expressing appreciation to Scott C. Griffith. Motion and second to suspend the rule requiring 3 readings. Roll Call Vote: Unanimous: Motion and second to adopt. Roll Call Vote: Unanimous. **ADOPTED.**

**Ordinance No. 081-23:** Introduced by: Bugara: An Ordinance authorizing and directing the Director of Public Safety and Service to advertise for bids and enter into contracts for the Glamorgan Street and Mahoning Avenue street resurfacing project at a cost not to exceed \$957,025.00; and declaring an emergency. Motion and second to suspend the rule requiring 3 readings. Roll Call Vote: Unanimous: Motion and second to adopt. Roll Call Vote: Unanimous. **ADOPTED.**

**Ordinance No. 082-23:** Introduced by: Council as a Whole: An amending; and declaring an emergency Ordinances 101-11 & 74-14, setting wages and salaries for elected officials for the City of Alliance; and declaring an emergency. **NO FORMAL ACTION.**

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:**

**Councilman Bugara:** Happy Thanksgiving to everyone.

**Councilwoman Cherry:** Have a safe Thanksgiving and enjoy the holiday meal.

**Councilman Edwards:** Have a blessed Thanksgiving

**Councilwoman King:** Have a happy Thanksgiving

**Councilman Lohnes:** Happy Thanksgiving and thanked Chief Griffith for his service to the City wished him well in his retirement.

**Councilman Madison:** Have a Safe and Happy Thanksgiving

**Councilman Mastroianni:** Everyone have a good Thanksgiving

**President Garnes:** Happy Thanksgiving to all.

Motion and to go into executive session pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22 (G)(3) to Confer with legal counsel for the public body concerning disputes involving the public body that are the subject of pending or imminent court action with members of Council, President of Council, Law Director, Mayor, Safety Service Director, and Auditor present and no action intended afterward; Roll Call: Unanimous. Council entered executive session as 6:29 P.M.

Council re-entered regular session at 6:46 P.M.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Noting no further business to come before this Council, President Garnes adjourned the meeting at 6:46 P.M.

**SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN:**

<b>Proclamation</b>	<b>ADOPTED</b>
<b>Ordinance 081-23</b>	<b>ADOPTED</b>
<b>Ordinance 082-23</b>	<b>FIRST READING</b>

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**ARTHUR GARNES,  
COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

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**GERARD T. YOST,  
COUNCIL CLERK**

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