

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4th, 1916.

Council met in regular session with President Barnard in the chair.

The roll being called, the following members answered to their names: Messrs. Binkley, Cox, Grubb, Lower, Merts, Penick. Present 6, Absent 1.

On motion of Lower, seconded by Binkley, the reading of the minutes was dispensed with.

The following communication was received and read:

Alliance, Ohio, Nov. 28, 1916.

Mr. J. H. McConnell  
Director of Public Service,  
Alliance, Ohio.

Dear Sir:- We, the undersigned employees of the City of Alliance in the Water Works Pumping Station and Filtration Plant, respectfully call your attention to the following facts:-

First: That the duties and responsibilities of said employees have been greatly increased by the rapid growth of the city and the increased water consumption.

Request  
for  
increase of  
salaries  
at Pumping  
Station and  
Filtration  
Plant.

Second: That said employees, working eight hours seven days a week including all holidays, receive the following salaries figured on a daily basis; Engineers at the pumping station, \$2.79, making an increase of 16 cents daily in the past seven years; Chemist at Filtration Plant, \$2.71 (not including \$.54 daily for services at the sewage disposal plant), which is the same as when the plant was started in operation; Operators at the filtration plant, \$2.31, making an average reduction of 8 cents daily since the plant was first placed in operation.

Third: That the salaries paid said employees are considerably lower than those paid to men holding similar positions in other cities.

Fourth: That these salaries are considerably lower than are those paid to men holding positions of similar responsibilities and duties in this city.

Fifth: That the recent rapid rise in the price of the necessities of life has greatly reduced the purchasing power of the salaries of said employees.

Sixth: That the water works department should be able to pay fair and equitable salaries to its employees, because as a business enterprise with an adjustable income it is not in any way comparable to those city departments which are dependent on taxation.

Therefore, for the reasons above stated, we believe that we are entitled to a substantial salary increase on January first, 1917. We respectfully request that you give this matter immediate consideration, and we further request that our representatives be given a hearing before the committee of Council to which this matter is referred.

M. B. Carter  
Alvah S. Holway  
John Rupp  
C. A. Rowland  
L. A. Snyder  
J. A. Rook

Referred to the Water Committee and the Service Director.

Mayor  
Westover  
regarding  
high cost  
of coal,  
etc.

Mayor Westover presented a communication to Council relating to the present high cost of coal and the need of better street lighting, etc.

On motion of Lower, seconded by Grubb, the communication was received and ordered placed on file.

On motion of Grubb, seconded by Binkley, Councilman Miller was excused for non-attendance at this meeting on account of death in the family.

Finance  
Committee  
submitted  
claims.

The Finance Committee submitted claims for publication of ordinances, which were approved.

Chas. F. Merts  
J. W. Penick  
L. E. Grubb

Sewer Com.  
Res. 2244.

The Committee on Sewers, to whom was referred Resolution 2244, submitted their report recommending the passage of said resolution.

J. H. Binkley  
L. L. Lower  
W. H. Cox

The report of the Committee was agreed to.

THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS WERE INTRODUCED:

Ord. 2256  
1st time.

Ordinance No. 2256.  
Mr. Merts: An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract with a sanitary engineer to prepare plans, specifications and estimates for making changes and additions to the existing Sewage Disposal Plant and to superintend the same; was read the first time.

Referred to the Sewer Committee.

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- Ord.2257  
1st time.      Ordinance No. 2257.  
Mr. Merts: An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract for enlarging and improving the Sewage Disposal Plant; was read the first time. Referred to the Sewer Committee.
- Res.2258,  
1st time.      Resolution No. 2258.  
Mr. Binkley: An ordinance to establish a grade on West Harrison Street from Lincoln Avenue to Rockhill Avenue; was read the first time. Referred to the Committee on Grades.
- Res.2259  
1st time.      Resolution No. 2259.  
Mr. Binkley: Declaring it necessary to improve Alley north of Main Street from Park Avenue to Main Street by constructing an extension to Sewer No. 32; was read the first time. Referred to the Sewer Committee.
- Ord.2254  
1st time.      Ordinance No. 2254.  
Mr. Merts: An ordinance to authorize the Board of Park Commissioners to employ a social surveyor to make a survey and report on the location of parks and playgrounds in the City of Alliance, Ohio; was read the first time. Referred to the Finance Committee.
- Ord.2250  
1st time.      Ordinance No. 2250.  
Mr. Binkley: To authorize the appointment of an equalization board to hear objections to the estimated assessments on the East Patterson Street Improvement; was read the first time. Referred to the Assessment Committee for immediate action.
- Ord.2255  
1st time.      Ordinance No. 2255.  
Mr. Merts: To issue a certificate of indebtedness of the City of Alliance, Ohio, for the purpose of securing the services of a social surveyor to make a survey and a report on location of parks and playgrounds; was read the first time. Referred to the Finance Committee for immediate action.
- Ord.2253  
1st time.      Ordinance No. 2253.  
Mr. Merts: An ordinance authorizing the Board of Hospital Commissioners to enter into a contract according to law, to extend an additional \$15,000.00 in the erection, equipping and furnishing of the Alliance City Hospital; was read the first time. Referred to the Finance Committee for immediate action.
- Ord.2251  
1st time.      Ordinance No. 2251.  
Mr. Merts: An ordinance to supplement Ordinance No. 2224, passed October 2nd, 1916, providing for the levying of special assessments for the improvement of South Freedom Avenue between South Street and Waugh Street, and for the issue of bonds in anticipation of the collection of said assessments; was read the first time. Referred to the Assessment Committee for immediate action.
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- Mr. Newburn and Mr. Ringwald, sanctioning suggestion of Mayor.      W. H. Newburn addressed Council sanctioning the suggestion of the Mayor, and asked Council to act in the matter. He declared that something must be wrong when prices were advancing without cause.
- Mr. Ringwald also addressed Council upon the same lines and urged them to act promptly and not side track the proposition.
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- Increased pay for patrolmen.      Lower brought to the attention of Council and advocated increased pay for patrolmen and enlarging the force.
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- Condition of street car tracks on S. Arch Avenue.      Grubb made inquiry as to the status of street car tracks on South Arch Avenue. Service Director McConnell stated that Manager Mowry of the Stark Electric R.R. Company states that it is impossible to secure laborers to do the work.
- City Solicitor Morris stated that the franchise states that if after due notice to the company, the work is not done, the city can have the work done and assess the cost against the company.
- The City Solicitor stated that he would take the matter up with Mr. Mowry and if the company would do nothing, he would go at the proposition in a legal way.
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- Penalty clause of Sewage Disposal Plant Contract.      Service Director McConnell stated that he had a communication from the Henderson Construction Company, which firm is rebuilding the Sewage Disposal Plant, relating to the penalty to be imposed upon the company for failure to complete the work as specified in the contract. He stated that inability to get the required material and also lack of sufficient laborers makes it impossible to complete the work in the specified time.
- No action was taken.
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- THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS WERE TAKEN UP AND CONSIDERED:
- Ordinance No. 2257.
- Ord.2257  
Passed.      Grubb moved, seconded by Merts, that the statutory rule requiring ordinances and resolutions to be read on three different days be suspended and Ordinance 2257 be read the second and third time. The question being on the suspension of the rule, the yeas and nays were taken and resulted, Yeas 6, Nays 0. Those who voted in the affirmative were: Messrs. Binkley, Cox, Grubb, Lower, Merts, Penick. So the rule was suspended and the ordinance read the second and third time.
- \* The question being on the passage of the ordinance, the yeas and nays were taken and resulted, Yeas 6, Nays 0. Those who voted in the affirmative were: Messrs. Binkley, Cox, Grubb, Lower, Merts, Penick. So the ordinance was passed.

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\*CERTIFICATE.

I, Chas. O. Silver, City Auditor of the City of Alliance, Ohio, do hereby certify that the money as required for by Ordinance 2257, is in the Treasury to the credit of the Sewage Disposal Fund, amounting to \$50,000.00, and not appropriated for any other purpose.

CHAS. O. SILVER,  
City Auditor.

Resolution No. 2255.

Res. 2255  
Passed.

Grubb moved, seconded by Binkley, that the statutory rule requiring ordinances and resolutions to be read on three different days be suspended and Resolution 2255 be read the second and third time. The question being on the suspension of the rule, the yeas and nays were taken and resulted, Yeas 6, Nays 0. Those who voted in the affirmative were: Messrs. Binkley, Cox, Grubb, Lower, Merts, Penick. So the rule was suspended and the resolution read the second and third time.

The question being on the passage of the resolution, the yeas and nays were taken and resulted, Yeas 6, Nays 0. Those who voted in the affirmative were: Messrs. Binkley, Cox, Grubb, Lower, Merts, Penick. So the resolution was passed.

Ordinance No. 2252.

Ord.2252  
Passed.

Merts moved, seconded by Binkley, that the statutory rule requiring ordinances and resolutions to be read on three different days be suspended and Ordinance 2252 be read the second and third time. The question being on the suspension of the rule, the yeas and nays were taken and resulted, Yeas 6, Nays 0. Those who voted in the affirmative were: Messrs. Binkley, Cox, Grubb, Lower, Merts, Penick. So the rule was suspended and the ordinance read the second and third time.

The question being on the passage of the ordinance, the yeas and nays were taken and resulted, Yeas 6, Nays 0. Those who voted in the affirmative were: Messrs. Binkley, Cox, Grubb, Lower, Merts, Penick. So the ordinance was passed.

Ordinance No. 2254.

Ord.2254  
Passed.

Merts moved, seconded by Binkley, that the statutory rule requiring ordinances and resolutions to be read on three different days be suspended and Ordinance 2254 be read the second and third time. The question being on the suspension of the rule, the yeas and nays were taken and resulted, Yeas 6, Nays 0. Those who voted in the affirmative were: Messrs. Binkley, Cox, Grubb, Lower, Merts, Penick. So the rule was suspended and the ordinance read the second and third time.

CERTIFICATE.

I, Chas. O. Silver, City Auditor of the City of Alliance, Ohio, do hereby certify that the money required for by Ordinance No. 2254, amounting to \$1,000.00, is in the Treasury to the credit of Parks and Playgrounds Appropriation, and not appropriated for any other purpose.

CHAS. O. SILVER,  
City Auditor.

The question being on the passage of the ordinance, the yeas and nays were taken and resulted, Yeas 6, Nays 0. Those who voted in the affirmative were: Messrs. Binkley, Cox, Grubb, Lower, Merts, Penick. So the ordinance was passed.

Ordinance No. 2256.

Ord.2256  
Passed.

Merts moved, seconded by Grubb, that the statutory rule requiring ordinances and resolutions to be read on three different days be suspended and Ordinance 2256 be read the second and third time. The question being on the suspension of the rule, the yeas and nays were taken and resulted, Yeas 6, Nays 0. Those who voted in the affirmative were: Messrs. Binkley, Cox, Grubb, Lower, Merts, Penick. So the rule was suspended and the ordinance read the second and third time.

The question being on the passage of the ordinance, the yeas and nays were taken and resulted, Yeas 6, Nays 0. Those who voted in the affirmative were: Messrs. Binkley, Cox, Grubb, Lower, Merts, Penick. So the ordinance was passed.

Ordinance No. 2253.

Ord.2253  
Passed.

Grubb moved, seconded by Merts, that the statutory rule requiring ordinances and resolutions to be read on three different days be suspended and Ordinance 2253 be read the second and third time. The question being on the suspension of the rule, the yeas and nays were taken and resulted, Yeas 6, Nays 0. Those who voted in the affirmative were: Messrs. Binkley, Cox, Grubb, Lower, Merts, Penick. So the rule was suspended and the ordinance read the second and third time.

CERTIFICATE.

I, Chas. O. Silver, City Auditor of the City of Alliance, Ohio, do hereby certify that the money required for by Ordinance 2253 is in the Treasury to the credit of the Hospital Building Fund, amounting to \$15,000.00, and not appropriated for any other purpose.

CHAS. O. SILVER,  
City Auditor.

The question being on the passage of the ordinance, the yeas and nays were taken and resulted, Yeas 6, Nays 0. Those who voted in the affirmative were: Messrs. Binkley, Cox, Grubb, Lower, Merts, Penick. So the ordinance was passed.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4th, 1916 - (Concluded).

## Ordinance No. 2251.

Ord.2251  
Passed.

Binkley moved, seconded by Grubb, that the statutory rule requiring ordinances and resolutions to be read on three different days be suspended and Ordinance 2251 be read the second and third time. The question being on the suspension of the rule, the yeas and nays were taken and resulted, Yeas 6, Nays 0. Those who voted in the affirmative were: Messrs. Binkley, Cox, Grubb, Lower, Merts, Penick. So the rule was suspended and the ordinance read the second and third time.

The question being on the passage of the ordinance, the yeas and nays were taken and resulted, Yeas 6, Nays 0. Those who voted in the affirmative were: Messrs. Binkley, Cox, Grubb, Lower, Merts, Penick. So the ordinance was passed.

## Ordinance No. 2250.

Ord.2250  
Passed.

Binkley moved, seconded by Grubb, that the statutory rule requiring ordinances and resolutions to be read on three different days be suspended and Ordinance 2250 be read the second and third time. The question being on the suspension of the rule, the yeas and nays were taken and resulted, Yeas 6, Nays 0. Those who voted in the affirmative were: Messrs. Binkley, Cox, Grubb, Lower, Merts, Penick. So the rule was suspended and the ordinance read the second and third time.

The question being on the passage of the ordinance, the yeas and nays were taken and resulted, Yeas 6, Nays 0. Those who voted in the affirmative were: Messrs. Binkley, Cox, Grubb, Lower, Merts, Penick. So the ordinance was passed.

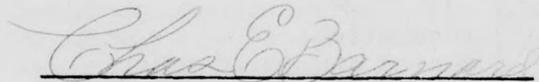
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On motion of Binkley, seconded by Grubb, Council adjourned.

Attest:



City Auditor.



President of Council.