

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

The roll being called the following members answered to their names:

Messrs. Cox, Grubb, Lower, Merts, Harry Miller, James Miller, Penick. Present 7 Absent 0.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following communication was received;

To the Honorable City Council of Alliance, Ohio.

Gentlemen: - I am the owner of Lot #1670 East Oxford Street with a frontage of 84-1/2 feet on Oxford Street and a depth of 80 feet in the shape of a triangle on the Oxford Street dump between Mechanic Street and the Railroad Bridge.

Request to have paving assessment remitted.

This lot when purchased by myself some years ago was a hole in the ground with absolutely no filling in it and about 20 feet deep at the lowest point. This was purchased by myself for \$25.00, which represented its value at that time and since that time I have expended several hundred dollars in filling and the lot is not yet entirely filled.

There are paving assessments amounting to \$100.90 levied against this lot and the quadrennial appraisers in 1910 placed a valuation of \$10.00 against this lot, which in their mind represented its value at that time. The paving assessments seem excessive on a lot of this value and in my judgment the City should remit a good portion or all of this paving levied against this lot.

I believe the Law requires that but one-third the real value of any property abutting any paving based upon the value after the improvements are made, can be assessed and this being true I see no grounds for any such paving assessments.

Will you kindly advise what action will be necessary to have this paving assessment remitted.

Yours.very truly,
L. D. Scranton.

Referred to the Committee on Assessments.

The following petition was presented to Council:

PETITION TO VACATE ALLEY.

To the Council of the City of Alliance, State of Ohio:

Petition to vacate alley

The undersigned, owners of lots in the City of Alliance, Ohio, in the immediate vicinity of the first alley north of Oxford Street from Park Avenue east to the New York Central Railroad's west right-of-way line, respectfully petition youe Honorable Body that said alley be vacated between the points named for the reason that it is no longer of use to the public and its vacation will not be detrimental to the general interest.

Your petitioners hereby agree that in the event of the vacation of said alley that the estate of Joseph Fitzpatrick deceased, and W. M. Nichol, will pay the paving assessments on Park Street improvement in front of said alley.

John Wilson, Exectr. of the estate of
Joseph Fitzpatrick.
W. M. Nichol.

Referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

Annual budget submitted. Inquiry of salary of electrician.

The annual budget and estimated expenditures for 1918 was submitted to Council and referred to Finance Committee.

Fire Chief Held made inquiry of Council as to the salary of the electrician of the fire department and also asked if anything had been done toward procuring a motorcycle for the fire department electrician.

Asked that assessment of allotment be retained.

Contractor J. C. Devine addressed the Council, stating that he had an allotment on Liberty Heights and that although there were no houses erected as yet, a trunk line sewer had been constructed at the rear of the allotment and the assessment upon the allotment certified to the county for collection. He asked council to look into the matter and give relief, he feeling that the assessment should not be made at this time and not until the lots were being built upon.

Referred to the Sewer and Assessment Committee.

Frank Shaw and H. Knall addressed council asking that some action be taken to relieve the neighborhood from the annoyance created by an outside closet maintained at the Fitzgerald property. Lower asked if the subject was not one to be handled by the board of health. The sewer committee was asked to investigate the case.

Price for strip of land.

Mr. Grubb stated that Mr. First was considering a price proposition to be made for a strip of land necessary for an alley which would be the first one south of Milner street and between Freedom and Seneca Avenue.

Restriction of sale of weapons.

Moved by Penick seconde d by Harry Miller, the Solicitor was asked to prepare an ordinance restricting the sale of dangerous weapons and fire arms.

The following ordinances and resolutions were introduced:

Ordinance No.2363.

Ord.2363 read first time.

Mr. Merts: - An Ordinance to vacate the first alley north of Oxford Street from Park Ave. east to the New York Central Railroad Company west right-of-way.

Read the first time.

Referred to the Committee on Streets and alleys.

Res. read to F

Res. 2359 was read and referred to Finance Committee for immediate action.

City Auditor serves notice with Stark Electric.

Finance Committee recommended passage of Res. 2359/

Res. 2359 passed.

Resolution No. 2359.

Mr. Merts: - To issue a certificate of indebtedness to the City of Alliance, Ohio, to reimburse the safety fund to meet the appropriation heretofore made by Council.

Was read and referred to the Finance Committee for immediate action.

Merts moved, seconded by James G. Miller that the City Auditor serve notice with the Stark Electric Railroad Co to repair its right-of-way and all streets of the City of Alliance. Do same in a proper manner and in accordance with the franchise.

On motion of Harry Miller, Council referred back to the reports of the standing Committees.

The Finance Committee submitted Resolution No. 2359 and recommended its passage.

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

The report of the Committee was agreed to.

Penick moved, seconded by Lower that the statutory rule requiring ordinances and resolutions to be read on three different days be suspended and Resolution 2359 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 7, Nays 0. Those who voted in the affirmative were; Messrs. Cox, Grubb, Lower, Merts, Harry Miller, James Miller, Penick. So the rule was suspended and the ordinance read the second and third time.

The question being on the passage of the resolution, the yeas and nays were taken and resulted, Yeas 7, Nays 0. Those who voted in the affirmative were; Messrs. Cox, Grubb, Lower, Merts, Harry Miller, James Miller, Penick. So the resolution was passed.

On motion of Grubb, Council adjourned.

Attest:

Chas. Silvers

City Auditor.

Chas. E. Bennett

Pres. of Council.