

MONDAY DECEMBER 17th, 1917.

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.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved

The following communication was presented to Council:

To the Honorable Mayor and Council,

City of Alliance, Ohio.

Gentlemen:-

I herewith submit to you the annual budget of estimated expenditures for 1918, with statement showing the reductions as made by the budget commission and statement of certificates of indebtedness outstanding December 15th, 1917, which are a lien on next years tax levy.

The duplicate, I understand will be increased before the first of the year, not enough I apprehend, however to cover the deficit now existing.

These statements and budget are presented to you for careful study and guide in making next years appropriation. Preserve them for next year.

"The appropriations should be based upon the estimated receipts and the allowance as made by the budget commission and every officer should use every effort to live live within the amounts appropriated by keeping in mind th the annual Budget and remembering how much money the City has in its possession to spend".

Section 5649 - 3 D, General Code, specifies

"That no appropriations can be made for any purpose not set forth in the annual budget, for a greater amount for such purposes than the total amount fixed by the budget commissioners exclusive of receipts and balances".

You will readily see that sometime something will have to be done as increases in expenses with no increase in revenue, will result in disaster.

"The result is that Council is borrowing against the next years collections of taxes and appropriations thereby appropriating more money than revenue from all sources can provide".

More attention to details and the finances of City on behalf of the officials is necessary. Every month there is filed in the Mayors office a detailed statement of all receipts and expenditures for the inspection of the officials.

"Operating expense are not capital outlay and whenever money is obtained from bonds for them, the City is embarking on the ruinous measure of borrowing money to pay current expenses, such expenditures should be made from and within the tax levy and not placed as a burden upon the future generation for current expenses of the present".

You have some problem to work out and it will take careful thought and consideration on behalf of the administration. I remain

Yours sincerely,

Chas. O. Silver, City Auditor.

STATEMENT OF CITY TAX LEVY FOR 1918.

(ESTIMATED DUPLICATE \$24, 147,140.00).

Statement of City Tax Levy for 1918.

FUND	ESTIMATED AMOUNT NECESSARY	AMOUNT OF REDUCTION	PER CENT OF REDUCTION	AMOUNT ALLOWED.
General.....	\$11,533.26	\$2,405.51	20.9	\$ 9,127.75
Health.....	1,716.40	1,474.93	85.9	241.47
Safety.....	64,696.00	39,341.51	60.9	25354.49
Service.....	61,467.58	34,498.37	56.2	26969.21
Hospital.....	6,000.00	1,770.58	29.6	4,229.42
Judgement.....	5,000.00	794.80	15.9	4,205.20
	\$150413.24	\$80285.70	53.3	\$70127.54
Sinking.....	65467.93	Increase 328.66		65796.59
	\$215,881.17			\$135,924.13

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COMPARISON OF TAX LEVY OF 1917 WITH 1918.

	TAX LEVY 1918	TAX LEVY 1917	INCREASES DECREASES.
General	\$ 9,127.75	\$ 7,025.42	\$ 2,102.33
Safety	25,354.49	15,991.01	9,363.48
Health	241.47	878.18	636.71
Service	26,969.21	22,342.48	4,626.73
Judgements	4,205.20	9,762.08	5,556.88
Hospital	4,229.42	2,164.81	2,064.61
Sinking	65,796.59	62,861.21	2,935.38
	<u>\$135,924.13</u>	<u>\$121,025.19</u>	<u>\$14,898.94</u>

COMPARISON OF CERTIFICATE OF INDEBTEDNESS NOW OUTSTANDING WHICH MUST BE PAID FOR TAX LEVY SOON AS RECEIVED, WHICH CREATES A DEFICIT IN NEXT YEARS REVENUE.

Safety Fund.....	\$15,000.00
Service Fund.....	12,000.00
Hospital, not issued yet	<u>1,500.00</u>
	\$29,000.00

Total Tax Levy.....\$65,922.34 for operating expenses.
Certificate.....29,000.00

Balance Tax Levy \$36,922.34

Railway & Telegraph Comm. recom passage of Ord. 2473.

The Committee on Railways and Telegraphs submitted Ordinance 2473 and recommended its passage.

W. H. Cox,
Harry Miller
Chas. F. Merts.

The report of the Committee was agreed to.

Platting Comm. recom passage of Ord. 2485.

The Committee on Platting submitted Ordinance 2485 and recommended its passage.

L. E. Grubb,
L. L. Lower,
James Miller.

The report of the Committee was agreed to.

Petition presented to vacate alley.
H. B. Hazzard.

The following petition was presented to Council:

To the Council of the City of Alliance, Ohio,

The undersigned owner of lots numbers 737 and 738 in the City of Alliance, Ohio, bounding and abutting upon the first alley north of Broadway Street from the east line of Mechanic Avenue to the west line of the first alley west of Arch Avenue in the said City respectfully petitions your Honorable Body that said alley be vacated between the points named for the reason that it is no longer of use to the undersigned and its vacation will not be detrimental to the general interest of the public.

H. B. Hazzard,
Owner of lots 737 and 738.

Dated Alliance, Ohio, Dec. 17th, 1917.

Referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

The following Communication was presented to Council:

To the Honorable City Council of Alliance, Ohio.

Gentlemen:--

Communication to vacate alley to build ware house.

Herewith I am presenting you with an ordinance for the vacation of that part of the alley between Broadway and Columbia Street that extends from the east line of Mechanic Street to the west line of the first alley west of Arch.

As I am desirous of erecting a warehouse adjacent to the New York Central tracks at this point and as this alley will interfere with the proper erection of this warehouse and as I own the ground adjacent and abutting on both sides of the portion to be vacated and am willing to pay one-half of the cost of the storm sewer recently constructed across this alley together with the cost of publication of notice and the vacation ordinance, I respectfully petition your honorable body to act favorably on this request.

Very respectfully yours,

H. B. Hazzard.

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THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS WERE INTRODUCED:

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2496.

Ord. 2496
read 1st
time.

Mr. Merts: To authorize the payment of expenses incurred in the litigation in the contingent fund.

Was read the 1st and referred to Finance Committee for immediate action.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2495.

Res. 2495
read 1st
time.

A Resolution to authorize the Sinking Fund Trustees to pay the City Auditor the salary as fixed by Ordinance passed, December 12, 1904 and Ordinance 2130 for the services rendered as Clerk of the Trustees of the Sinking Fund; was read the 1st time.

Referred to Finance Committee for immediate action.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2494.

Res. 2494
read 1st
time.

Mr. Merts: To issue a certificate of indebtedness on the City of Alliance, Ohio, for the purpose of reimbursing the Public Safety Fund to meet appropriations heretofore made; was read the first time.

Referred to Finance Committee for immediate action.

THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS
WERE TAKEN UP AND CONSIDERED:

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2486.

Ord. 2486
Passed.

Mr. Grubb: To vacate the first alley west of the L. E. A. & W. Railroad from the north end of lot No. 2313, northward to the south line of Rosenberry street and the alley extending westward from the L. E. A. & W. Railroad to the east line of an alley extending north and south between lots 2311 and 2312; was read the third time.

The question being on the passage of the ordinance, 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 Ordinance was passed.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2472.

Ord. 2472
Passed.

Mr. Lower: An Ordinance granting to the Pennsylvania Company and the P. F. W. & C Railroad Company, their successors and assigns, the right to relocate five tracks and construct, maintain, renew and operate one additional track across Mahoning Avenue in the City of Alliance, Ohio; was read the second 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 third time..

The question being on the passage of the ordinance, 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 Ordinance was passed.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2485.

Ord. 2485
Passed.

Mr. Grubb: An Ordinance to accept Louise M. Saberins, F. L. Saberins and Anna Waugh's replat of lots 4031 and 4032; was read the second time.

Grubb moved, seconded by James G. Miller that the statutory rule requiring ordinances and resolutions to be read on three different days, be suspended and Ordinance 2485 read the 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 third time.

The question being on the passage of the ordinance, 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 ordinance was passed.

Council, on motion of Grubb, seconded by Harry Miller referred back to the fourth order of business, The report of the Standing Committees.Finance
Comm. recom.
passage of
Ord.'s
2496, 2497,
2495.

The Finance Committee submitted their report recommending the passage of Ordinances 2496, 2497 and 2495.

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

The report of the Committee was agreed to.

Ord. 2496
Passed.

Merts moved, seconded by James G. Miller that the statutory rule requiring ordinances and resolutions to be read on three different days, be suspended and Ordinance Number 2496 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 Ordinance, 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 Ordinance was passed.

Ord. No.
2495
Passed.

James G. Miller moved, seconded by Penick that the statutory rule requiring ordinances and resolutions to be read on three different days, be suspended and Ordinance Number 2495 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 Ordinance, the Yeas and Nays were taken and resulted, Yeas 7, Nays 0. Those who voted in the affirmative, were: Messrs. Cox, Grubb, Lower, Merts, James Miller, Harry Miller, Penick. So the Ordinance was passed.

Ord. No.
2497
Passed.

Merts moved, seconded by Lower that the statutory rule requiring ordinances and resolutions to be read on three different days, be suspended and Ordinance 2497 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 Ordinance, the Yeas and Nays were taken and resulted, Yeas 7, Nays 0. Those who voted in the affirmative, were: Messrs. Cox, Grubb, Lower, Merts, James Miller, Harry Miller, Penick. So the Ordinance was passed.

On motion of Grubb, seconded by Lower Council referred back to the introduction of Ordinances. Which motion was agreed to.

THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCE WAS INTRODUCED:

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2498.

Ord. 2498
Introduced.

Mr. Merts: An Ordinance certifying the Director of Public Service to accept the proposition of the Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne and Chicago Railroad Company and Pennsylvania Company to sell to the City of Alliance, the land situated on what is now known as the old reservoir site; was read the first time.

Referred to the Finance Committee for immediate action

Finance
Comm. rec-
ommended
passage of
Ord. 2498.

The Finance Committee submitted their report, recommending the passage of Ordinance 2498.

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

The report of the Committee was agreed to.

Ord.
2498
Passed.

James G. Miller moved, seconded by Penick that the statutory rule requiring ordinances and resolutions to be read on three different days be suspended and Ordinance 2498 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 Ordinance, 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 Ordinance was passed.

Supplies
for Mun-
icipal
Court.

The President called the attention of Council of the carpeting of the Council Chamber which he thought would help the acoustic properties of the Council Chamber.

M. C. Moore, Mr. H. C. Koehler and Mr. Earl D. Bair addressed Council relating to the supplies for the Municipal Court. The statement was made that the supplies would cost approximately Six Hundred Dollars.

Referred to the Solicitor and Finance Committee.

Gas. &
Power Co.
explain
reasons
for poor
service.

Grubb moved, seconded by Lower that the Light Committee be instructed to converse with the Alliance Gas & Power Company regarding the interruption of the lights which has been occurring; which motion was agreed to.

Supt. H. M. Shickel of the Alliance Gas & Power Co., explained why the company was unable to give its patrons the service that it desired to furnish and such service as they might expect to receive. This, he stated, was because the present machinery was being run at "the breaking point." The heavy business of the country due to the war had prevented the Co. from procuring needed machinery, while on the other hand it is asserted that the war conditions will result in such machinery and equipment being supplied the co. through a priority order which will come about through the furnishing of electricity to the Morgan Eng. Co., which firm is engaged in government work

Grubb, moved seconded by Merts that when Council adjourn, it adjourn to meet next Thurs. evening.

On motion of Grubb, seconded by Merts Council adjourned.

Attest:

Chas. F. Merts

City Auditor.

C. E. Bair

President of Council.