

MONDAY JULY 21, 1919.

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

Roll being called the following members answered to their names: Messrs. Grubb, Lower, Merts, H. Miller, J. G. Miller, Penick and Weaver. Present 7, absent 0.

The following communication was presented to council and referred to Streets and Alleys Committee.

March 24, 1919

To the Honorable City Council,
Alliance, Ohio

Gentlemen:

We the undersigned, being all the property owners abutting on Highland Ave. between the north line of Eleventh Street and the south line of the first alley north of and running parallel with Eleventh Street, hereby petition your Honorable body to vacate said portion of Highland Avenue.

John R. Moore
L. H. Doane
210 E. Eleventh Street.

The following communication from Mayor Westover was received and read:

Alliance, Ohio, July 21, 1919

To the President,
Members of City Council,

Gentlemen:

As Chairman of the joint Gas Committee composed of the Committees from the Chamber of Commerce, Committee from the Alliance Central Labor Union, and the Committee on gas from the City Council, I wish to go on record before this body at this meeting regarding the natural gas situation and our future gas supply in making my report to you for your careful consideration.

I have been personally notified by Mr. Daily, President of the East Ohio Gas Company, the special Committee of the Joint Gas Committee, who visited me in person, reporting back that the East Ohio Gas Company could not furnish natural gas to the City of Alliance at any price, the same being confirmed in writing in answer to the three weeks advertisements for bids by the Public Service Director for furnishing natural gas.

As The Alliance Gas & Power Co. have also notified us in writing that they could not furnish natural or artificial gas, and had nothing to offer, they also through the Alliance Review of July 12th, 1919, a copy of which is herewith attached, your special attention is called to paragraphs marked 1 and 2;

Carefully taking all of these facts into consideration, deeming it my duty for the protection of the citizens of Alliance, that they may have ample time to make the necessary changes in their homes for cooking, heating, and lighting, of the same, if they choose to use other substitutes for NATURAL GAS.

To relieve them of the loss they would sustain by being compelled to discard, junk and throw out their GAS RANGES, cooking stoves, heaters, and lighting fixtures, I strongly urge Council to take the necessary steps at once to purchase an Artificial Gas Plant for the City of Alliance, that will produce not less than one million and a half of cubic feet of manufactured gas each twenty-four hours, cost of plant not to exceed \$150,000.00.

Believing that you have the best interest of our citizens at heart, as well as myself, I respectfully submit this recommendation, and ask you to take action at once upon the installing of an artificial gas plant for the City of Alliance.

Respectfully yours,

C. S. Westover, Mayor.

The following communication was presented to Council and read:

Alliance, Ohio, July 21, 1919

Mr. Chas. Barnard, President
and Members of City Council,

Gentlemen:

At an open meeting of the Central Labor Union where all organized labor who were interested in response to the attached meeting notice, after hearing the report of the Chairman of the Joint Gas Committee, Mayor C. S. Westover reported to the members that letters were on file in the City Clerk's Office from the East Ohio Gas Company, signed by Mr. Daily, President, that his Company in reply to the letter received by the Director of Public Service asking for bids on the furnishing of natural or manufactured gas, stated his Company was unable to furnish natural gas at any price, and as his Company did not have an artificial gas plant located in the City of Alliance, they were unable to submit a bid on artificial gas.

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MONDAY JULY 21, 1919 (CONTINUED).

The Alliance Gas & Power Company's letter on file with the City Clerk, in respond to the advertisements for the supplying of natural or manufactured gas, state that they have nothing to offer in either natural or artificial gas.

After a thourough discussion of the situation before this meeting, the following resolution was unanimously passed:

"I move you, Mr. Chairman, that this body go on record demanding that we, the consumers and tax payers living in the City of Alliance, supporting and maintaining the upkeep of the City, that Council be requested to take immediate action for the installing of an Artificial Gas Plant to be owned and operated by the City, sufficiently large enough to produce not less than one million cubic feet of manufactured gas every twenty-four hours, and a contract be entered into without further delay so construction can be stated at once on a plant for the supplying of manufacturéd gas to the citizens of Alliance as an emergency measure.

Yours very truly,

ALLIANCE CENTRAL LABOR UNION,

Chairman of Gas Committee
C. L. Archer.

Thomas H. Nichols, Secretary

Mayor Westover and other citizens discussed the matter contained in the foregoing communication

Mr. Joseph Kane spoke to Council.

Mr. Joseph Kane of the New Process Gas Company stated that that if the City would enter into a contract with his firm for a plant that it would agree to operate it thirty or sixty days and if it did not do the required work it would not cost the city a cent.

Finance Committee recommended Ord. 111-B.

The Finance Committee submitted Ordinance 111-B and recommended its passage.

Chas. Merts,
J. W. Penick,
L. L. Lower.

City Auditor submits statement.

City Auditor Silver submitted the following statement Estimated Receipts and Balances for last half 1919.

	Appropriations	Receipts	
General Fund	\$22,552.84	\$18,927.63	\$3,625.21
Safety Fund	47,253.15	17,461.31	29,851.84
Service Fund	42,706.03	15,547.71	27,158.32
Water Fund	116,569.88	81,125.96	35,443.92
Cemetery Fund	7,958.68	5,867.68	2,091.00
Hospital Fund	27,050.11	28,101.65	960.54
	<u>\$264,090.69</u>	<u>166,980.94</u>	<u>99,209.75</u>

ORDINANCE 103-B.

Passage of Ordinance 103-B.

Mr. Grubb: Determining to proceed with the improvement of Watson Avenue from State Street, by grading, draining, curbing and paving with brick block on slag or concrete base.

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. Grubb, Lower, Merts, H. Miller, J. Miller, Penick and Weaver. So the motion was agreed to.

ORDINANCE 111-B

Passage of Ordinance 111-B.

Mr. Merts: An ordinance to make appropriation for the current expenses and other expenditures of the City of Alliance, Ohio for the half year ending December 30, 1919. Was read the second time.

On motion of Lower seconded by Grubb the statutory rules requiring ordinances and resolutions to be read on three different days be suspended, the ordinance be read the third time. The question being on the suspension of the rules the yeas and nays were taken and resulted Yeas 7, Nays 0. Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs. Grubb, Lower, Merts, H. Miller, J. Miller, Penick and Weaver. Wo the rules were 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. Grubb, Lower, Merts, H. Miller, J. Miller, Penick and Weaver. So the ordinance was passed.

Introduction of Ordinance 112-B.

The following ordinances and resolutions were introduced: 112-B.

Ordinance 112-B

Mr. Grubb:

Declaring it necessary to improve S. Freedom Avenue between Carrs alley and Colle St. by grading and constructing 48" storm sewer. Was read the first time and referred to Street And Alley Committee.

ORDINANCE 113-B.

Mr. James Miller:

Declaring it necessary to improve Carrs place from Rice St. to second alley south of Rice Street by constructing sanitary sewer 174.
Was read the first time and referred to Sewer Committee.

Ordinance 113-B

read first time and

referred to Sewer Comm.

ORDINANCE 114-B.

Mr. James Miller:

Declaring it necessary to improve Reed Street from Franklin Avenue to Alley west of Franklin Avenue by constructing sanitary sewer No. 93 A.
Was read the second time and referred to Sewer Committee.

Ordinance 114-B

read 2nd time.

ORDINANCE 115-B.

Mr. James Miller:

Declaring it necessary to improve Ohio Avenue from Morgan Avenue to Liberty Avenue by constructing Sanitary Sewer 175.
Was read the first time and referred to Sewer Committee.

Ordinance 115-B

read first time and

referred to Sewer Comm.

RESOLUTION 116-B.

Mr. James Miller:

Declaring it necessary to improve Alley south of Ely Street from Park Avenue east 225 feet by constructing Sanitary Sewer 140-B.
Was read the second time and referred to Sewer Committee.

Res. 116-B

read second time and

referred to Sewer Comm.

Engineer instructed to prepare estimate of cost of gas plant.

On motion of Grubb, seconded by Weaver the City Engineer was instructed to prepare and submit to the Council at its next meeting an estimate of the cost of an artificial gas plant.

Which motion was agreed to.

Grubb moved, seconded by H. Miller that when we adjourn, we adjourn to meet next Monday Evening, which motion was agreed to.

Motion of Penick, seconded by Lower Council adjourned.

Attest:

Chas. Silvers
City Auditor.

Chas. Barnard
President of Council.

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