

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 29th, 1919.

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

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

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The following call having been served on each member as required by law, was read.

## NOTICE OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Notice of Special Council Meeting read to Council.

To Mr.

You are hereby notified that a Special Meeting of the City Council of the City of Alliance, will be held on Monday Evening, September 29th, 1919 at 7.30 o'clock for the following purposes, to-wit:

To consider and discuss the gas proposition and such other matters as may properly come before the Council.

C. S. Westover, Mayor.

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Council is addressed on the Gas proposition.

Mayor Westover, H. B. Hazzard, P. A. O'Connor, Attorney W. S. Emmons, Mrs. Fisher of the Womans Gas Consumers League, C. W. Archer, Attorneys Hart and J. S. Miller, and H. G. Bonner, General Manager of the Alliance Gas & Power Company addressed Council on the gas proposition.

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The following communication was presented to Council and ordered filed:

Chas. Barnard  
and  
Members of Council:

Communication from Womans Gas Consumers League.

WHEREAS, the Taxpayers of the City of Alliance at an election for such purpose held on September 6th, 1919, approved the recommendation of Council for the issue of bonds of said City in the amount of \$525,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the construction of a plant for the manufacture of gas for the use of and to be supplied to the citizens of said City of Alliance:

AND WHEREAS, the contract for the supply of natural gas between the Alliance Gas and Power Company and the City of Alliance has heretofore expired, and said Company has been supplied with natural gas by the East Ohio Gas Company under contract or order of the Federal Fuel Administration which will terminate on the 31st day of October 1919,

AND WHEREAS, after said date of October 31st 1919, the consumers of the City of Alliance will be without a supply of gas, either natural or manufactured, resulting in a serious calamity with the approach of the winter season and leading to dangerous conditions as to health, suffering and inconvenience of all kinds;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Women's Gas Consumers League of the City of Alliance, request and urge upon the Council of the City of Alliance that it shall take immediate action to advertise and sell the bonds above referred to, and proceed to construct a plant of sufficient capacity for the manufacture of gas for the use of the consumers of the City of Alliance, and hereby avoid the situation above outlined.

President Mrs. Luella Fisher  
Secretary Mrs. C. H. Grimm

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Mr. Penick introduced the following resolution:

## RESOLUTION NO. 151-B.

Resolution 151-B introduced.

Be it resolved by the Council of the City of Alliance, State of Ohio:

That we respectfully petition Honorable Warren G. Harding, and Honorable Atlee Pomerine, United States Senators from Ohio, and Honorable Roscoe McCullough, Congressman from this district to use their influence and best effort to have a survey made of the natural gas supply and resources, of Ohio, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia, and to ascertain the present and future supply of same, to the end that the Interstate Commerce Act may be amended, by placing natural gas companies and pipe lines under the control of the Interstate Commerce Commission and that the Fuel Administration shall have control of conserving the natural gas supply, and the apportionment of same to all uses.

On motion of Penick, seconded by J. G. Miller the resolution was adopted

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Mr. Thomas Nichols presented the following communication which was read to Council

September 22, 1919

Communication presented by Mr. Nichols.

Dear Mr. Nichols:

Your favor of the 16th instant, relative to your natural gas problem, received.

I have had some correspondence on this subject with Senator Miller, of Alliance, and P. A. O'Connor, of Salem. I am very glad you are interested in this subject.

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My final suggestion was that the Mayors, Solicitors and members of the Council of Alliance, Salem and other communities interested, should get to-gether for counsel and learn whether or not this problem can be handled by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio. If it can, my belief is that quicker action can be gotten at Columbus than here at Washington. If this cannot be done, then it may be best to amend the Commerce Act so as to place the natural gas under the control of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

I shall indeed be very glad to hear from you further on this all-important subject.

Very Sincerely,

Atlee Fomerine

Mr. Thomas H. Nichols,  
Alliance, Ohio

AP/WFC

Solicitor instructed to ask for injunction from East Ohio Gas Company.

Weaver moved, seconded by Fenick that the Solicitor be instructed and secure such necessary assistance that he deemed necessary to assist him in asking for an injunction restraining the East Ohio Gas Company from shutting off the natural gas, which company is now supplying natural gas to the citizens of Alliance.

Which company have threatened to shut off the supply November 1st, 1919.

Which motion was agreed to.

On motion of J. Miller, seconded by Fenick, Council adjourned.

Chas. Silvers  
City Auditor.

Chas. E. Bassett  
President of Council.

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