

MONDAY AUGUST 9th, 1920.

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

The roll being called the following members answered to their names, Messrs: Cary, Hall, Lower, H. T. Miller, J. H. Miller, Ryan, and Weaver. Present 7, absent 0.

The call having been regularly issued signed by the Mayor and served on each member of Council according to law was read to Council.

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The purpose of this meeting was to consider the demand made by the Police Department.

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The following communication was read to Council.

Alliance, Ohio.
August 5th.

Communication read to Council from Police Department

We, the undersigned, members of the Police Department of the City of Alliance, Ohio, hereby respectfully protest against the unreasonable and intolerable delay in the matter of receiving the increase of salary granted and promised us by Ordinance early in April of this year, which increase was to commence with May 1st, 1920, and which increase has never been received although fully justified and greatly needed.

Further, we respectfully inquire why the said Ordinance was passed unless it was known and intended to be wholly valid and effective? And if known at the time of its passage, for any reason, to be invalid, was it fair to us to cause us to believe that it was valid and passed in good faith?

Further, we hereby respectfully appeal to you and petition that the Rules and Regulations of the Safety Department as governing the Police Department, be revised and amended and brought down to date, and so as to provide, in substance, as follows:

1st. For an 8 hour day for the Police Department; that is, that 8 hours shall constitute a full day's service out of each 24 hours.

2nd. That each member shall have one day off in every 8.

Further, unless definite, positive and bonafide steps are taken by the proper authorities, looking to the payment well and truly to be made of the increase in salaries first above mentioned, and granting also the other demands above made, by 6 o'clock on August 15th, 1920, we and each of us shall at said time and date, be constrained, in self defense, and to maintain our self-respect, to resign our respective positions, and thus separate ourselves from the service of the City.

Very respectfully submitted,

Jos. E. Carter	Alton J. Freed
E. L. Reeder	W. S. Boyd
John J. Vignos	H. S. Bowhall
Alva G. Kelley	C. A. Coy
Jess Kelley	T. B. McGhee
Harry Somerville	

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Mayor Westover made the following statement to Council:

Mayor Westover's statement to Council.

"I believe that the Council was sincere and at my request had stretched a point for the interest of the Police but the City the same as the World, is up against strenuous times. Our Council has passed a bond issue for back pay which will be paid to all departments alike as soon as the bonds are sold and on considering the demand for less hours and back pay by the 15th of the month, also considering the action of Council, I believe it is up to Safety Director Patton to accept their resignations."

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moved and seconded that resignations be accepted.

It was moved and seconded that the resignations of the Police who had signed the above communication be accepted.

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Committee recommends passage of Ord. 113-C

The committee of the whole to whom was referred Ordinance 113-C submitted their report recommending its passage.

Cary
Hall
H. T. Miller
J. H. Miller
Lower
Ryan
Weaver

The report of the Committee was agreed to.

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On motion of H. T. Miller seconded by Ryan, Council adjourned.

Chas. O. Selwin