

MONDAY EVENING DECEMBER 20th, 1920.

Council met in regular 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, Ryan, and Weaver. Present 6, absent 1.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following communication from the Alliance Gas & Power Company was read to Council and ordered filed.

December 20, 1920.

Communication from A. G. & Power Co. relative to gas question

The Honorable City Council, Alliance, Ohio.

Gentlemen:

I had intended to be present at your meeting this evening to report to you verbally on my recent conference with Mr. H. H. Scott regarding our gas situation, but as other duties which I can not put aside will prevent my attending your meeting, I am reporting by letter.

As you doubtless know, I spent last Wednesday at our New York office conferring with Mr. Scott, Mr. Frueauff and other officials of our company regarding the future of the gas supply for Alliance. I wish to emphasize the fact that they are all just as much interested in this problem as you and I are. They are endeavoring to work out a solution that will be to the mutual advantage of all parties concerned and personally, I have small doubt but what some such solution will be reached in the near future. The situation is certainly not hopeless, as there are at least two possible means of getting a natural gas supply for Alliance after our present contract expires. Careful investigation may develop still further possibilities. Good business judgment demands that we first determine all possible methods of solving the problem, then select the solution which is best from all viewpoints, and then bend all our energy to put that particular solution into effect. This is a serious problem and one which must not be settled on "snap judgment."

In this particular case the interests of our company and of the City of Alliance are the same. We have an investment of considerably more than half a million dollars in our gas property here, and the citizens of Alliance have probably a greater investment in gas appliances of various kinds. Both investments will be of small value without gas, to say nothing of the inconvenience and hardship which a curtailment of the supply would cause. Such a situation cannot be considered by any of us.

In conclusion, I am glad to report that Mr. Scott and his associates are doing their utmost to solve this problem as speedily as possible, and while they are not yet in a position to make a definite offer, they hope and expect to be able to do so in the near future.

Assuring you that we will keep right after this matter and will do everything we possibly can to hasten its final settlement, and further assuring you that I will be only too glad to meet with you and discuss the situation at any time that may be convenient for you, I am

Very truly yours,

H. G. Bonner, General Manager,

THE ALLIANCE GAS & POWER COMPANY.

HGB:EH

City Eng. submits estimates for various improvements

The City Engineer submitted estimates on various improvements.

Mr. Ilgenfritz reports on petition for Broadway Street.

Mr. O. F. Ilgenfritz to whom had been referred back the petition for the improvement of Broadway Street from Union Avenue to Arch Avenue reported that he had not received sufficient encouragement from property owners to go ahead with the improvement this year on account of the present prices.

Request for lights and other improvements in Johnson Ave. district

Mr. Benson, a resident of the Johnson Avenue district was present and asked for protection in the way of lights and also other improvements in that addition to make it a desirable place to live in. The matter was referred to the Light and Sewer Committee.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred Ordinance No. 147-C reported it back and recommended its passage.

Report of Finance Com.

Weaver  
H. T. Miller  
Hall

The report of the committee was agreed to.

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The committee on Streets and Alleys to whom was referred Ordinances 150-C, 151-C and 152-C reported them back and recommended their passage.

Report of Streets and Alleys Com.

M. Ryan  
J. H. Miller  
H. T. Miller

The report of the committee was agreed to.

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SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS.

Resolution No. 150-C

Mr. Ryan:

Declaring it necessary to improve West State Street between Rockhill Avenue and the west corporation line by grading, draining, curbing, and paving with brick block on slag or concrete base was read the second time.

Second reading of Resolution 150-C

Resolution No. 152-C

Mr. Ryan:

Declaring it necessary to improve East High Street between Union Avenue and Park Avenue by grading, draining, curbing, and paving with bituminous macadam or brick block was read the second time.

Second reading of Resolution 152-C

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INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS.

The following ordinances and resolutions were introduced:

Resolution No. 158-C

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Mr. Ryan:

Declaring it necessary to improve South Webb Avenue between Summit Street and Auld Street by grading, draining, curbing, and paving with concrete, bituminous macadam, or brick block on slag or concrete base was read the first time and referred to the committee on Streets and Alleys.

Ordinance No. 157-C

H. T. Miller:

An ordinance to license all business places in the City of Alliance, Ohio engaged in the trafficking of soft drinks was read the first time and referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Introduction of Ordinance No. 157-C

Resolution No. 153-C

Mr. H. T. Miller:

Declaring it necessary to improve West Wayne Street and Rockhill Avenue by constructing Sanitary Sewer 179 was read the first time and referred to the Sewer committee.

Introduction of Res. No. 153-C

Resolution No. 156-C

Mr. Ryan:

Declaring it necessary to improve South Union Avenue between Main Street and State Street by surface treatment was read the first time and referred to the Streets and Alleys committee.

Introduction of Res. No. 156-C

Resolution No. 154-C

Mr. Ryan:

Declaring it necessary to improve West Cambridge Street between Union Avenue and Haines Avenue by repairing and resurfacing with bituminous macadam was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

Introduction of Res. No. 174-C

Resolution No. 155-C

Mr. Ryan:

Declaring it necessary to improve West Washington Street between Union Avenue and Lincoln Avenue by grading, draining, curbing, and paving with concrete, bituminous macadam or brick block was read the first time and referred to the Committee on streets and alleys.

Introduction of Res. No. 155-C

Ryan moved seconded by H. T. Miller than when we adjourn we adjourn to meet Thursday, December 30th, 1920.

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Sewer assessment for W. P. Ailes referred to Assessment Committee

Mr. W. P. Ailes addressed Council on a matter of a sewer assessment against his property on Milton Street near Arch Avenue which he claimed was excessive and asked that he be relieved of the assessment. The matter was referred to the Assessment Committee for adjustment.

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On motion of Lower seconded by Weaver Council adjourned.

Attest:

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City Auditor

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President of Council