

Tuesday Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup> 1912

The council met in regular session with President Hull, in the chair.

The following councilman elected being present, took an oath of <sup>fid</sup> administered by Mayor E. P. Spidel and entered upon the <sup>discharge of the</sup> duties of the office.

Messrs. Chas. Barnard, Fred Farmer, Loyal Gubb, Geo. Lower, J. Patton, Peter Voss, Geo. W. Yancey

The roll being called the following members answered to their names.

Messrs. Barnard, Farmer, Gubb, Lower, Patton, Voss, Yancey. Present 7 Absent 0

Mr. Fred Farmer nominated for temporary Clerk. Mr. Chas. O. Silver. There being no other nominations, Mr. Chas. O. Silver was elected temporary Clerk.

Mr. Fred Farmer nominated for President Pro Tem. Mr. J. H. Patton. There being no other nominations, Mr. Patton was elected President Pro Tem.

The election of a clerk being next in order. Mr. J. H. Patton nominated Mr. Jesse Jones. Mr. Loyal Gubb nominated Mr. Chas. O. Silver.

Patton moved, seconded by Barnard that we proceed to the selection of a clerk by ballot.

Which motion was agreed to.

The President appointed Messrs. Patton, Farmer as tellers.

A ballot being taken resulted Jones 1 Silver 6. Thereupon Mr. Chas. O. Silver was duly declared elected Clerk.

Lower moved, seconded by Farmer that the rules govern the last council govern this council until repealed.

Which motion was agreed to.

Lower moved, seconded by Farmer that the rules of council be referred to a special committee, to be appointed by the President.

Which motion was agreed to.

The President appointed as such committee, Messrs. Lower, Yancey, Patton.

The President announced the appointment of the following committees.

Finance. Yarnsey, Voss, Farmer.  
 Street and Alley. Farmer, Patton, Barnard.  
 Railway, Telegraph, Patton, Voss, Gower,  
 Sewer, Barnard, Gubb, Yarnsey,  
 Fire and Patrol. Gower, Farmer, Patton.  
 Police. Voss, Gower, Barnard.  
 Public Lights. Yarnsey, Patton, Gubb,  
 Bridges, Duesdunq. Gubb, Voss, Gower.  
 Printing. Farmer, Yarnsey, Gubb,  
 Water. Barnard, Farmer, Patton.  
 Sidewalk. Patton, Gubb, Farmer.  
 Assessments. Gubb, Gower, Yarnsey.  
 Judiciary. Voss, Yarnsey, Barnard.  
 Gravel. Gower, Patton, Voss.  
 Printing, Cemetery. Farmer, Barnard, Yarnsey.  
 The Mayor submitted the following  
 communication to council, which  
 was read.

TO THE HONORABLE COUNCIL AND ALL OTHER DEPARTMENTS OF  
CITY GOVERNMENT OF THE CITY OF ALLIANCE, OHIO.

GENTLEMEN:-

Permit me at this time to suggest my ideas on some of the matters which I think pertain to the best interests of our city and to recommend that such action be taken by your body and the different departments of city government to do whatever in your best judgment will bring about a better condition of these said matters. I will ask you to pardon me for taking this liberty as it is a new departure for the mayor of our city to come before you with a written message.

W A T E R .  
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You are all aware that much has been said relative to our water supply question, but as yet not a great deal has been done toward a permanent solution of this important question. We can console ourselves that we are not alone in the matter of water supply for our purposes, as many cities in our state and other states are seriously considering the water proposition.

Here in Alliance Nature has provided us with a natural stream of water. If we would take the necessary steps to store a sufficient quantity of the water that passes down this stream each year and filter or clarify it before pumping it to our consumers the water question here would be solved for many years to come. Of course, we are confronted with the location of our pumping plant. If the matter is to be taken up on exactly correct lines and we want to leave something behind us that our posterity will feel proud of, we should change the location of our pumping station to a point above the city's sewage, or run our intake pipe above the city's sewage. If the location is not changed steps should be taken to divert the present sewage from the river above the dam to a point below it.

The battery of wells near the pumping plant is a good thing and they should be kept in proper shape to be utilized whenever they are needed.

If filtration is adopted I would recommend the installation of meters as fast as it could be done for all users of water. By metering we would use much less water.

#### M U N I C I P A L - L I G H T I N G - P L A N T .

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Among the subjects of rapidly growing importance is that of municipal ownership of public utilities. Among the chief advantages of municipal ownership, as shown by the cities where the change has been made from private to public ownership, are lower rates and better service. Under private ownership, particularly where it amounts to a private monopoly, as is often the case, the natural tendency is to raise the cost to the consumer and lower the quality of the product.

In view of the fact that many other cities have installed their own plant and are furnishing light and power to their people at a much lower figure than we are paying, I want to recommend that we look forward to the time when we can submit this question to the people of our city for a vote to issue bonds for a municipal lighting plant.

#### N E W - C I T Y - H A L L .

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We are aware that our present city hall is very inadequate for the present needs of our growing city. We are badly in need of a larger building and especially vaults in which to keep our records in the different departments safe from fire. The mayor, the auditor, the engineer, the Service Director, water works department and treasurer should especially be provided with a more safe place for our public records and legal documents of all kinds.

#### S U B W A Y S .

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I recommend that our subway propositions be hurried so that the work may go forward as speedily as possible by early spring. This matter is now pretty well along and the service and engineer's departments should go forward without delay.

#### S T R E E T - R A I L W A Y - F R A N C H I S E S .

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Great care should be taken in granting franchises. Of course, we all want street railways, but the interests of our property owners should be guarded by their representatives in this body. Great care should be exercised in the matter of keeping local street car service to our cemetery.

#### E C O N O M Y .

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All branches of our city government should be administered along such lines of economy, as is conducive to good substantial results.

## S I D E W A L K S .

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The service department should continue to get the council to pass grade ordinances for sidewalks and as fast as grades can be established to have the abutting property put down sidewalks.

## C L E A N   S T R E E T S .

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The writer realizes that our streets have been kept cleaner in recent years than ever before and recommends to the service department that it go forward to have still cleaner streets so that our people can live more clean and comfortable.

## B O O S T E R - S T A T I O N .

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The writer recommends that the Booster Station be installed as quickly as possible so that the citizens of the high altitude of your city may have a better water pressure.

## S E W A G E   D I S P O S A L .

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I recommend that the new sewage disposal plant be hurried to a rapid completion as soon as the weather permits, in order that our sewage may be purified and not become a nuisance to people below said plant.

## P O L I C E   P A T R O L   A M B U L A N C E .

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The writer urges the Safety Department to lose no time in securing the new Police Patrol Ambulance. This is urged because of the condition of present patrol wagon.

## C E M E T E R Y   L O T S .

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I recommend that the Safety Department draft a blank form of Promissory Note to be used in case a cemetery lot is sold and not paid for at the time. I also urge the Safety Department to collect all deferred payments on all lots which have been sold and not paid for. These collections to be made through the legal department of the city. I also recommend that our cemetery be taken into the city.

## H E A L T H .

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I recommend that the Board of Health, through its Health Officer and Sanitary Policeman, insist on property owners keeping their places cleaner in many parts of the city and that they keep up the good work relative to the sale of milk within the city. I also urge them to keep up their work in putting out of commission outside closets wherever sanitary sewer is accessible, in order that people in the vicinity of said closets may live more comfortably.

## HOSPITAL.

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I earnestly recommend that council take the necessary steps toward the new Hospital project. I understand an ordinance is now in your hands providing money for such a purpose to the extent of \$35,000.00. If the money is furnished by the city and private parties the hospital should be controlled jointly in proportion to the amount of money provided by each, and should be entirely non-political and non-sectarian. Our present hospital is entirely inadequate to take care of our needs and besides it was not built for hospital purposes and is not arranged as it should be for an up-to-date hospital.

We certainly owe a good up-to-date hospital to our people who become afflicted by accident and sickness.

## STREET-IMPROVEMENTS.

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Legislation for the improvement of streets should be passed between now and May 1st so that contracts can be let early in the season in order that streets can be completed prior to the bad weather in the fall of the year.

Where a street has once been improved I believe a committee should be named to get a waiver from each abutting property owner of all his rights under the 50% law before the legislation is passed to re-improve the street. By securing these waivers the city would save 50% of the cost and have no law suits on this account.

## WATER-INSPECTOR.

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I recommend that the office of water inspector be created by the service director or council. I believe it would be a saving to the city. The waste of water by users is enormous. Many spigots and closets are permitted to run constantly, simply for the want of a washer or other small repair.

## SEALER of WEIGHTS &amp; MEASURERS.

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The writer urges that this department keeps up its work vigorously and see that our people get full weight and measure in all cases.

## EXTENSION of POLICE and FIRE ALARM SYSTEMS.

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I recommend that the safety department extend the police and fire alarm systems in accordance with the city's growth so that our people may be given extended police and fire protection.

POPLAR and WILLOW  
TREES.

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Experience has shown us that poplar and willow trees have clogged many of our sewers by their roots growing therein to such an extent as to completely fill them, thereby making them useless for their purpose. It is my recommendation that these trees be taken out, as fast as possible, wherever they may be found in close proximity to any sewer.

## SALOON SCREENS.

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It is my recommendation that the city solicitor be instructed to draw up a "no-screen" ordinance for saloons.

## MUSIC IN SALOONS.

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I recommend that the city solicitor be instructed to draw up a new <sup>ordinance</sup> ~~ordinance~~ relative to music in saloons and that the same be submitted to you at an early date.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated Jan. 2d, 1912.

*E. P. Speidel*  
Mayor.

On motion of Patton, seconded by Lower the Mayor communication be placed on file

Which motion was agreed to.

On motion of Voss, seconded by Patton, that the clerk be instructed to have typewriting copies of the Mayor communication for each member of council

Which motion was agreed to

Mr Patton introduced the following ordinance. Ord No. 1355

An ordinance to make appropriation for the current expenses, and other expenditures of the City of Alliance, State of Ohio, for the fiscal half year, ending June 30<sup>th</sup> 1912. Said ordinance being hereby declared to an emergency measure to enable the City of Alliance to pay its current expenses, was read the first time. Referred to Finance Com.

Farmer moved, seconded by Patton the clerk be instructed to send to the different committee, all ordinance referred to this council, from the old council.

Which motion was agreed to

Voss moved, seconded by Patton that when we adjour, we adjourn to meet next Monday evening.

Which motion was agreed to

City Solicitor Beach reported that the judgement against the City of Alliance in favor of Mame Fitzpatrick for \$1500.00 was due, and the Sheriff was ready to levy against the City Alliance

Farmer moved, seconded by Patton that the City Solicitor be instructed to proceed at once to collect ~~against~~ <sup>from</sup> the M'Ginty Constructing Co. and bondsman, the judgment of \$1500<sup>00</sup> and interest.

Which motion was agreed to.

City Solicitor Roach submitted to council a report of the cases pending in court that had been turned over to him, by his predecessor.

Referred to Judiciary committee, and City Solicitor.

Farmer moved seconded by Lower, that the Solicitor prepare an amendment to the vehicle ordinance.

Which motion was agreed to.

Farmer moved, seconded by Patton that the clerk be instructed to secure from the National Truck Towing Association three tests for truck block.

Which motion was agreed to.

On motion of Voss, seconded by Patton, Council adjourned.

Attest

Chas O. Silow  
President

J. W. Hyce  
President Pro Tem,