

Monday, June 21, 1915.

Council met in regular session with President Reeves in the chair.

The roll being called, the following members answered to their names: Messrs. Barnard, Binkley, Cathon, Grubb, Heidman, Knowles, Ryan. Present 7, Absent 0.

The minutes of the previous meetings were read and approved.

Request of Woodmen for use of Public Square, Saturday Evening.

Mr. J. H. Patton, on behalf of the Auxiliary Circle of the Woodmen of the World, addressed Council asking permission to use the public square next Saturday evening for the purpose of holding a social and concert for the benefit of said organization. On motion of Cathon, the request was granted.

Regarding Proposition made by Messrs. Weybrecht, Purcell, Hoiles, and Wilcox for improvement of Mahoning.

Mr. B. F. Weybrecht presented a proposition for the improvement of Mahoning Avenue. The proposition was along the percentage basis for the City, Property Owners, and Township, to pay a certain portion of the cost of improving that thoroughfare.

Following Mr. Weybrecht's statement, Mr. W. H. Purcell, Mr. F. A. Hoiles and Mr. J. B. Wilcox, addressed Council on the same matter urging Council to act promptly on the proposition as made by them.

On motion of Binkley, seconded by Grubb, the City Solicitor was requested to prepare legislation for the improvement.

The Committee on Finance submitted its report, recommending the payment of the following bills:

Report of Finance Committee.

Review Publishing Company, Publication of Ordinance,	5.20
" " " " " Ordinances	37.53
" " " " " "	49.07
" " " " " Bond Sale	12.72
" " " " " "	10.29
" " " " " Ordinances	58.34
" " " " " "	43.86
" " " " " "	135.02
" " " " " "	125.03
Alliance Leader Publishing Company, Publication of Ordinances-	2.05
" " " " " " "	37.51
" " " " " " "	58.32
" " " " " " "	128.63
" " " " " " "	134.95
" " " " " Notices " Bond Sale	.50
" " " " " Publication " " "	12.71
Antram & Pettis, Chaleny Eyelets -	1.00
" " 1 Box T. W. Paper -	1.25
" " Paper Clips, Library Paste -	1.70
" " 1 qt. Ink -	.75
Stacy & Braun, Printing Bonds -	30.00

W. A. Heidman, C. E. Barnard, Milo W. Cathon.

Barnard moved, seconded by Ryan, that when we adjourn, we adjourn to meet next Monday evening, June 28th, 1915: which motion was agreed to.

The following petition was presented to Council:

To the Honorable President and Members of the Council Of the City of Alliance, Ohio.

Gentlemen:

We hereby enter our most SOLEMN PROTEST against your most honorable body taking any further action on or vacating any portion of Warehouse Street in this City, as prayed for in the petition signed and presented to your honorable body by and others.

Streets, alleys and other public grounds in municipalities are held in trust for the public and can be abandoned by such municipalities only in the manner provided by statute, and their use can not be destroyed except for a PURPOSE BENEFICIAL TO THE PUBLIC; and unless it clearly appears that the public would be benefited, streets and alleys ought not to be vacated or narrowed.

The laws of this state charge your honorable body, as trustees of the City, with the care of such streets and highways, and, as such trustees, under the public policy of the state you are not authorized to destroy the street in any way that is not necessary for the good of the PUBLIC. It is the public good and the general welfare that your honorable body should have in mind in your action on this petition,

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and not for the personal aggrandizement of those who have property abutting on that portion of the street now sought to be vacated.

In case of the vacation of that portion of Warehouse Street designated in the petition, the portion of the street vacated, ten feet in width, will go to the owners of the property abutting on the part vacated, and will be of great value to the property owners, for which reason your honorable body will well understand the motive of some, if not all, of those asking the vacation of said portion of Warehouse Street.

But what advantage will such vacation be to the City?

It has been the policy of the city in the past, and should be the policy of the city in the future to hold all the streets, alleys, and public grounds dedicated to public use intact, and to vacate neither in whole or in part, only in case of public good and for the public benefit, and in no other case. In fact your honorable body is without authority to vacate unless you are convinced that the public good and general welfare demand it.

Our City has great promise of future development and we believe it to be a coming city of importance. Warehouse Street is a street of importance, and will become much more important as the city grows, and it should be preserved in full width for the uses of posterity.

We believe that no threat will coerce the members of your honorable body into vacating any portion of the street, but, on the other hand, that such threats will be resented by your honorable body.

The City of Alliance is in dire need of room for "hitching" purposes by those who may drive into the city for trade with our merchants, and the ten feet along the south side of this street, on account of its convenience, might well be utilized with a portion of the paved part of said street for parking for hitching purposes.

For the reasons given, we make this protest and ask that the same be filed with the petition.

Most Respectfully submitted,

NAME	OCCUPATION	RESIDES AT
Henry J. Faubel	Blacksmith	646 S. Arch Avenue
S. E. Muntz	Grocer	560 E. Broadway
S. L. Sturgeon	Cashier	186 W. Main Street
Jacob Sauer	Cafe	550 E. Main Street
B. C. Allott	Hardware	513 E. Main Street
Morris W. Geiger	Clothier	526 E. Main Street
E. Baskin	Clothing	530 E. Main Street
Geo. M. Rickard	House Furnishings	616 E. Main Street
B. F. Weybrecht	Lumber Dealer	E. Broadway
Charles C. Weybrecht	Pres. Board of Trade	29 Union Avenue
Charles Heitsman	Clothier	612 E. Main
Geo. Haidet	Shoe Man	606 E. Main St.
F. J. Poto	Feed & Warehouse	Warehouse St.
Christian Tschantz		39 S. Park Ave.
S. W. Seacrist		241 S. Liberty Ave.
S. H. Steffy	Clothier	259 W. Columbia St.
Sydney L. Geiger		2105 S. Arch Ave.

Referred to the Committee of the Whole.

On motion of Binkley, seconded by Ryan, Council adjourned.

ATTEST:

Chas. Silver
Clerk.

Arthur A. [Signature]
President of Council.