

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

The roll being called, the following members answered to their names: Messrs. Akins, Davis, Miller, Riggs, Ryan, and Trott. Present 6, absent 1.

On motion of Miller, seconded by Davis the reading of the minutes was dispensed with.

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The following petition and communication were presented to council.

PETITION TO VACATE.

To the honorable council of the city of Alliance, State of Ohio:

Gentlemen:

Petition to vacate

The undersigned, owner of lot number Two Hundred and Forty-six (246) in the City of Alliance, which is a three cornered lot, situated at the intersections of North Arch Avenue, Hester Avenue, and East Patterson Street, respectfully petitions your honorable body that a strip of said North Arch Avenue Thirteen feet in width and One Hundred Thirty-one and Seven Tenths (131.7) feet in length, immediately abutting on the West side of the said lot, and a strip of Hester Ave. Eighteen feet in width, and One Hundred Ninety-two and One Tenth (192.1) feet in length immediately abutting on the North-east side of the said lot may be vacated for the reason that the said strips of said streets are not being used by the public, and have not been used by the public for a long time, and that the vacation thereof will not be detrimental to the general interest.

B. W. Thompson
Owner of Lot No. 246

Jan. 2, 1923.

Michael Ryan, Councilman,
Alliance, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

Communication regarding the above vacation.

As you no doubt have learned my business building, situated on lot #246. was destroyed by fire, and to such an extent that it is beyond repair; therefore, I have decided to erect a new business building on the location of the one so destroyed.

In my preparation for this improvement I find that the old building, and the business conducted therein, has been standing on and using portions of both North Arch Avenue and Hester Avenue for many years. As I want to build a substantial fireproof brick building, I am going to ask the city council to vacate the strips of ground adjoining the Arch Ave. and Hester Ave. sides of my said lot, that I may have the right to use the said strips as said property has been used and occupied for many years. The vacation of the said strips of ground will not interfere with the public use, as the peculiar form and location of my said lot has never required, and will never require sidewalks along the West and North-easterly sides of the said lot.

These facts may be verified by council by a view of the property, and an investigation of its occupancy and use for many years past. I want to add also that in the improvement to be made I propose to build a sidewalk along the South side of my said lot the full length thereof on Patterson Street, and in accordance with the City's specifications therefor.

I am handing you herewith with this letter a petition for the vacation of the said strips of said streets, and respectfully request that it may be presented to council by you for due consideration. I wish to add that in the event council grants the prayer of my petition, I will bear the expenses connected with the preparation and publication of the necessary notice and ordinance.

Respectfully,
B. W. Thompson.

The petition was referred to the Sidewalk committee, Service Director and Engineer.

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On motion of Davis seconded by Miller, McCredie was excused for non-attendance of this meeting.

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Mayor addresses council

Mayor Norman W. Clark addressed council extemporaneously and called attention to the work of the year briefly and made recommendations as to the future and stated that at the next regular meeting he would have a message for council.

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TUESDAY EVENING, JANUARY 2, 1923.

On motion of Davis seconded by Miller, council adjourned.

Attest: _____ Clerk of Council _____ President of Council

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