

**MINUTES OF THE MARCH 4, 2019  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE ALLIANCE CITY COUNCIL**

The meeting was called to order by President Garnes at 7:00 P.M. Councilman Minear then gave the invocation and led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL:** Sheila Cherry, James Edwards, Andrew Grove, Cindy King, Frank Minear, Roger Rhome, and Brian Simeone.

President Garnes reminded members to speak clearly into the microphones and wait to be recognized by the chair so that the record can be clear without an inability to hear the discussion or overlapping conversations making the record hard to interpret.

Minutes of the February 19, 2019 Regular Council Meeting were distributed electronically to all members prior to the meeting. Noting no additions, deletions or corrections offered by Council Members. Minutes were received and filed.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. Notice of the March 4, 2019 Finance Committee Meeting
2. Notice of March 4, 2019 Executive Session of City Council
3. Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting
4. Memorandum from Auditor Knowles RE: Municipal Income Tax Information
5. Minutes of the January 23, 2018 Finance Committee Meeting
6. Agenda for the March 4, 2018 Finance Committee Meeting
7. Agenda for the March 20, 2018 Planning Commission Meeting
8. Letter of Resignation from Councilman Rhome

Motion and second to receive and file all communications tendered to the Clerk. **MOTION PASSED BY ACCLAMATION OF ALL MEMBERS.**

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

**Mayor Andreani:** Welcomed Scouts present in the audience working on Merit Badge Requirements

Announced that Mr. Locke and the Chamber of Commerce has put together a concert and events list for the summer for downtown covering most of the summer except Carnation week

Reviewed Ordinance 11-9.

Noted the request for an executive session at the end of regular session to review a UDAG revolving loan fund application.

Announced that the Auditor and his staff received recognition from the Government Finance Officers Association for excellence in financial reporting. Thanked the Auditor and his staff for the hard work to accomplish this.

Noted the Letter of Resignation from Councilman Rhome and had the Clerk read it.

**Safety Service Director Dreger:** Reported that the Street Department is back on a single shift and will concentrate on pot hole and other street repair.

Updated Council on the Deer Creek boat ramp project and announced that the ramp is complete with the concrete portion poured and complete. Stated the reservoir is already about half way back to normal levels and should be at normal levels by Wednesday

Updated Council on the Crest Rubber site at Wayne Street and Union Avenue. Announced that the Company demolishing the old Transue & Williams site will demolish the site. The City has secured funds from the Stark County Land Reutilization Corporation to assist and will use City Labor and resources for in kind contribution to the project to accomplish it. This site should be green space within 6 months.

Noted the death of former Councilwoman Vivian Snodgrass and offered condolences to the family.

**Law Director Arnold:** No Report.

**Auditor Knowles:** Reviewed Ordinance 7-19 and the Municipal Income Tax Recap.

Announced he will be formulating and presenting a new City Credit Card Procedure soon and presenting it to Council for approval

#### **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Properties and Lands: Cherry:** No formal report but thanked Roger Rhome for his service to the City.

**Utilities: Edwards:** No formal report but wished Councilman Rhome well.

**Finance: Grove:** Reviewed the 6 PM Finance Committee meeting and the Review of Ordinance 7-19. Reported that the Committee voted to recommend passage of Ordinance 7-19.

Congratulated Auditor Knowles on the Award of Achievement from the GFOA noting that he and his staff does a great job and work really hard to keep finances in line.

Thanked Roger Rhome for his service to the City of Alliance.

**Community Development: King:** No formal report but wished Councilman Rhome well.

**Safety & Judiciary: Minear:** No formal report but noted Councilman Rhome will be missed.

**Streets & Alley: Rhome:** No formal report but wished Councilman Rhome well.

**Planning Zoning and Housing: Simeone:** No formal report.

**PUBLIC SPEAKS:** None.

**THIRD READINGS:**

**Ordinance 6-19:** Introduced by Rhome: An Ordinance repealing the Downtown Special Events Commission under Alliance Codified Ordinance 176; and declaring an emergency. Motion and Second to adopt. Mayor Andreani noted that Councilman Rhome was instrumental in starting the Downtown Special Events and was a big “Behind the Scenes” force in making the events successful doing many of the things that established the success of the summertime programs. Voice Vote: Unanimous. **ADOPTED.**

**SECOND READINGS:**

**Ordinance 7-19:** Introduced by Grove: An Ordinance making permanent appropriations for the General fund, Water fund, Sewer fund, and other City funds and authorizing the Auditor to draw payments from those appropriations upon receiving proper certificates and vouchers; and declaring an emergency. Motion and Second to suspend the rule requiring three readings. Voice Vote: Unanimous. Motion and Second to adopt. Voice Vote: Unanimous. **ADOPTED.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Ordinance 10-19:** Introduced by Cherry: An Ordinance authorizing and directing the Director of Public Safety and Service to enter into a contract with Baker Vehicle Systems of Macedonia, Ohio, for the purchase of a Jacobsen HR700 wide area mower at a cost of \$71,293.00 (less trade-in of \$3,000.00 for City’s old mower) through the Ohio State cooperative purchasing program; and declaring an emergency. Motion and Second to suspend the rule requiring three readings. Voice Vote: Unanimous. Motion and Second to adopt. Voice Vote: Unanimous. **ADOPTED.**

**Ordinance 11-19:** Introduced by Simeone: An Ordinance accepting and approving the replat of part of Outlots 2486 and 158 located on the South side of Noble Street between Oak Avenue and Mahoning Avenue in the City of Alliance, County of Stark, and State of Ohio. Motion and Second to refer to the Planning Commission. Voice Vote: Unanimous. **REFERRED TO PLANNING COMMISSION.**

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:**

Councilwoman King invited everyone to the 100 Women in White celebration at the Second Baptist Church on Sunday March 17. Noted it is a wonderful celebration and would like to see Council support.

Councilman Minear thanked the Street Department for the work on the pot hole situation.

Motion and Second to move into executive session for the purpose of notifying City Council of an application for a UDAG Revolving Loan application due to the confidential information regarding market plans, specific business strategy, production techniques and trade secrets, financial projections and personal financial statements that are matters required to be kept confidential by Federal Law or regulations, or State Statutes to include the President of Council, Council members, Council Clerk, Mayor, Auditor, Law Director, Economic Development

Director, and Safety Service Director with no expected action to follow. Roll Call: Unanimous.

Council entered executive session 7:30 PM

Council re-entered regular session at 7:39 PM

**ADJOURNMENT:** Noting no further business to come before this Council, President Garnes adjourned the meeting at 7:39 PM

**SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN:**

<b>Ordinance 6-19</b>	<b>ADOPTED</b>
<b>Ordinance 7-19</b>	<b>ADOPTED</b>
<b>Ordinance 10-19</b>	<b>ADOPTED</b>
<b>Ordinance 11-19</b>	<b>REFERRED TO PLANNING COMMISSION</b>

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**ARTHUR GARNES,  
COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

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**GERARD T. YOST  
COUNCIL CLERK**