

**MINUTES OF THE MARCH 18, 2019  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE ALLIANCE CITY COUNCIL**

The meeting was called to order by President Garnes at 7:00 P.M. Councilman Simeone 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, 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 March 4, 2019 Regular Council Meeting were distributed electronically to all members prior to the meeting. Noting that a correction was made to the committee report of Councilman Rhome and Councilman Simeone, no additions, deletions or corrections offered by Council Members. Minutes were received and filed.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. Notice of the March 21, 2019 Parks Board Meeting
2. Information regarding the Memorial Day Parade
3. Memorandum from the Ohio Ethics Commission RE: Financial Disclosure filing reminder.
4. Community Information RE: American Legion 100 year Celebration
5. Memorandum from Stark County Community Foundation RE: Summer Youth Program funding applications
6. Memorandum from Mayor Andreani RE: Appointment of Pat Stone to the Early Childhood Education Alliance Board of Trustees
7. Minutes of the December 18, 2018 Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting
8. Memorandum from Mayor Andreani RE: Receipts collected in February 2018
9. Civil Service Commission Annual Report

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

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

**Mayor Andreani:** Noted the Civil Service Commission Annual Report and thanked Commission members for their work and the report

Announced the new Web page is continuing to be activated and commended the Auditor for the work on getting this system up and running. Encouraged citizens to sign up for the Civic Ready alert system now available through the Website.

Asked Council to approve the Appointment of Pat Stone to the Early Childhood Education Alliance Board of Trustees.

Motion and second approve the Appointment of Pat Stone to the Early Childhood Education Alliance Board of Trustees. **MOTION PASSED BY ACCLAMATION OF ALL MEMBERS.**

Noted and addressed the Proclamation for Councilman Rhome.

**Safety Service Director Dreger:** Discussed the correction of signage related to emergency snow routes throughout the City that was discovered this past winter with parking bans. All should be corrected before we have another parking ban.

Addressed the reporting of street lights that are out. There should be a system incorporated into the new web page for reporting these.

Discussed the system for replacement of utility poles and the situation that sometime arises where the new and the old poles stand side by side for a prolonged period of time. Explained this is usually due to the system of moving wires from one pole to the other by each of the various utilities occupying the pole and sometimes there is delay or it is simply missed. If this arises the City can make the notifications and get the process completed.

**Law Director Arnold:** Discussed the recent changes to Ohio's Criminal Code and Felony sentencing. One change that is necessary for the City is the removal of any enhancements to our penalties due to gun possession. Law Director's Office is researching where these changes are necessary and will prepare the necessary legislation.

Discussed Resolution 13-19.

**Auditor Knowles:** Reviewed Ordinance 12-19 and the Resolution 13-19.

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

**Properties and Lands: Cherry:** No formal report.

**Utilities: Edwards:** Asked for support on Resolution 13-19 and stated more revenue is necessary to repair City roads and bridges.

**Finance: Grove:** Reviewed the General Fund revenue and the Statement of Cash Position. Stated that the City is trending slightly ahead of last year.

**Community Development: King:** No formal report.

**Safety & Judiciary: Minear:** No formal report.

**Streets & Alley:** No Report.

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

**PUBLIC SPEAKS:** None.

**THIRD READINGS:** None

**SECOND READINGS:**

**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. **NO FORMAL ACTION.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Ordinance No. 12-19:** Introduced by Council as a Whole - An Ordinance updating the current Credit Card Policy for the City of Alliance to comply with the Requirements of Ohio House Bill 312. **NO FORMAL ACTION.**

**Resolution 13-19:** Introduced by Edwards: A Resolution in support of an increase in the State Motor Fuel User Fee, and Declaring an Emergency. Motion and Second to suspend the rule requiring three readings Voice Vote: Unanimous. Motion and second to Adopt: Discussion: Councilman Grove stated that he would support if it contained a provision that the tax is supported only if accompanied by a corresponding reduction in State Income tax so as not to overburden the Citizens of Alliance. Councilwoman Cherry stated she support such an amendment. Motion and Second to amend to include a second Whereas paragraph stating Alliance City Council supports a proposed increase of the gas tax if it is offset by a corresponding reduction in State income tax to lessen the burden on Alliance residents. Voice Vote: 5 in favor 1 (Edwards) opposed. Resolution is amended. Law Director advised the rule suspension was prior to a significant change so it would be in order to suspend the rules on the amended resolution. Motion and Second to suspend the rule requiring three readings on the amended resolution. Voice Vote: Unanimous. Motion and Second to adopt as amended. Voice Vote: Unanimous. **ADOPTED AS AMENDED.**

**Proclamation:** Introduced by Council as a Whole and the Administration: A Proclamation expressing to Roger Rhome the sincere appreciation of this Council, the Administration, and the Citizens of the City of Alliance for his dedicated 12 years of Service as a Member of the Alliance City Council. Motion and Second to adopt. Voice Vote: Unanimous. **ADOPTED.**

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:**

Councilwoman Cherry asked all to support the American Legion 100 anniversary celebration.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Noting no further business to come before this Council, President Garnes adjourned the meeting at 7:32 PM

**SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN:**

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| <b>Ordinance 11-19</b> | <b>SECOND READING</b> |
| <b>Ordinance 12-19</b> | <b>FIRST READING</b>  |

**Resolution 13-19  
Proclamation**

**ADOPTED AS AMENDED  
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**ARTHUR GARNES,  
COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

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**GERARD T. YOST  
COUNCIL CLERK**