

**MINUTES OF THE APRIL 5, 2021
REGULAR MEETING OF THE ALLIANCE CITY COUNCIL**

The meeting was called to order by President Garnes at 5:30 P.M. Councilman Mastroianni then gave the invocation and led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Kris Bugara (remotely), James Edwards (Remotely), Andrew Grove (remotely), Cindy King (remotely), Edward Lohnes (remotely) and Phillip Mastroianni (remotely).

Motion and Second to excuse Councilwoman Cherry who is out of town. **MOTION PASSED BY ACCLAMATION OF ALL MEMBERS.**

Minutes of the March 15, 2021 Regular Council Meeting were distributed electronically to all members prior to the meeting. No deletions or corrections were offered by Council Members. Minutes of the meeting were received and filed.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Alliance City Executive Session meeting notice
2. Alliance Municipal Income Tax info from City Auditor
3. Letter from Government Finance Offices, Award of Financial Reporting Achievement, Certificate of Achievement
4. Agenda for the April 20, 2021 Board of Zoning Appeals meeting
5. Letter from Ohio Liquor Control RE: License location transfer for Circle K

Motion and Second to record and file the communications tendered to the Clerk. Roll Call: Unanimous. **MOTION PASSED BY ACCLAMATION OF ALL MEMBERS.**

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Mayor Andreani: (remotely): Updated Council on the Covid numbers for the month of March 2021 with 64 new cases but last week not reported yet. Second round vaccines are being given by Health Department and over 6000 have been given so far. There are also other locations in town now.

Reviewed Ordinance 23-21 and what it is for.

Requested an executive session at the end of the regular meeting to review real estate acquisition.

Stated that no action is needed on Ordinance 86-20 as the paperwork is still proceeding and action would be premature. Also stated that the three replat ordinances in old business are still in the planning commission so no action is needed on those yet as well.

Congratulated Auditor on award.

Safety Service Director Dreger: (remotely): Reviewed Ordinance 23-21, 27-21; and 28-21

Stated that the Bids were opened regarding the lead line replacement program and stated that bids were far below expectations. It appears that we will be able to do in excess of 450 homes with the grant..

Law Director Arnold: Noted the liquor license location transfer for Circle K and stated that there was no apparent reason for a hearing on it.

Auditor Knowles: Stated that the office received an award for accounting and reporting and congratulated his staff for their work in this area.

Stated that the American Rescue Plan (new round of Covid relief) is coming and the City may receive an estimated \$15M in funds. It should also be less restrictive than the CARES Act funding was.

Councilman Mastroianni asked if the American Rescue Plan funds would come through CDBG or other sources as the last rounds did. Auditor Knowles explained

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Streets & Alley: Bugara: Met with administration to review the upcoming street paving plan and will hold a work shop session in the near future to review with the committee and Council

Congratulated Auditor Knowles on the Financial Reporting award.

Properties and Lands: Cherry: Absent. No Formal Report.

Utilities: Edwards: Congratulated Auditor Knowles on the Financial Reporting award.

Finance: Grove: Congratulated Auditor Knowles and his staff on the Financial Reporting award.

Community Development: King: No Formal Report.

Safety & Judiciary: Lohnes: Stated there is no need to object to the Circle K Liquor License location transfer.

Motion and Second to waive a hearing on the Circle K Liquor License location transfer. Roll Call: Unanimous.

Planning Zoning and Housing: Mastroianni: Congratulated Auditor Knowles on the Financial Reporting award.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mayor Andreani reported that there were none

THIRD READINGS:

Ordinance 16-21: Introduced by Mastroianni: An Ordinance accepting and approving the replat of all of lots 9113 and 9114 Located at 930 West Summit Street in the City of Alliance, County of Stark and State of Ohio Motion and Second to adopt. Roll Call: Unanimous.
ADOPTED.

SECOND READINGS:

Ordinance 19-21: Introduced by Mastroianni: An Ordinance accepting and approving the replat of all of lots 110, 112, 5792, 5793, 5794, 5795, 5796, 5797, 11176, 11623, 11624, 11839, 12085, 13243, 13244, 13245, 13246, and 13247 and all of outlots 85, 86, and 87 located at the Northeast corner of North Union Avenue and East Wayne Street in the City of Alliance,

County of Stark and State of Ohio. Motion and Second to suspend the rule requiring 3 readings. Roll Call: Unanimous. Motion and Second to adopt. Roll Call: Unanimous. **ADOPTED.**

NEW BUSINESS:

Ordinance 21-21: Introduced by Grove: An Ordinance authorizing and recommending the continuance of the Alliance Community Reinvestment area (CRA) agreement tax abatement with CRA No.2, Lavery Chevrolet-Buick, Inc., Alliance Ventures - Western, Alliance Ventures - Kohl's; Alliance Ventures Mount Union Gateway; and declaring an emergency. Motion and Second to excuse Councilman Mastroianni due to a conflict of interest. Roll Call: Unanimous. **NO FORMAL ACTION.**

Ordinance 22-21: Introduced by Bugara: An Ordinance authorizing and directing the Director of Public Safety and Service to enter into contracts for the purpose of equipping three new single axle cab and chassis for the street department through the cooperative purchasing programs of the Ohio Department of Transportation or to advertise for bids and enter into contracts with other vendors at the lowest and best price; and declaring an emergency. Motion and Second to suspend the rule requiring 3 readings. Roll Call: Unanimous. Motion and Second to adopt. Roll Call: Unanimous. **ADOPTED.**

Ordinance 23-21: Council as a Whole: An Ordinance authorizing all actions necessary to accept Northeast Ohio public energy council (NOPEC) 2021 energized community grant(s) funds, and declaring an emergency. **NO FORMAL ACTION.**

Ordinance 24-21: Introduced by Mastroianni: An Ordinance accepting and approving the replat of parts of lots 447 and 448 located at 245 West Main Street, in the City of Alliance, County of Stark, and State of Ohio. Motion and Second to refer to the Planning Commission.. Roll Call: Unanimous. **REFERRED TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION.**

Ordinance 25-21: Introduced by Mastroianni: An Ordinance accepting and approving the replat of part of out lot 157 located at 1119 Pike Street, in the City of Alliance, County of Stark, and State of Ohio. Motion and Second to refer to the Planning Commission.. Roll Call: Unanimous. **REFERRED TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION.**

Ordinance 26-21: Introduced by Mastroianni: An Ordinance accepting and approving the replat of out lot 592 located in the 2000 block of Carrie Drive, in the City of Alliance, County of Stark, and State of Ohio. Motion and Second to refer to the Planning Commission.. Roll Call: Unanimous. **REFERRED TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION.**

Ordinance 27-21: Introduced by Lohnes: An Ordinance authorizing and directing the Director of Public Safety and Service to enter into contract for the purpose of purchasing two new police cruisers through the cooperative purchasing programs of the State of Ohio or to advertise for bids and enter into contracts with other vendors at the lowest and best price and to purchase necessary items to equip the cruisers, but for a cost not to exceed \$103,000.00 in any case; and declaring an emergency. Motion and Second to suspend the rule requiring 3 readings. Roll Call: Unanimous. Motion and Second to adopt. Roll Call: Unanimous. **ADOPTED.**

Ordinance 28-21: Introduced by Edwards: An Ordinance authorizing and directing the Director of Public Safety and Service to enter into contracts for the purpose of purchasing a new truck and necessary components through the cooperative purchasing programs of the State of Ohio or to advertise for bids and enter into contracts with other vendors at the lowest and best price, but

for a cost not to exceed \$32,000 in any case; and declaring an emergency.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ordinance 80-20: Introduced by Bugara: An Ordinance vacating all of a twenty (20) foot alley bounded on the North by Prospect Street; bounded on the South by part of a twenty (20) foot alley; bounded on the East by lot 505; and bounded on the West by lot 13102 in the City of Alliance, County of Stark and State of Ohio. **NO FORMAL ACTION.**

Ordinance 81-20: Introduced by Bugara: An Ordinance vacating all of a twenty (20) foot alley bounded on the North by Norfolk Southern Railroad; bounded on the South by Prospect Street; bounded on the East by part of lot 482; and bounded on the West by lot 2094 in the City of Alliance, County of Stark and State of Ohio. Motion and Second to set a Public Hearing for December 21, 2020 at 6:00 PM. Roll Call: **NO FORMAL ACTION.**

Ordinance 82-20: Introduced by Bugara: An Ordinance vacating all of a twenty (20) foot alley bounded on the North by a twenty (20) foot alley; bounded on the South by lot 11829; bounded on the East by part of lot 231; and bounded on the West by lot 221 in the City of Alliance, County of Stark and State of Ohio. **NO FORMAL ACTION.**

Ordinance 86-20: Introduced by Council as a Whole: An Ordinance declaring the improvement to certain parcels of real property in the City to be a public purpose and exempt from taxation; providing for the collection and deposit of service payments and specifying the purpose for which those service payments may be expended; and authorizing compensation payments to the Marlinton Local School District. **NO FORMAL ACTION.**

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

Councilman Bugara: Wished everyone stay safe and healthy

Councilwoman Cherry: Advised everyone we are still in a pandemic and need to continue to follow the rules and wear your mask and get vaccinated

Councilman Edwards: Advised everyone to get vaccinated and stay safe.

Councilman Grove: Advised everyone to get vaccinated and take care.

Councilwoman King: Stated that she saw that the Park Easter Egg hunt is set for Maple Beech Park but the park needs some attention and cleaned up. Noted the trash on the neighboring property on Mahoning Avenue. Director Dreger stated that the City is aware but that the property is not in the City but in Smith Township in Mahoning County. Councilwoman Cherry stated that she has been in Contact with the Smith Township Trustees about it.

Councilman Lohnes: Noted the new restaurant opening in Ward 3. Aeonian Brewery is opening in the old Mt. Union Mill and will be good for the community.

Councilman Mastroianni: Stated everyone be safe and well.

President Garnes: Stated that as he has said before we are all in this together and everyone stay safe.

Motion and Second to hold an executive session to discuss the purchase of sale of real property pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 122.22(G)(B)(2) to include Council Members, Council President, Council Clerk, Mayor, Law Director, Safety Service Director, and Auditor. Roll Call: Unanimous. Council entered Executive Session at 6:16 PM

Council re-entered Regular Session at 6:28 PM.

Motion and Second to adjourn the meeting. Roll Call: Unanimous. **MOTION PASSED BY ACCLAMATION OF ALL MEMBERS.**

ADJOURNMENT: Noting no further business to come before this Council President Garnes adjourned the meeting at 6:28 PM.

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN:

Ordinance 80-20	NO FORMAL ACTION
Ordinance 81-20	NO FORMAL ACTION
Ordinance 82-20	NO FORMAL ACTION
Ordinance 86-20	NO FORMAL ACTION
Ordinance 16-21	ADOPTED
Ordinance 19-21	ADOPTED
Ordinance 21-21	FIRST READING
Ordinance 22-21	ADOPTED
Ordinance 23-21	FIRST READING
Ordinance 24-21	REFERRED TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION
Ordinance 25-21	REFERRED TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION
Ordinance 26-21	REFERRED TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION
Ordinance 27-21	ADOPTED
Ordinance 28-21	ADOPTED

**ARTHUR GARNES,
COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

**GERARD T. YOST
COUNCIL CLERK**