

**MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 19, 2019
REGULAR MEETING OF THE ALLIANCE CITY COUNCIL**

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

ROLL CALL: Kristopher Bugara, Sheila Cherry, James Edwards, Andrew Grove, Cindy King, Frank Minear, and Brian Simeone.

Minutes of the August 5, 2019 Regular Council Meeting were distributed electronically to all members prior to the meeting. No additions, deletions or corrections were offered by Council Members. Motion and Second to record and file Minutes of the August 5, 2019 Regular Council Meeting. **MOTION PASSED BY ACCLAMATION OF ALL MEMBERS** Minutes of the meeting were received and filed.

Minutes of the August 5, 2019 Special Council Meeting were distributed electronically to all members prior to the meeting. No additions, deletions or corrections were offered by Council Members. Motion and Second to record and file Minutes of the August 5, 2019 Special Council Meeting. **MOTION PASSED BY ACCLAMATION OF ALL MEMBERS** Minutes of the meeting were received and filed. Minutes of the meeting were received and filed.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Notice of the August 22, 2019 Civil Service Commission Meeting
2. Notice of the August 19, 2019 Alliance Records Commission Meeting
3. Minutes of the May 13, 2019 Alliance Records Commission Meeting
4. Notice of the August 22, 2019 Parks Board Meeting. Meeting
5. Minutes of the June 19, 2019 Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting
6. Agenda for the August 20, 2019 Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting
7. Memorandum from Mayor Andreani RE: Receipts collected in July 2019
8. Notice from Stark County Community Action Agency RE: Community forum

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

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Mayor Andreani: Noted that Auditor Knowles is absent due to a delay returning from Cleveland today

Mentioned that School is starting and Mt. Union is back so a lot of youth are out so drivers please be aware.

Requested that Council hold an executive session at the end of the regular meeting with no action expected to discuss economic development

Introduced Nicole Harris Sweet from NOPEC who gave a presentation about the organization and what they do for the City as a member of the organization. Ms. Sweet and a colleague explained membership in the Council of Governments and what benefits are available as a member.

Safety Service Director Dreger: Updated Council on the switch to LED lighting in City owned street lighting and the upcoming change in field lighting at Butler Rodman Park to LED. Mr. Dreger also stated that the change to LED lighting in General Fund City buildings is underway and the electric vehicle charging station is coming

Updated Council on the state of the repairs of Patterson Street after last year's paving. Stated the contracted admits there are some problems and will be making some remedial repairs.

Councilman Edwards questioned if the City gets a schedule of proposed Railroad grade crossing repairs. Director Dreger explained the Railroad notifies prior to closing a grade crossing but there is no proposed long range schedule given. Mr. Edwards stated that he questioned since the Keiter's Crossing grade crossing is in terrible condition.

Councilwoman Cherry also noted that Norfolk Southern is terrible at maintaining their property since there are down trees and over growth of weeds everywhere. They should be made to maintain their property just like any other property owner in town.

Law Director Arnold: Updated Council of City Ordinances from other municipalities related to Dangerous/Vicious dogs and animals running at large. Copies of sample ordinances were distributed to council members to review and determine if a new City Ordinance is desired.

Stated that the Settlement agreement in the Bed and Breakfast litigation was received on Friday but not soon enough to review and put an ordinance together to approve it. An Ordinance will be coming at the next meeting.

Asked Council to act on Ordinance 53-19 tonight to allow time to get proposals.

Discussed the pending lawsuit regarding Statewide collection of municipal income taxes. Stated that the Supreme Court of Ohio has accepted the case and an Amicus Brief was discussed from the City. The Ohio Municipal League is doing an Amicus Brief that the City will likely sign off on that one.

Auditor Knowles: Absent. No report.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Streets & Alley: Bugara: No formal report.

Properties and Lands: Cherry: Reported that testing is ongoing on the Manufactured Gas sight on Patterson and Front Streets. There is however now an oily substance on Front Street and in the area ditches that is being looked at. Still unknown how much it will take to clean up this entire problem.

Addressed the Stark County Community Action Agency Community forum and stated we need services within the City not in Canton. It is too difficult for Senior and low income residents to get to Canton to get services.

Utilities: Edwards: No formal report but asked for action and support on Ordinance 54-19

Finance: Grove: Discussed the General Fund Summary Report and stated that the General Fund is 8.2% ahead of last year at this time. Reviewed the Statement of Cash Position and noted that the unexpended budget balance is 49% better than last year and cash balance is 49% better than this time last year. Mr. Grove stated the budget is trending well and the City is moving toward moving out of fiscal warning status.

Community Development: King: Stated the CDBG action plan for 2019 has been approved and is higher than was originally expected.

Safety & Judiciary: Minear: Announced there will be a Town Hall style ward meeting at Frank's Family Restaurant at 428 East State Street on August 26, 2019 at 5:00 PM to discuss the Bed and Breakfast litigation and proposed settlement agreement.

Planning Zoning and Housing: Simeone: No formal report.

PUBLIC SPEAKS: None.

THIRD READINGS: None

SECOND READINGS:

Ordinance 47-19: Introduced by Simeone: An Ordinance to amend the zoning map of the City of Alliance by rezoning lots 107, 108 and 109 from multiple family residential district (R-2) to thoroughfare commercial district (b-2) under the Alliance City zoning ordinance. **NO FORMAL ACTION.**

Ordinance 53-19: Introduced by Grove: An Ordinance authorizing and directing the Director of Public Safety and Service to advertise for requests for proposals (RFP) and enter into a contract or contracts for City of Alliance Group Life, Hospitalization, Health, Medical Dental and other related coverages; 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 54-19: Introduced by Edwards: An Ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Safety and Service to advertise for bids and enter into contracts for the purchase of various supplies for the year 2020 to include options to renew where practical, or to accept existing options to renew; 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.**

OLD BUSINESS: None

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: Councilwoman King questioned if the Veteran Banner program is underway and if so how can a person apply. Mayor Andreani explained the process.

Ms. King also noted the “You know you’re from Alliance if…” reunion at Maple Beech Park over the past weekend. She stated it was the second annual event and was a great success. She thanked the City officials and park department staff for the efforts in hosting the event and stated everyone is looking forward to next year.

Councilwoman Cherry also noted the “You know you’re from Alliance if…” reunion at Maple Beech Park over the past weekend. She stated it was wonderful event and thanked the City officials and park department staff for their work on the event. Ms. Cherry also noted the downtown festivities at Jupiter Studio on Saturday and stated it was a long and tiring day of events but well worth it since everything was a great success.

Ms. Cherry also noted a problem with raccoons and noted the public needs educated in how to avoid bigger problems with animals.

Councilman Edwards stated that an educational seminar geared toward the deer problem addressed earlier is coming in the upcoming months with assistance from Mt. Union and the Brumbaugh Nature center. More information will be coming as it develops

Motion and Second to enter an executive session To consider confidential information related to the marketing plans, specific business strategy, production techniques, trade secrets, or personal financial statements of an applicant for economic development assistance, or to negotiations with other political subdivisions respecting requests for economic development assistance, provided that both of the following conditions apply:

(a) The information is directly related to a request for economic development assistance that is to be provided or administered under any provision of Chapter 715, 725, 1724, or 1728. or sections 701.07, 3735.67 3735.70, 5709.40 to 5709.43, 5709.61 to 5709.69, 5709.73 to 5709.75, or 5709.77 to 5709.81 of the Revised Code, or that involves public infrastructure improvements or the extension of utility services that are directly related to an economic development project.

(b) A unanimous quorum of the public body determines, by a roll call vote, that the executive session is necessary to protect the interests of the applicant or the possible investment or expenditure of public funds to be made in connection with the economic development project.

The executive session to include Council Members, Council Clerk, Mayor, Safety Service Director, Law Director, and Director of Economic Development. Roll Call: Unanimous.

Council entered into executive session at 7:57 PM

Council re-entered regular session at 8:22 PM

ADJOURNMENT: Noting no further business to come before this Council, Pro Tem Cherry adjourned the meeting at 8:22PM.

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN:

Ordinance 47-19	SECOND READING
Ordinance 53-19	SECOND READING
Ordinance 54-19	ADOPTED

**SHEILA CHERRY,
COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEM**

**GERARD T. YOST
COUNCIL CLERK**