

Amherst City Council met in a regular session under full compliance of State Law with President Dietrich opening the meeting at 7:04 P.M. Roll call vote: Mrs. Wasilk, Mr. Winiarski, Mr. Miller, Mr. Janik, Mr. Goodell, Mr. Van Treuren. Also present were Mayor Costilow, Treasurer Ramsey, Law Director Pecora. There were members of the press and public in attendance. Safety Service Director Jeffreys, Auditor Kukucka and Mr. Bukovac were absent having letters on file. Mr. Goodell moved to excuse these gentlemen. Second by Mr. Winiarski. Voice vote 6-0 in favor.

The prayer was invoked by Chaplain Wasilk, followed by the Pledge to the Flag led by Sergeant at Arms Goodell. The Clerk read the consent agenda. Mr. Miller moved to accept the consent agenda as read. Second by Mr. Van Treuren. Roll call vote 6-0 in favor.

The public was acknowledged pertaining to items on the agenda. Mr. Brady from Cambred spoke concerning A-17-06. He asked that Council consider suspending the Council rule requiring three readings allowing this item to be passed on 2<sup>nd</sup> reading. He said that they want to start construction as soon as possible and that the permits had been heavily scrutinized. Mrs. Wasilk asked the Administration if they had received any comment from the public on this item. Mayor Costilow replied that they had not and that the company had done a good job at working with the residents.

#### **ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS FIRST READING:**

(a) An ordinance approving the Sub divider's Agreement between the City of Amherst, Ohio and Cambrad Development II, LLC for The Preserve at Quarry Lakes, Subdivision No.2. (A-17-07)

Mr. Van Treuren moved to take this to second reading and add the emergency clause. Second by Mr. Goodell. Mr. Miller spoke saying that he is not a fan of the emergency clause and would rather see it suspended. Roll call vote 5-1 with Mr. Miller voting no. Motion passed.

(b) An ordinance authorizing and directing the Safety/Service Director to solicit bids to trim trees (on a unit basis) in the City that interfere with electrical distribution lines, at a cost not to exceed \$80,000.00; and authorizing and directing the Safety/Service Director to award the contract for such work to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder; and declaring an emergency. (A-17-08)

Mrs. Wasilk moved to suspend the Council rule requiring three readings. Second by Mr. Goodell. Roll call vote 6-0 in favor. Mr. Miller asked questions concerning where and what the contractor would trim. Mayor Costilow said that there are specific bid specs. He said that the City does trim on secondary lines or in an emergency situation. Mr. Winiarski said that the city workers are cross trained and they also focus on other projects. He said that it benefits the City. Mayor Costilow said that the arborists are also maxed out on their vacation time. President Dietrich reminded Council of all the outages that we used to have. Roll call vote 6-0 in favor. Mr. Winiarski moved to adopt. Second by Mr. Goodell. Roll call vote 6-0 in favor.

#### **Becomes O-17-05**

(c) An ordinance approving and accepting changes to the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Patrolmen and Sergeants Unit of the Ohio Patrolmen's Benevolent Association; and declaring an emergency. (A-17-09)

Mr. Goodell moved to suspend the Council rule requiring three readings. Second by Mr. Winiarski. Mayor Costilow said that it was a well negotiated contract. Mr. Miller asked if this passing tonight helped the police. Mayor Costilow said that it would mean that the employees get their raises. Roll call vote 6-0 in favor. Mrs. Wasilk moved to adopt. Second by Mr. Goodell. Roll call vote 6-0 in favor. **Becomes O-17-06**

(d) An ordinance to make appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures of the City of Amherst, State of Ohio, during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2017, repealing all ordinances in conflict herewith; and declaring an emergency. (A-17-10)

Mr. Goodell moved to suspend the Council rule requiring three readings. Second by Mr. Janik. Roll call vote 6-0 in favor. Mr. Goodell moved to adopt. Second by Mr. Janik. Roll call vote 6-0 in favor. **Becomes O-17-07.**

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS SECOND READING:**

(a) An ordinance approving and accepting dedicated improvements for the Preserve at Quarry Lakes, Phase I and approving the subdivision plat therefor. (A-17-06)

Mrs. Wasilk moved to add the emergency clause. Second by Mr. Goodell. Roll call vote 6-0 in favor. Mrs. Wasilk moved to suspend the Council rule requiring three readings. Second by Mr. Goodell. Mr. Miller asked Mr. Brady if anything had changed since last meeting. Mr. Brady responded that they had completed some of the items that were requested. Roll call vote 6-0 in favor. Mr. Miller moved to adopt. Second by Mr. Goodell. Roll call vote 6-0 in favor. Becomes **O-17-08**.

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS THIRD READING: NONE**

Miscellaneous and acknowledgement of the public: President Dietrich asked Council to look at a liquor permit in front of them and noted that it was simply a name change. Clerk Turley read a resignation letter from Mr. Bukovac. Mr. Winiarski moved to accepted the resignation letter of Mr. Bukovac. Second by Mr. Miller. Voice vote 6-0 in favor. Mr. Miller thanked the audience for attending. He mentioned Mr. Horton, a retired firefighter and Sheffield Twp. Trustee, who died in a traffic accident. He asked everyone to keep his family in their thoughts and prayers.

Agenda Requests and Committee Meeting Schedules:

- A-17-11 Authorization for the CIC to develop City property.
  - A-17-12 An ordinance creating within the City of Amherst, Ohio a Department of Information Technology; and declaring an emergency.
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| Executive | February 20, 2017 at 7:00 PM | A-17-12 |
| Ordinance | February 20, 2017 at 7:05 PM | A-17-11 |

All other Council Committee Meetings for the period are cancelled.

Reports of the Administration:

Auditor Kukucka: Absent.  
Treasurer Ramsey: He said that the January reports had been distributed.  
Law Director Pecora: No report.  
Safety/Service Director Jeffreys: Absent.  
Mayor Costilow: He thanked Council for passing the budget in a timely manner. He also said that he would be giving the State of the City at the next Council meeting.  
Mr. Van Treuren moved to accept the Reports of the Administration. Second by Mr. Miller. Voice vote 6-0 in favor. Mr. Miller moved to acknowledge that the Auditor and Treasurer reports had been received. Second by Mr. Van Treuren. Voice vote 6-0 in favor. Mr. Goodell moved to adjourn. Second by Mr. Miller. Voice vote 6-0 in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:34 PM.

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Linda Turley, Clerk of Council

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John Dietrich, President of Council