

Amherst City Council met in a regular session under full compliance of State Law with President Dietrich opening the meeting at 7:00 P.M. Roll call vote: Mr. Goodell, Mr. Van Treuren, Mrs. Wasilk, Mr. Winiarski, Mr. Dembinski, Mr. Miller, Mr. Janik. Also present were Mayor Costilow, Auditor Kukucka, Treasurer Ramsey, Law Director Pecora and Safety Service Director Jeffreys. Mayor Costilow read the following statement: "It is with great sadness that I announce the death of former Amherst Mayor John C. Jaworski.

Mayor Jaworski served our country in WWII from 1943 to 1946 in the Navy.

He was elected to Amherst City Council at Large in 1962 serving two terms, and elected as Council President where he served four terms. In 1984 John was elected Mayor and served three terms before retiring. Mayor John Jaworski proudly served his community in politics for over fifty years.

During his tenure Mayor Jaworski made many improvements to the city that he loved, including modernizing the wastewater treatment plant and utilities complex, and made improvements to Maude Neiding Park and swimming pool.

We pause today to pay a well-deserved tribute to a man who gave of himself in service to his community. May we honor his memory with admiration and respect for a job well done.

Now, therefore, I, Mark Costilow, Mayor of the City of Amherst, as an expression of public sorrow, do hereby direct, with the authority of the Governor's office, that the flag of the United States be displayed at half-staff at City Hall from Tuesday morning March 28 until sunset on the day of his interment.

I do hereby order that suitable honors be rendered by units of the City's Police, Fire and Utility Departments on the day of the funeral.

I further proclaim, Wednesday, March 29, 2017 in honor of and a Day of Remembrance, *John C. Jaworski Day* in the city of Amherst.

May he rest in peace." President Dietrich then asked for a moment of silence.

The prayer was invoked by Chaplain Wasilk, followed by the Pledge to the Flag led by Sergeant at Arms Dembinski. The Clerk read the consent agenda. Mr. Van Treuren moved to accept the consent agenda as read. Second by Mr. Miller. Roll call vote 7-0 in favor.

The public was acknowledged pertaining to items on the agenda. Mrs. Wasilk asked Mayor Costilow if he was wanting 7a, fiber optics cable, to go three readings. He said that it was fine.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS FIRST READING: NONE

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS SECOND READING:

(a) An ordinance authorizing and directing the Safety/Service Director to purchase up to \$140,000.00 in fiber optic cable, associated hardware and installation services through the State Cooperative Purchasing Program or in the alternative by soliciting bids and authorizing and directing the Safety/Service Director to award the bid for such work to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder; and declaring an emergency. (A-17-14)

Mr. Goodell moved to take this item to third reading. Second by Mr. Dembinski. Roll call vote 7-0 in favor.

(b) An ordinance repealing Amherst Codified Ordinance Chapter 711 Billiard and Pool Rooms and Bowling Alleys in its entirety. (A-17-16)

Mr. Miller moved to take this item to second reading. Second by Mr. Dembinski. Roll call vote 7-0 in favor.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS THIRD READING: NONE

Miscellaneous and acknowledgement of the public: Mr. Miller thanked Mayor Costilow for his kind words concerning the passing of former Mayor Jaworski and announced the times for the visitation.

Agenda Requests and Committee Meeting Schedules: None.

Reports of the Administration:

Auditor Kukucka: He reported that state auditors have begun their city audit. He also said that former Mayor Jaworski was the first person to reach out to him when he decided to run for city council.

Treasurer Ramsey: No report.

Law Director Pecora: He requested Executive Session to discuss details regarding the security of Council meetings.

Safety/Service Director Jeffreys: No report.

Mayor Costilow: He said that he met former Mayor Jaworski volunteering in the last election at age 91. He said that it was impressive that a man of his age was still volunteering and that Mayor Jaworski loved the process and Amherst. He also said that the sidewalk project is coming along and that he has 118 exhibits that will soon be in the hands of Council.

Mr. Wasilk moved to accept the Reports of the Administration. Second by Mr. Goodell. Voice vote 7-0 in favor. Mr. Goodell moved to recess into Executive Session to discuss security of Council. Second by Mrs. Wasilk. Voice vote 7-0 in favor. Council recessed at 7:10 PM. Mr. Miller moved to reconvene Council at 7:15 PM. Second by Mr. Winiarski. Mr. Goodell moved to adjourn. Second by Mr. Dembinski. Voice vote 7-0 in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:16 PM.

Linda Turley, Clerk of Council

John Dietrich, President of Council

Minutes of the Executive Session held March 27, 2017 at 7:12 P.M.

Present were Mrs. Wasilk, Mr. Miller, Mr. Janik, Mr. Winiarski, Mr. Van Treuren, Mr. Goodell and Mr. Dembinski. Also present were Council President Dietrich, Mayor Costilow, Law Director Pecora, Auditor Kukucka, Treasurer Ramsey, and Safety/Service Director Jeffreys.

Council went into Executive Session as requested by Law Director Pecora to the security of Council. Mr. Miller moved to reconvene into regular Council. Second by Mr. Winiarski. Voice vote 7-0 in favor.

The Executive Session ended at 7:15 P.M.

Linda Turley
Council Clerk