

JULY 13 20

THIS MEETING WAS HELD REMOTELY VIA ZOOM:

Amherst City Council met in a Regular Session under full compliance of State Law with President Wasilk opening the meeting at 7:00 P. M. Roll call: Mr. Heberling, Mr. Janik, Mr. Van Treuren, Mr. Dembinski, Mr. Cowger, Mr. Wachholz, Mr. Nahorn. Also present were Council President Wasilk, Mayor Costilow, Auditor Pittak, Law Director Pecora, Treasurer Ramsey, Safety/Service Director Jeffreys. Assistant to Law Director Ward was out of town.

The Prayer was invoked by Chaplain Nahorn, followed by the Pledge to the Flag led by Sergeant at Arms Dembinski.

Consent Agenda: The Clerk read the Consent Agenda. Mr. Janik motioned to accept the Consent Agenda as read. Seconded by Mr. Wachholz. Roll call vote 7-0 to accept the Consent Agenda.

Acknowledgement of the Public pertaining to items on the Agenda: There was no one speaking.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS FIRST READING:

- (a) A Resolution submitting to the electors of the City of Amherst the question of whether City of Amherst, Ohio, Codified Ordinance, Chapter 121, should be amended to reflect that Members of City Council be elected to and serve four-year staggered terms commencing January 2022, and declaring an emergency. (A-20-23)

Mr. Janik motioned to suspend all Council rules so that this may be passed in its first reading. Seconded by Mr. Dembinski. Roll call vote 7-0 to suspend rules. Mr. Janik motioned to adopt. Seconded by Mr. Dembinski. Roll call vote 7-0 to adopt. Becomes R-20-04.

- (b) An Ordinance amending Section 505.09 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Amherst, Ohio, regarding Animal Noise. (A-20-24)

Mr. Dembinski motioned to pass this on to its second reading. Seconded by Mr. Janik. Roll call vote 7-0 to pass to second.

- (c) An Ordinance creating a training/transitional employment position within the Treasurer's Office of the City of Amherst, Ohio; and declaring an emergency. (A-20-25)

Mr. Dembinski motioned to suspend all Council rules so that this may be passed in its first reading. Seconded by Cowger. Roll call vote 7-0 to suspend rules. Mr. Dembinski motioned to adopt. Seconded by Mr. Heberling. Roll call vote 7-0 to adopt. Becomes 0-20-19.

- (d) A Resolution submitting to the electors of the City of Amherst the question of whether City of Amherst, Ohio Codified Ordinances Chapter 121, should be amended to reflect that the President of City Council be elected to serve four-year terms commencing January 2022; and declaring an emergency. (A-20-26)

Mr. Heberling motioned to suspend all council rules so that this may be passed in its first reading. Seconded by Mr. Janik. Roll call vote 7-0 to suspend rules. Mr. Cowger motioned to adopt. Seconded by Mr. Van Treuren. Roll call vote 7-0 to adopt. Becomes R-20-05.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS SECOND READING: NONE**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS THIRD READING: NONE**

Miscellaneous and acknowledgement of the public: There was no one speaking.

Agenda requests and committee meeting schedules:

A-20-27 Streets/Sidewalks 2019 Sidewalk Property Owner assessment objections
2019 Sidewalk Program Assessment Parcel totals

Streets/Sidewalks July 27, 6:30 A-20-27 6:30 p.m.

The remainder of Council Committee Meetings for July 20, 2020 are cancelled.

Reports of the Administration:

Auditor Pittak: Reported the June reports have been sent out. The tax budget is due to the county at the end of July is being finalized and Gwen is working on that. Council used to adopt a budget, but that has changed. He explained further. The only major change in this year's budget is the slight reduction due to COVID 19. So some of the departments had their revenue status lowered a bit.

Treasurer Ramsey: Their reports have been distributed. Reminded residents that tax day is July 15.

Law Director Pecora: No report

Safety/Service Director Jeffreys: No report

Mayor Costilow: This year's road program was bid out and it came out very good from Precision Paving. The roads that will be paved are Crestline, Beverly, West Street, Habant and Middle Avenue. With the cost per square foot that came in we were able to add sections to three other roads: Apple Orchard, West Martin and Cortland Circle will get paved along with Brandt Avenue. Those were nice surprises. We continue working with our employees with flexible schedules. Some are working from home due to COVID. We are working to keep everyone safe. We worked with the Unions to adjust the Memorandum of Understanding to adjust contracts at this time. This will get reviewed in September depending on what the orders from the Governor are. We are trying limit our exposure to each other and the residents. With being on Level 3, masks are in place and the more barriers we can put up in front of each other we can contain the spread of that virus.

Mr. Dembinski thanked the Mayor for adding Apple Orchard to the paving program. One of the residents had been asking him about this and the resident will be pleased.

Mr. Dembinski motioned to accept the Reports of the Administration. Seconded by Mr. Heberling. Roll call vote 7-0 to accept the reports.

Acknowledgement of the receipt of the June, 2020 reports from the Auditor and Treasurer:

Mr. Janik motioned to acknowledge the receipt of the June 2020 reports from the Auditor and Treasurer. Seconded by Mr. Heberling. Roll call vote 7-0 to acknowledge the receipts of the reports.

Mr. Dembinski motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Heberling. Roll call vote 7-0 to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Olga Sivinski, Clerk of Council

Jennifer Wasilk, President of Council