

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. Nahorn, Mr. Heberling, Mr. Janik, Mr. Van Treuren, Mr. Dembinski, Mr. Cowger, Mr. Wachholz. Also present were Council President Wasilk, Assistant Law Director Ward, Mayor Costilow, Auditor Pittak, Law Director Pecora, Treasurer Ramsey, Safety/Service Director Jeffreys.

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. Cowger motioned to accept the Consent Agenda as read. Seconded by Mr. Dembinski. 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) An Ordinance authorizing and directing the Safety Service Director to enter into a contract with Bramhall Engineering & Surveying Company to make emergency repairs to the Crownhill Avenue Beaver Creek Crossing; and declaring an emergency (A-20-20)

Mr. Cowger motioned to suspend all council rules so that this may be passed in its first reading. Seconded by Mr. Nahorn. Mr. Nahorn said he was able to check out the site that was requiring these repairs. Seeing the deterioration of the corrugated metal pipe in person really puts in perspective the need for this emergency legislation. A sizeable section of the pipe, having been corroded away and now missing, is really putting that sanitary sewer in serious danger. A compromised sanitary sewer could be an environmental issue. But one that is compromised and is located in a water course is even more of an emergency situation. It seems like this area has created a small plunge pool feature especially in the times of high flow. So he thanks Council for moving quickly on this, having seen this in person. Roll call vote 7-0 to suspend rules. Mr. Cowger motioned to adopt. Seconded by Mr. Heberling. Roll call vote 7-0 to adopt. Becomes 0-20-17.

- (b) An Ordinance authorizing and directing the Safety Service Director to solicit bids for the Sanitary Sewer Trunk Main Relocation Project and authorizing and directing the Safety Service Director to award the contract for such work to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder; authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract for professional services with Bramhall Engineering & Surveying Company relating to such Improvements; and declaring an emergency (A-20-21)

Mayor Costilow said we do have a little more time on this than on the culvert. We will advertise and open bid packages but pushing this project ahead by a month by suspending rules would definitely be helpful. Mr. Dembinski motioned to suspend all council rules so that this may be passed in its first reading. Seconded by Mr. Nahorn. Roll call vote 7-0 to suspend rules. Mr. Cowger motioned to adopt. Seconded by Mr. Dembinski. Roll call vote 7-0 to adopt. Becomes 0-20-18.

- (c) A Resolution affirming that funds applied for and received under the CARES Act will be used as described in House Bill 481; and declaring an emergency. (A-20-22)

Mayor Costilow said suspension of rules will be helpful so there is no hold up with these funds. Mr. Cowger motioned to suspend all council rules so that this may be passed in its first reading. Seconded by Mr. Wachholz. Roll call vote 7-0 to suspend rules. Mr. Cowger motioned to adopt. Seconded by Mr. Dembinski. Roll call vote 7-0 to adopt. Becomes R-20-03.

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

Miscellaneous and acknowledgement of the public: Mr. Heberling said an organization, the Lorain County Youth Brigade that he belongs to along with Lorain County Commissioner Sharon Sweda raises awareness about recycling within our public school systems. There will be two events in Amherst about this. The first will be July 6 in DePaola park. The public school volunteers will be cleaning up there and helping our environment. They will be recycling items that can be recycled and collecting the other items for trash to clean up the grounds. On July 13 they will be doing the same at Maude Neiding Park. Both will take place from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon. Both dates we have volunteers that have stepped up to donate food. Commissioner Sweda will be stepping up for the first week and then another teacher, Sumer Marie, will be stepping up the second week to donate lunch for the volunteers. He wanted to thank all the volunteers who supported the tee shirt collection. He also thanked Safety/Service Director Jeffreys on behalf of the Lorain County Brigade.

Agenda requests and committee meeting schedules:

Submitted and considered after the last council meeting:

- A-20-20 Finance Allow the Safety/Service Director to enter into a contract for engineering and construction to make emergency repairs to the Crownhill Avenue Beaver Creek crossing
- A-20-21 Finance An Ordinance authorizing the directing the Safety/Service Director to solicit bids for the sanitary sewer trunk main relocation; authorizing the Safety/Service Director or award the contract to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder; and allowing the Mayor to enter into a contract for professional services with Bramhall Engineering and Surveying relating to such improvement; with emergency
- A-20-22 Finance A Resolution affirming that funds applied for and received under the CARES Act will be used as described in House Bill 481; and declaring an emergency

Assigned this evening:

- A-20-23 Ordinance Resolution for the voters of Amherst to consider four-year terms for members of Council
- A-20-24 Ordinance Amending section 505.09 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Amherst; regarding animal noise
- A-20-25 Finance Ordinance to create a training/transitional employment position within the Treasurer's Office of the City of Amherst – with emergency.

Finance July 6, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. A-20-25
 Ordinance July 6, 2020 at 7:15 A-20-24, A-20-25
 The remaining committee meetings for July 6 are cancelled.

Reports of the Administration:

Auditor Pittak: Spoke about the upgraded financial system in the city. He looked today at the reporting of the budget in the system. It is up and running, we just need to do some more testing on it. The plan is to have the report analytics which are much more powerful than the present reports that we now send out. Everyone will be able to have access long term and see the City's finances at any given time. The budget pieces are pretty powerful as well and will increase efficiency and add to the process. Comments and questions can be added as needed so people can get answers right then and there. That will really speed up the process and he is really excited about what he saw today. This should be out in the third or fourth quarter.

Treasurer Ramsey: May reports haven been distributed and reminded residents that tax day is July 15.

Law Director Pecora: No report

Safety/Service Director Jeffreys: No report

Mayor Costilow: No report

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

Acknowledgement of the receipt of the May, 2020 reports from the Auditor and Treasurer

Mr. Dembinski motioned to acknowledge the receipt of the May reports from the Auditor and the Treasurer. Roll call vote 7-0 to acknowledge the reports.

Mr. Dembinski motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Heberling. Roll call vote 7-0 to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Olga Sivinski, Clerk of Council

Jennifer Wasilk, President of Council