

**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. Van Treuren, Mr. Dembinski, Mr. Cowger, Mr. Wachholz, Mr. Nahorn, Mr. Heberling, Mr. Janik. 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. Dembinski motioned to accept the Consent Agenda as read. Seconded by Mr. Van Treuren. 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 approving the subdivider/allotter's agreement between the City of Amherst, Ohio, and Cambrad Development IV, LLC for the Eagle Ridge Subdivision. (A-20-28)

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

- (b) An Ordinance approving the final development for the Eagle Ridge Subdivision and rezoning and approving the Eagle Ridge Subdivision as a Planned Development District. (A-20-30)

Mayor Costilow said he did check on this, due to some questions and we do need to go forward with this. Mr. Dembinski thanked Mayor Costilow for following up and motioned to pass this on to its second reading. Seconded by Mr. Van Treuren. Roll call vote 7-0 to pass to second.

- (c) An Ordinance levying up certain lots and lands assessments for the cost of repairing and replacing various public sidewalks under the City of Amherst, Ohio's 2019 Sidewalk Program; and declaring an emergency. (A-20-29)

Mr. Dembinski motioned to table this item until the next council meeting. Seconded by Mr. Van Treuren. Roll call vote 7-0 to table to next meeting.

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

- (a) 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 adopt. Seconded by Mr. Nahorn. Roll call vote 7-0 to adopt. Becomes 0-20-20.

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

Agenda requests and committee meeting schedules:

There were no new Agenda Requests. All committee meetings for August 17, 2020 were cancelled.

There will be a Special Council meeting on Monday, August 17, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Reports of the Administration:

Auditor Pittak: The July reports have been distributed. He invited all to call if they had questions. He said the CAFR report has been filed with the state a couple of weeks ago. He said it took six months to get through this painstaking process with Gwen working with the state auditors.

Treasurer Ramsey: Said the July reports have been distributed. He said some of the reports bounced back and they were re-sent, but the June reports were sent by mistake and this has now been corrected. With a lump in his throat, he announced the retirement of Karen Flynn this Friday. She has been Deputy Treasurer for over 20 years. She has served for three Treasurers in her full time position. She has put more of herself into this position than the term full time can do her justice. He personally and professionally wanted to thank her for her years of service and her friendship and guidance to him.

Law Director Pecora: No report

Safety/Service Director Jeffreys: No report

Mayor Costilow: He thanked Mr. Ramsey for speaking about Karen and he wanted to congratulate her on her retirement. She has been here as long as he has back to when he was on Council. He wished her luck in her retirement and future. There will be a flyer that goes out with the next utility bill called the "Invoice Cloud." This will be a new service that the city will provide. It will provide options for customers such as on line pay, pay by text, reminders that customers can sign up for; Text reminders of bills and other text notifications. This will give customers a paperless option for utility bills. We have pushed this further ahead a bit sooner due to the COVID10 and the opportunity of having less people in the office so less exposure to anyone bringing in the virus. This flyer will be coming out shortly with phone numbers that customers can call. There was some testing done with our employees and it worked well. There will be a small fee for signing up for this for certain services and some services will be free.

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

Acknowledgement of the receipt of the July 2020 monthly reports from the Auditor and Treasurer: Mr. Dembinski motioned to accept the Treasurer and Auditor's July reports and the Auditor's August 6, 2020 memo concerning the 2019 audit response and results. Seconded by Mr. Janik. Roll call vote 7-0 to accept the receipt of reports.

Mr. Dembinski motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Heberling. Roll call vote 7-0 to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

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Olga Sivinski, Clerk of Council

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Jennifer Wasilk, President of Council