

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. Janik, Mr. Van Treuren, Mr. Dembinski, Mr. Cowger, Mr. Wachholz, Mr. Nahorn, Mr. Heberling. Also present were 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. Van Treuren motioned to accept the Consent Agenda as read. Seconded by Mr. Janik. 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 declaring the necessity for public sidewalk repair and replacement and authorizing and directing the Safety Service Director to award a contract for such repair and replacement of public sidewalks to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder at a cost to the city not to exceed \$500,000.00; and declaring an emergency (A-21-02)

Mr. Heberling motioned to suspend all council rules so that this may be passed in its first reading. Seconded by Mr. Van Treuren. Roll call vote 7-0 to suspend rules. Mr. Nahorn motioned to adopt. Seconded by Mr. Heberling. Roll call vote 7-0 to adopt. Becomes R-21-01.

- (b) An Ordinance establishing the wage rate, benefits, and other conditions of employment of the permanent part-time payroll and accounts payable clerk for the years 2021 and 2022; and repealing all ordinances in conflict herewith. (A-21-03)

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

- (c) An Ordinance authorizing an increase in appropriations for sidewalk improvements for 2021; and declaring an emergency. (A-21-04)

Mr. Dembinski motioned to suspend all Council rules so that this may be passed its first reading. Seconded by Mr. Heberling. Roll call vote 7-0 to suspend all Council rules. Mr. Nahorn motioned to adopt. Seconded by Mr. Wachholz. Roll call vote 7-0 to adopt. Becomes 0-21-03.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS SECOND READING:

- (a) An Ordinance rezoning from R-1 to C-2, for redevelopment as Hot Dog Heaven, six (6) parcels of land identified as Lorain County Auditor Permanent Parcel Numbers 05-00-023-106-043, 05-00-023-106-044, 05-00-023-106-045, 05-00-023-106-046, 05-00-023-106-047, and 05-00-023-106-030, and declaring an emergency. (A-20-50)

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

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS THIRD READING: NONE

Miscellaneous and acknowledgement of the public: Mr. Heberling thanked Mayor Costilow, Safety Service Director Jeffreys and Council for allowing him to show the presentation of the group that he started about a year ago, the Lorain County Youth Brigade. This was started with the idea of bridging what we do on Amherst City Council and he being appointed as Chairman of the Recycling Committee and the fact that he teaches Social Studies in the public school system. He wanted to connect these two things. He does not teach in the district that he is in on Amherst City Council, he figured maybe they could open this up to the entire county, which they did last year with the help of our Mayor, Safety/Service Director and Council President along with several other cities in our county to start this Brigade. He provided a slide show presentation. This is a non-profit organization and they are accepting donations.

Agenda requests and committee meeting schedules:

There were no new Agenda Requests assigned so there will not be any committee meetings on 2/1/21

Reports of the Administration:

Mayor Costilow: Reported he is working on the city budget at this time and if he can complete that in the next couple of days, he will be asking for a Finance Committee meeting. If that happens, he may add another small item or two. He announced the retirement of one of our employees, Doug Jones, whose last day is Friday. He is our Waste Water Collections Foreman. He said Mr. Jones has been around a long time and wished him the best of luck in his next venture. They went through the process to hire our next foreman and congratulated Dustin Voros on his new position. With the positions, it will go right down the line. There will be a posting for a laborer. He explained that process. This morning there was a closure of Cooper Foster Park Road near where the new Akron Children's Hospital will be built. The barricades and signage are all up. the process is going smoothly and we don't expect this closure for longer than a week, pending good weather.

Treasurer Ramsey: No report.

Auditor Pittak: Reported now that Carol Shawver's position is in place through a ordinance, he and Gwen will be working on filling this position in his office.

Law Director Pecora: No report.

Safety/Service Director Jeffreys: No report

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

Mr. Dembinski motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Heberling. Roll call vote 7-0 to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Olga Sivinski, Clerk of Council

Jennifer Wasilk, President of Council

