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2021

THIS MEETING WAS HELD IN HYBRID FORM: (Council members and guests in chambers and others 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. Janik, Mr. Van Treuren, Mr. Dembinski, Mr. Wachholz, Mr. Heberling, who were all present in person. Mayor Costilow was also present in person. Present via ZOOM were Assistant Law Director Ward, Law Director Pecora, Treasurer Ramsey, Safety/Service Director Jeffreys. Auditor Pittak was absent and had a letter on file. Mr. Janik motioned to excuse Auditor Pittak as he had a letter on file. Seconded by Mr. Heberling. Voice vote 6-0 to excuse. Mr. Cowger was absent.

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. Heberling motioned to approve the Consent Agenda as read. Seconded by Mr. Van Treuren. Voice vote 6-0 to approve the Consent Agenda as read.

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

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS FIRST READING:

- (a) A Resolution authorizing the Safety Service Director to participate in the Ohio Department of Transportation winter contract (2021-2022) for road salt; and declaring an emergency. (A-21-16)

Mr. Dembinski motioned to suspend all Council rules so that this may be passed in its first reading. Seconded by Mr. Van Treuren. Roll call vote 6-0 to suspend rules. Mr. Wachholz motioned to adopt. Seconded by Mr. Dembinski. Roll call vote 6-0 to adopt. Become R-21-02.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS SECOND READING: NONE

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS THIRD READING: NONE

Miscellaneous and acknowledgement of the public: Mr. Janik congratulation Mr. Dembinski and his wife on the birth of their son, **Riker Daniel Dembinski**. He said it was nice to have a joyous occasion to bring up.

Agenda requests and committee meeting schedules

A-21-17 Finance - An Ordinance authorizing and directing the Safety Service Director to solicit bids for the OPWC State Issue 1 Round 34 Main Street & Sunrise Drive area improvements; and authorizing and directing the Safety Service Director to award a contract for such work to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder; emergency

A-21-18 Executive - An Ordinance amending 0-19-52 to increase the work hours from 25 hours to 30 hours per week for the Director of Office on Aging.

Finance – April 19, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. A-21-17
Executive – April 19, 2021 at 7:05 p.m. A-21-18

The remainder of Council Committee Meetings for April 19, 2021 are cancelled.

Reports of the Administration:

Treasurer Ramsey: The March report has been distributed. He noted that since his last report, the Ohio Department of Taxation has extended the deadline to file taxes, until May 17, 2021, so now our local date is also May 17, 2021.

Law Director Pecora: No report

Safety/Service Director Jeffreys: No report

Mayor Costilow: Publicly thanked the LEO Club. They have been collecting plastic bags with this recycle program. They need to collect an astronomical amount of these bags, like 500 lbs. in order to get a bench that is made of the recyclable material. One of these benches is sitting in the hall; it was presented to the city today. For now, this will be a good place for the bench. It will go elsewhere at some point. He said the LEO club does many fine things for the community. It's good to get young people involved and do nice things like this. He wanted to thank them publicly for what they did and what they are doing for the environment by collecting these bags. They are well on their way to the next project, so if anyone has any recycle bags, please contact them.

Council passed legislation to allow us to work with an attorney for the TIF project. All the parcels have been identified so now we have to schedule a public hearing. He has worked with the schools and the schools system will allow us to host the public hearing at the Junior High School. There are about 177 parcels in this TIF district. This is tentatively scheduled for May 20 if we can get the letters out registered mail. They will also have to notify County Commissioners; plus getting a Resolution from the school board. This will help with the targeting of the interchange of Cooper Foster and Oak Point Road area coming off Route 90. Hats off to the city of Lorain who are working with us; they have shared some of the costs of the traffic studies.

The AMP transmission project - they have done some preliminary designs and the next step is to contact the three property owners who would be affected by that and get permission to allow AMP to do some surveying and studying. Some of the residents were concerned about the equipment and such on their property. So AMP is looking at some equipment, such as drones, to allow them to look at the way the land is. So AMP Transmission is doing a good job working with those residents to make that process goes smoothly. Hopefully they will have a final design when they get through this survey process. Then they will work with the residents on a fair value for the easements. There is also a land acquisition company that is on board with this project.

Mr. Janik asked for the time of the TIF meeting. Mayor Costilow said 7:00 p.m. as as a tentative date and time.

Mr. Nahorn motioned to accept the reports of the administration. Seconded by Mr. Heberling. Voice vote 6-0 to accept the reports of the administration.

Acknowledgement of the receipt of the March 2021 report from the Auditor and Treasurer: Mr. Dembinski motioned to acknowledge the receipt of the March 2021 reports from the Auditor and Treasurer. Seconded by Mr. Janik. Voice vote 6-0 to acknowledge the receipt of the reports.

Mr. Heberling motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Dembinski. Voice vote 6-0 to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Olga Sivinski, Clerk of Council

Jennifer Wasilk, President of Council

