

JUNE 28

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. Cowger, Mr. Wachholz, Mr. Nahorn, Mr. Heberling, Mr. Janik-absent, Mr. Van Treuren, Mr. Dembinski. Mayor Costilow was present in Council Chambers. Present via Zoom were Law Director Pecora, Treasurer Ramsey and Safety/Service Director Jeffreys. Auditor Pittak was absent and had a letter on file. Mr. Dembinski motioned to excuse Mr. Janik and Mr. Pittak as they had letters on file. Seconded by Mr. Heberling. Voice vote 6-0 to excuse Mr. Janik and Mr. Pittak.

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 approve the Consent Agenda as read. Seconded by Mr. Cowger. Roll call 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) An Ordinance authorizing the Safety Service Director and Mayor to make additional expenditures for the Cooper Foster Park Road Storm Sewer Improvement Project (Phase 1) and declaring an emergency. (A-21-25)

Mr. Nahorn motioned to suspend all council so that this may be passed in its first reading. Seconded by Mr. Dembinski. Roll call vote 6-0 to suspend rules. Mr. Dembinski motioned to adopt. Seconded by Mr. Cowger. Roll call vote 6-0 to adopt. Becomes 0-21-24.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS SECOND READING: NONE

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS THIRD READING:

- (a) An Ordinance authorizing and directing the Mayor to enter Into an agreement with The Freakin Greekin, LLC for the exchange of certain parcels of real estate; and declaring an emergency. (A-21-23)

Mr. Dembinski motioned to adopt. Seconded by Mr. Heberling. Roll call vote 6-0 to adopt. Becomes 0-21-25.

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

Agenda requests and committee meeting schedules:

A-21-26 Community Development – Authorization to create a tax Increment Financing Incentive District

Community Development – July 5, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. A-21-26

The remainder of Council Committee Meetings for July 5, 2021 are cancelled.

Reports of the Administration:

Treasurer Ramsey: Reported that this past week he obtained his mandatory manual training conducted by the Center for Public Investment Management and the fee has been paid as required by law. So they are in compliance.

Law Director Pecora: No report.

Safety/Service Director Jeffreys: No report.

Mayor Costilow: Spoke about the TIF legislation. Things have been complicated and there has been a lot of activity to make this work for a city our size. Many steps have been made, the entire packet will have all the information such as the letters that went out to the school, the county commissioners and the joint vocation school. There was a public hearing with all the parcel owners receiving notifications. Some of the residents did take the opportunity to come to the hearing and speak. This is a complicated process that he hopes is complete by the end of the year. The end of the year is when new tax rules take effect. Any of the things that are in construction now, we can capture their values if we adopt this legislation by the end of the year. He would like this to go three readings as we have the time. He asked that the packets would be looked over well. He asked that any questions they may have, to please reach out to him by the committee meeting.

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

Mr. Dembinski motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Wachholz. Voice vote 6-0 to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

Olga Sivinski, Clerk of Council

Jennifer Wasilk, President of Council