

JULY 12

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

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. 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 creating a tax increment financing incentive district; declaring improvements to the parcels within the incentive district to be a public purpose and exempt from real property taxation; requiring the owners of those parcels to make service payment in lieu of taxes; establishing a municipal public improvement tax increment equivalent fund for the deposit of those service payments; specifying the public infrastructure improvements that benefit or serve parcels in the incentive district; and authorizing payment to the Amherst Exempted Village School District.
(A-21-26)

Mr. Cowger motioned to pass this on to its second reading. Seconded by Mr. Dembinski. Mr. Dembinski asked if the request by Faith Baptist Church to be removed from the incentive district was acknowledged. It is acknowledged in the ordinance. Roll call vote 6-0 to pass to second.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS SECOND READING: NONE

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS THIRD READING: NONE

Miscellaneous and acknowledgement of the public:

- (a) Request for liquor permit for Central Village, 474 Church Street for D5 license (spiritual liquor for on premise consumption only; beer, wine and mixed beverages for on premise, or off premise in original sealed cartons; until 2:30 a. m.

There were no objections to the liquor permit request.

There was no one else speaking.

Agenda requests and committee meeting schedule:

A-21-27 Finance - authorizing and directing the Safety Service Director to solicit bids to provide towing services; and authorizing and directing the Safety/Service Director to award the contract for such services to the bidder the Safety Service Director deems qualified and able to render such services; emergency

Finance – July 26, 2021 at 6:55 p.m. A-21-27 (prior to Council Meeting)
The remainder of Council Committee Meetings for July 19, 2021 are cancelled.

Mr. Nahorn motioned to recess for the month of August with the provision that if a meeting is needed, it will be called for. Seconded by Mr. Cowger. Roll call vote 5-1 with Mr. Dembinski voting no.

Reports of the Administration:

Auditor Pittak: Reported that REA and Associates have provided the City's audit report and have sent it to the state for approval. He thanked Gwen for the great job in helping to provide information for this report. Once he receives the report from the State, he will submit it all for their review.

Law Director Pecora: No report.

Safety/Service Director Jeffreys: No report.

Mayor Costilow: He congratulated the Auditor's Office for the report being completed. He also noted that all this begins at the bottom with the employees having to follow procedures, the supervisors have to follow their procedures with P. O.'s and make everything is approved. It is a big team effort. The team of Derrick and Gwen do a good job with our auditing, and it's much appreciated.

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.

Acknowledge of the receipt of June monthly reports from the Auditor and Treasurer:

Mr. Dembinski motioned to acknowledge the receipt of the June monthly reports from the Auditor and Treasurer. Seconded by Cowger. Voice vote 6-0 to acknowledge the reports.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Olga Sivinski, Clerk of Council

Jennifer Wasilk, President of Council