

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. Heberling, Mr. Janik, Mr. Van Treuren, Mr. Dembinski, Mr. Cowger, Mr. Wachholz. Mr. Janik and Mr. Dembinski were absent and had letters on file. Also present in Council Chambers were Mayor Costilow and Safety/Service Director Jeffreys. Present via Zoom were Assistant Law Director Ward and Auditor Pittak. Mr. Nahorn motioned to excuse Mr. Janik, Mr. Dembinski, Law Director Pecora and Treasurer Ramsey as they had letters on file. Seconded by Mr. Cowger. Voice vote 5-0 to excuse Mr. Ramsey. Mr. Pecora, Mr. Janik and Mr. Dembinski. Also present were Mr. Rosso and a reporter from the Morning Journal.

The Prayer was invoked by Chaplain Nahorn, followed by the Pledge to the Flag led by acting Sergeant at Arms Nahorn.

Consent Agenda: The Clerk read the Consent Agenda. Mr. Heberling motioned to approve the Consent Agenda as read. Seconded by Mr. Van Treuren. Voice call vote 5-0 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 and directing the Safety Service Director to solicit bids to provide towing services in the City for two years; and authorizing and directing the Safety Service Director to award the contract for such work to the bidder the Safety Service Director deems most qualified and able to render such services; and declaring an emergency. (A-21-27)

Mayor Costilow spoke to the different services that the towing service will provide and in what circumstances. Mr. Cowger motioned to pass this on to its second reading. Seconded by Wachholz. Roll call vote 5-0 to pass to second reading.

- (b) An Ordinance authorizing and directing the Safety Service Director to enter into various contracts not to exceed \$198,000.00 relating to certain emergency repairs to approximately 775 feet of water main piping on Washington Street; and declaring an emergency. (A-21-28).

Mr. Cowger motioned to pass this on to its second reading. Seconded by Mr. Nahorn. Roll call vote 5-0 to pass to second.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS SECOND 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. Heberling motioned to pass this on to its third reading. Seconded by Mr. Cowger. Roll call vote 5-0 to pass to third reading.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS THIRD READING: NONE

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

Agenda requests and committee meeting schedules: No items were presented this evening, but Mayor Costilow noted later in the meeting that there will be at least one item that will have to be considered possibly by the beginning of September.

Reports of the Administration:

Auditor Pittak: No report

Safety/Service Director Jeffreys: No report.

Assistant Law Director Ward: No report

Mayor Costilow: Spoke to the Milan Avenue project. The project is in delay due to Columbia Gas needing to relocate a gas line. There is some delay on getting Columbia Gas back to getting this part of the project done. We are trying to be creative in getting this whole project done but it's not looking good. We will be working with the schools and whatever resources we need to get the traffic to move through there – we will do what we can. This is an OPWC run project, county run and the City has zero dollars in this. He has the company to see what the overtime would be – right now they are working four 10 hour days and that's all they are required to work through the county's contract. It would be an estimated \$1,100 day just if the crew came in and the city paid just the overtime. He is considering that to make the project move quicker. We could gain several days with that. We have been contacted by ODOT to submit an OPWC project for two years from now. That's due the first week in September so he may be calling for meetings to consider that. He will be working with Council as to getting this adopted ASAP.

Mayor Costilow then requested an Executive Session per ORC 121.22 (g)(1) to consider to discuss charges or complaints against a public employee. He would like to bring Council up to date on one issue there.

Mr. Heberling motioned to accept the reports of the administration. Seconded by Mr. Wachholz. Voice vote 5-0 to accept the reports of the administration.

Mr. Van Treuren motioned for Council to go into Executive Session per ORC 121.22(g)(1). Seconded by Mr. Nahorn. Roll call vote 5-0 to go into Executive Session.

The meeting recessed at 7:14 p.m. to go into Executive Session.

After Mr. Wachholz ended the Executive Session, he motioned to return to the Regular Council Meeting. Seconded by Mr. Van Treuren. Roll call vote 5-0 to return to Regular Council Meeting. The regular council meeting reconvened at 7:32 p.m.

Mr. Heberling motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Wachholz. Voice vote 5-0 to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Olga Sivinski, Clerk of Council

Jennifer Wasilk, President of Council