

This meeting was in Hybrid Form

Amherst City Council was brought to order in a Regular Session with President Wasilk opening the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Present also in Council Chambers were Mr. Cowger – absent, Mr. Wachholz, Mr. Nahorn, Mr. Heberling, Mr. Janik, Mr. Van Treuren - absent, and Mr. Dembinski. Also present in Council chambers was Mayor Costilow. Present via Zoom were Safety/Service Director Jeffreys, Assistant Law Director Ward, Law Director Pecora Auditor Pittak and Treasurer Ramsey. Mr. Van Treuren and Mr. Cowger were absent and had letters on file.

Mr. Dembinski motioned to excuse Mr. Van Treuren and Mr. Cowger, as they had a letters on file. Seconded by Mr. Heberling. Voice vote 5-0 to excuse. .

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

Consent Agenda: Mr. Heberling motioned to accept the Consent Agenda as read. Seconded by Mr. Dembinski. Voice vote 5-0 to accept 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 an increase in appropriations for repayment of debt due December 1, 2021. (A-21-33)

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

- (b) An Ordinance approving the General Development Plan for the proposed development of a portion of Parcel No. 05-00-044-000-096 for the purpose of constructing a shop/warehouse for use by North Coast Design Build, LLC; and declaring an emergency. (A-21-31)

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

- (c) An Ordinance accepting certain improvements of the Eagle Ridge Subdivision and dedicating such improvements for public use; and declaring an emergency. A-21-32)

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

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS SECOND READING: NONE

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS THIRD 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. Dembinski motioned to adopt. Seconded by Mr. Heberling. Roll call vote 5-0 to adopt. Becomes 0-21-30.

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

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Agenda requests and committee meeting schedules

A-21- 34 Finance - Ordinance authorizing the Safety/Service Director to enter into a contract to lease to purchase a Vactor 2115 combination Sewer Cleaner truck for the Sewer Collections Department through the Ohio State Cooperative Purchasing Program; emergency

Finance September 20, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. A-21-34

No other committee Meeting scheduled for 9/20/21

Reports of the Administration:

Auditor Pittak: Reported the July and August Auditor's reports were sent out for Council's review. Any questions, Gwen is on vacation this week, but Judy is available.

Treasurer Ramsey: Reported their July and August reports were sent out as well.

Law Director Pecora: No report

Safety/Service Director Jeffreys: No report

Mayor Costilow: Thanked Council for adopting the TIF ordinance. It was a big job and it just shows what we can do together. Mr. Janik did a fine job of chairing the first Public Hearing at the school. He felt we did a good job of answering people's questions. This is something we have not done before. This will go a long way to prove that infrastructure for people traveling in that area. He is proud of bringing this to the end. He spoke to Patriot's Day, the events of 911 20 years ago. He felt that Amherst did a great job of memorializing and commemorating it. It began in the morning with Lieutenant Dan Makruski and his wife Mariam organizing a station to station run, quite a fitting tribute to that. They had over 300 participants this year, it grew six fold from the prior year. Many firemen, not only from our department but from other area fire departments went the entire course in full turnout gear. They did the 5 k and many police officers ran in their uniforms. He saw many teachers and city workers and dispatchers. It really was as fitting tribute as you could do for that day. Then the American Legion did the ceremony at City Hall. They did the first one a year after 911 happened on the City Hall steps with Mayor Higgins. They wanted to do it again 20 years later and Gerri Rice was in charge of that. He feels that everything went off very well and he is really proud of Amherst.

Mrs. Wasilk said she was very impressed that the firemen went the course in full turnout gear and it was a very warm day; as well as the police officers. But was very impressed by the firemen, and some were carrying air packs on their backs. So they were carrying probably 50 lbs. of gear.

Mr. Dembinski motioned to accept the Reports of the Administration. Seconded by Mr. Nahorn. Voice vote 5-0 to accept the Reports of the Administration.

Acknowledgement of the July and August monthly reports from the Auditor and Treasurer:

Mr. Dembinski motioned to acknowledge the receipt of the reports from the Auditor and Treasurer for the months of July and August. Seconded by Mr. Janik. Voice vote 5-0 to acknowledge the receipt of the reports.

Mr. Heberling motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Dembinski. Voice vote 5-0 to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Olga Sivinski, Clerk of Council

Jennifer Wasilk, President of Council