

PLEASE NOTE: MR. EDWIN COWGER WAS SWORN INTO OFFICE BY MAYOR COSTILOW ON 1/7/22.

This meeting was in Hybrid Form (Council members and visitors in Chambers and all others via ZOOM)

Amherst City Council was brought to order in a Regular Session with President Wasilk opening the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Also present in Council Chambers were Mr. Cowger, Mr. Wachholz, Ms. Smith, Mr. Heberling, Mr. Janik, Mr. Winiarski, Mr. Dembinski and Mayor Costilow. Present via ZOOM were Auditor Pittak, Treasurer Ramsey, Law Director Pecora, Assistant Law Director Ward, Safety/Service Director Jeffreys, and Mr. Aaron Appel from Bramhall Engineering Company.

The Prayer was invoked by: Chaplin Janik, followed by the Pledge to the Flag led by Sergeant at Arms Dembinski.

Consent Agenda: The Clerk read the Consent Agenda. Mr. Dembinski motioned to accept the Consent Agenda as read. Seconded by Mr. Cowger. Voice vote 7-0 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 and directing the Mayor to enter into a contract for professional services with Bramhall engineering and Surveying Company relating to the Cleveland Avenue Utility Improvements project (Central Drive to Orchard Hill – Part II); and authorizing and directing the Safety/Service Director to solicit bids for such project and award the contract for the project to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder; and declaring an emergency. (A-22-01)

Mr. Dembinski motioned to suspend all Council rules so that this may be passed in its first reading. Seconded by Mr. Cowger. Roll call vote 7-0 to suspend rules. Mr. Cowger motioned to adopt. Seconded by Mr. Dembinski. Roll call vote 7-0 to adopt. Becomes 0-22-01.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS SECOND READING: NONE

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS THIRD READING: NONE

Miscellaneous and acknowledgement of the public: Mrs. Wasilk noted that information was provided to Council regarding state statutes requirement that council participate in Sunshine Law Training.

Agenda requests and committee meeting schedules:

Assigned after the January 3, 2022 Meeting:

- A-22-01 Streets An Ordinance authorizing and directing the Mayor to enter into a contract for Professional Services with Bramhall Engineering & Surveying Company relating to the Cleveland Avenue Utility Improvements Project (Central Drive to Orchard Hill - Part II) and authorizing and directing the Safety Service Director to solicit bids for such project and award the contract for the project to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder; and declaring an emergency.

Assigned this evening:

- A-22-02 Finance – Approve agreement to allow Ohio Attorney General to collect Income Taxes for the City of Amherst
- A-22-03 Annexation - Create a special committee that will report annexation opportunities to Committee
- A-22-04 Police and fire – Create Special Committee to look into performance reviews

Finance – Tuesday, January 18, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. A-22-02
Police and Fire – Tuesday, January 18, 2022 at 7:10 p.m. A-22-03
Annexation – Tuesday, January 18, 2022 at 7:20 p.m. A-22-04

The remainder of Council Committee Meetings for 1/18/22 are cancelled.

Reports of the Administration:

Auditor Pittak: The December reports have been distributed. If there are any questions, please let them know. He had mentioned a while ago that Gwen would be retiring and he had posted the job. They will be continuing with the search.

Treasurer Ramsey: The December reports have been distributed.

Law Director Pecora: No report

Safety/Service Director Jeffreys: No report

Mayor Costilow: Reminded everyone that his office door is open to answer any questions anyone may have. He thanked council for passing the legislation for the Cleveland Ave. improvement project.

Mr. Dembinski motioned to accept the Reports of the Administration. Seconded by Mr. Heberling. Voice vote 7-0 to accept the reports.

Acknowledgment of the receipt of the December Auditor and Treasurer Reports:

Mr. Cowger motioned to acknowledge the December reports from the Auditor and Treasurer. Seconded by Mr. Dembinski. Voice vote 7-0 to acknowledge the reports.

Mr. Heberling motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Dembinski. Voice vote 7-0 to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Olga Sivinski, Clerk of Council

Jennifer Wasilk, President of Council