

JANUARY 24

2022

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. Wachholz, Mr. Heberling, Mr. Janik, Mr. Winiarski, Mr. Dembinski, Mr. Cowger, and Mayor Costilow. Present via ZOOM were, Treasurer Ramsey, Law Director Pecora, Assistant Law Director Ward, Safety/Service Director Jeffreys. Ms. Smith had a letter on file and was present via ZOOM so did not vote, although she was allowed to participate in any discussions. Auditor Pittak was absent and had a letter on file. Mr. Dembinski motioned to excuse Ms. Smith and Mr. Pittak as they had letters on file. Seconded by Mr. Cowger. Voice vote 6-0 to excuse.

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. Heberling motioned to accept the Consent Agenda as read. Seconded by Mr. Dembinski. Voice vote 6-0 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 Delinquent Debt Collection Agreement with the Ohio Attorney General. (A-22-02)

Mr. Dembinski motioned to pass this on to its second reading. Seconded by Mr. Wachholz. Mr. Ramsey said the number of residents that would be involved in this collection would be 58. He was not able to provide any monetary figures at this time. Roll call vote 6-0 to pass to second.

- (b) An Ordinance forming an advisory committee to Identify and assess annexation opportunities and make recommendations regarding such opportunities to the Annexation Committee of Amherst City Council. (A-22-03)

Mr. Heberling motioned to pass this on to its second reading. Seconded by Mr. Janik. Roll call vote 5-1 with Mr. Cowger voting no to pass to second.

- (c) A Resolution declaring the necessity for public sidewalk repair and replacement and authorizing and directing the Safety Service Director to award a contract for such repair and replacement of public sidewalks to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder at a cost to the city not to exceed \$400,000.00; and declaring an emergency. (A-22-05)

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 6-0 to suspend rules. Mr. Dembinski motioned to adopt. Seconded by Mr. Heberling. Roll call vote 6-0 to adopt. Becomes R-22-01.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS SECOND READING: NONE

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS THIRD READING: NONE

Miscellaneous and acknowledgement of the public:

The Clerk reminded everyone regarding the Ohio Ethics Commission Filing Reminder to make sure and file their disclosure statement.

- (a) Request for transfer of liquor permits for Consun Food Industries, inc. at 7580 Leavitt Road for C1 (Beer only in original sealed container for carry out only) and C-2 (Wine and mixed beverages in sealed containers for carry out)

There were no objections:

Agenda requests and committee meeting schedules:

Added after the 1/10/22 meeting:

A-22-05 Streets - Declaring a necessity for public sidewalk repair and replacement and authorizing the Safety/Service Director to award a contract for such repair and replacement of public sidewalks to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder at a cost not to exceed \$300,000.

New:

A-22-06 Finance - Ordinance creating a training/transitional employment position within the Auditor's Office of the City of Amherst, Ohio – with emergency.

A-22-07 Finance – 2022 Permanent Budget

Finance – February 7, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. A-22-06, A-22-07

The remaining Council Committees for the February 7, 2022 meeting are cancelled.

Reports of the Administration:

Treasurer Ramsey: No report

Law Director Pecora: No report

Safety/Service Director Jeffreys: No report

Mayor Costilow: Extended kudos to the street department and all the employees for going out in the cold and cleaning all the streets. He wanted to express his thanks for doing such a good job.

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

Mr. Heberling motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Cowger. Voice vote 6-0 to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Olga Sivinski, Clerk of Council

Jennifer Wasilk, President of Council