

MEETING WAS HELD 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 was Mr. Winiarski, Mr. Dembinski, Mr. Cowger, Mr. Wachholz, Ms. Smith, Mr. Heberling, Mr. Janik, and Mayor Costilow. Present via ZOOM were Treasurer Ramsey, Auditor Pittak (his picture was only shown on the screen for a moment but he was present) Assistant Law Director Ward, Law Director Pecora, Safety Service Director Jeffreys. Also present were David and Gerri Rice, Mr. Tom Anderson, and reporter Jason Hawke.

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. 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 the Safety Service Director to enter into a renewal contract between the City of Amherst, Ohio and Amherst Township for fire protection, first responder services and equipment and declaring an emergency. (A-22-18)

Mayor Costilow explained the corrections that were made to the contract. Two other minor details were questioned and would be corrected. He invited anyone that has any questions to come to his office and he would be glad to speak to them prior to things being considered on Council floor. Mr. Dembinski motioned to suspend all council rules so that this may be passed in its first reading. Seconded by Mr. Wachholz. Roll call vote 7-0 to suspend rules. Mr. Dembinski motioned to adopt. Seconded by Mr. Heberling. Roll call vote 7-0 to adopt. Becomes 0-22-12.

- (b) A Resolution authorizing the Safety Service Director to participate in the Ohio Department of Transportation winter contract (2022-2023) for road salt; and declaring an emergency. (A-22-19)

Mr. Dembinski motioned to suspend all council rules so that this may be passed in its first reading. Seconded by Ms. Smith. Roll call vote 7-0 to suspend rules. Mr. Dembinski motioned to adopt. Seconded by Mr. Heberling. Roll call vote 7-0 to adopt. Becomes R-22-03.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS SECOND READING: NONE

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS THIRD READING:

- (a) A Resolution recognizing and commending Geralyn Rice for her years of service to the City of Amherst, Ohio organizing and coordinating all parades within the city. (A-22-09)

Mr. Dembinski motioned to adopt. Seconded by Ms. Smith. Roll call vote 7-0 to adopt. Becomes R-22-04.

- (b) An Ordinance authorization the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) to perform maintenance work on SR 2 during the summer of 2023; and declaring an emergency. (A-22-14)

Mr. Dembinski motioned to adopt. Seconded by Mr. Heberling. Roll call vote 7-0 to adopt. Becomes 0-22-13.

Miscellaneous and acknowledgement of the public: Mr. Winiarski noted that Council adopted a Resolution (R-22-04) that had gone three readings and he was honored to present Mrs. Gerri Rice with a plaque reflecting the many years of volunteering she has done with the various parades in the City. The City is very lucky to have Mrs. Rice. Amherst is very

fortunate and should appreciate the level of volunteerism that exists throughout the city. He spoke of past projects that have been completed by volunteers. All these projects completed by volunteers scream "thank you." He has been working with Gerri since 2008 organizing the parades. He spoke of the organization of the parades and that Mrs. Rice does these with sensitivity, reverence and honor to the veterans that the pre-march involves. She also runs other parades. He referred to a copies of an article that he distributed to everyone from a July 2, 1999 Amherst News Times article detailing the hand off from Mort Plato, Gerri's father, to Gerri and her sister and her family of continuing these parades. He read from the article. On behalf of the City of Amherst and City Council, he presented Mrs. Rice with a plaque. Mrs. Rice thanked everyone for this honor. She noted there should be a long list of volunteers on this list. Mrs. Rice received an ovation for this honor.

Agenda requests and committee meeting schedules:

Assigned tonight:

- A-22-20 Ordinance - Approving the current replacement pages to the Amherst Codified Ordinances; emergency
- A-22-21 Bld. & Lands - Authorizing and directing the Mayor to enter into an agreement for the sale of City owned property, parcels 05-000-241-08-024 and 05-000-241-08-025, located on Mill Street upon recommendation of the Community Improvement Corp.

Assigned 3/31/22

- A-22-22 Police and Fire - Authorization to enter into a water antenna agreement between the City of Amherst and Life Care Ambulance, Inc. for communication services with the Amherst Fire and Police Departments.

Building and Lands – April 4, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. A-22-21
Ordinance – April 4, 2022 at 7:10 p.m. A-22-20
Police and Fire – April 4, 2022 at 7:20 p.m. A-22-22

No other Committee Meetings scheduled for April 4, 2022

Reports of the Administration:

Mayor Costilow expressed his gratitude to Gerri Rice, all she does for the city. She honestly loves the city and she loves everything she does here. When his secretary is not here, Gerri comes in and mans the phones. She works on the building and knows the city well. It's all about heart. He really appreciates her and she is receiving a well deserved award.

Auditor Pittak: was not called on.

Treasurer Ramsey: reminded everyone that tax deadline is April 18, 2022

Law Director Pecora: No report

Safety/Service Director Jeffreys: No report

Mayor Costilow: presented the State of the Address. On file and attached to minutes.

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Olga Sivinski, Clerk of Council

Jennifer Wasilk, President of Council