

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 were Mr. Janik, Mr. Winiarski, Mr. Dembinski, Mr. Cowger, Mr. Wachholz, Ms. Smith, Mr. Heberling, Mayor Costilow, Assistant Law Director Ward and several residents. Present via ZOOM were Safety Service Director Jeffreys, Auditor Pittak, Treasurer Ramsey. Mr. Dembinski motioned to excuse Law Director Pecora as he had a letter on file. Seconded by Mr. Cowger. Voice vote 7-0 to excuse Mr. Pecora.

The Prayer was invoked by Chaplin Janik, followed by the Pledge to the Flag led by Sgt. At Arms Dembinski.

Mr. Wachholz motioned to recess at this time in order to return to Committee Meetings. Seconded by Mr. Heberling. Voice vote 7-0 to recess. The meeting recessed at 7:02 p. m. and reconvened at 7:13 p.m.

Consent Agenda: The Clerk read the Consent Agenda: Mr. Heberling motioned to accept the Consent Agenda as read. Seconded by Mr. Dembinski. Roll call 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 Safety Service Director to submit an application for federal grant funds In the amount of \$8,200.00 for the purchase of bulletproof vests for the City of Amherst Police Department and accept such funds when awarded; and declaring an emergency. (A-22-39)

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 0-22-30.

- (b) A Resolution pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.19, submitting to the Electors of the city of Amherst the question of a renewal Levy for a period of five (5) years for the purpose of providing and maintaining fire apparatus, appliances, buildings and sites therefor for the Fire Department of the City of Amherst Ohio; and declaring an emergency. (A-22-40)

Mr. Heberling motioned to suspend all Council rules so that this maybe a 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. Cowger. Roll call vote 7-0 to adopt. Becomes R-22-07.

- (c) An Ordinance amending Chapter 1121 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Amherst, Ohio to include a new Section 1121.08 regarding notices and hearings relating to Zoning Regulations. (A-22-38)

Mr. Dembinski motioned to remove this item from the Agenda. Seconded by Mr. Cowger. Roll call vote 7-0 to remove from the Agenda.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS SECOND READING: NONE

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS THIRD READING: NONE

Miscellaneous and acknowledgement of the public:

Karen Hoffman, of 4648 Crossing Trail, Lorain, is a Morning Journal Reporter. She asked about the progress on DORA. Mayor and Council Clerk advised that the Public Hearing notice has been in the newspaper and the Public Hearing will be held July 25, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

Mrs. Janet Raney of 8144 Claus Road asked about the possible changes to the Amherst Codified Ordinances (A-22-38) which was discussed earlier. This property has been in her family since 1898. She is here along with two adjoining neighbors from Apple Orchard estates to answer any questions. Mr. Dembinski said his concerns were in the process for a while and assured her that her property was not being targeted. It was not intended to be that way. Mrs. Raney said they will be happy to discuss anything that would be done that would be pleasing to the City. To that end, she has met several times with the Mayor to discuss this.

Agenda requests and committee meeting schedules - From the previous meeting:

- A-22-39 Finance – Emergency approval for bullet proof vest grant. This is a reimbursing grant and funds need to be advanced to cover the purchase of bullet proof vests. The federal grant reimburses 75% of the \$10,855.00 costs for the vests which is \$8,141.25. The following budget changes need approval.
- A-22-40 Finance - A Resolution pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.19, submitting to the Electors of the city of Amherst the question of a renewal Levy for a period of five (5) years for the purpose of providing and maintaining fire apparatus, appliances, buildings or sites therefor for the Fire Department of the City of Amherst Ohio; and declaring an emergency

Finance – July 11, 2022 at 6:45 p.m. A-22-39, A-22-40

Building and Lands – July 11 at 6:30 p.m. A-22-38 Update ACO 1121 to include Zoning Regulation notice and hearing.

No other Committee Meeting were scheduled for July 11, 2022

Assigned at this evening's meeting:

- A-22-41 Streets/Sidewalks 2021 Sidewalk Program Assessment Parcel Totals
- A-22-42 Ordinance – Legislation to approve or disapprove the application for a DORA – no earlier than thirty days but not later than sixty days after the initial publication of notice.

Building and Lands - July 18, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. A-22-38 (update ACO 1121)

Streets/Sidewalks – July 18, 2022 a 7:10 p.m. A-22-41

Ordinance – July 18, 2022 at 7:15 p.m. A-22-42

The remaining Council committee Meetings for July 18, 2022 are cancelled

Reports of the Administration :

Auditor Pittak: Spoke about financial training for newly appointed or elected officials and department heads. He sent a rough draft to Mr. Winiarski as to what that might look like. The audit is wrapped up and they are waiting for the release of it. The monthly reports have been sent out. .

Treasurer Ramsey: The June monthly reports have been sent out.

Assistant Law Director Ward: No report

Safety/Service Director Jeffreys: No report

Mayor Costilow: Spoke to two Agenda Requests she will provide to the Council Clerk later this week. Spoke to the legislation for DORA and the public hearing which is scheduled for 7/25.

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

Acknowledgement of the receipt of the Auditor and Treasurer reports for the month of June, 2022:

Mr. Dembinski motioned to acknowledge the Auditor and Treasurer June reports. Seconded by Mr. Cowger. 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 7:29 p.m.

