

October 10

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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. Heberling, Mr. Janik, Mr. Winiarski, Mr. Dembinski, Mr. Cowger, Mr. Wachholz, Ms. Smith and Mayor Costilow. Present via ZOOM were, Treasurer Ramsey, Law Director Pecora, Auditor Pittak, Safety/Service Director Jeffreys and Assistant Law Director Ward.

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: NONE**

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS SECOND READING:**

- (a) An Ordinance authorizing the City of Amherst, Ohio to accept grant funds in amounts to be determined annually from the Community Foundation of Lorain County from the estate of Lorna Middendorf for the care and maintenance of Maude Neiding Memorial Park. (A-22-52)

Mr. Heberling motioned to pass this on to its third reading. Seconded by Mr. Dembinski. Roll call vote 7-0 to pass to third.

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS THIRD READING:**

- (a) An Ordinance amending Chapter 557 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Amherst, Ohio to include a Revised Section 557.03(c) and a Revised Section 557.05 regarding the definition of "Litter" and fees to be charged when the city must remedy a failure to cut or destroy weeds, cut grass, or remove litter. (A-22-44)

Mr. Dembinski motioned to adopt. Seconded by Ms. Smith. Roll call vote 7-0 to adopt. Becomes 0-22-41.

Miscellaneous and acknowledgement of the public: Mr. Janik asked for clarification of when Trick or Treat is in the City and asked that it be put on the Amherst website. Mr. Winiarski noted it's been six weeks and he wondered about any follow up regarding the issue of the visitors soliciting money from shoppers at Giant Eagle. Mr. Pecora said they are still in the process of checking our codified ordinances and the Ohio Revised Code to determine if anything can be done. Mr. Ward said they need an additional week to continue to make this determination.

Agenda requests and committee meeting schedules:

Assigned this evening

A-22-55 Finance Re-appropriate funds in Income Tax to cover Collection Fees; emergency

Assigned later in the week

A-22-56 Finance – Increase appropriations for Police Department to cover budget shortages; emergency

A-22-57 Finance - Resolution accepting amounts and rates as determined by the budget commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the county auditor, as an emergency

- A-22-58 Building and Lands – Authorizing the City of Amherst Community Improvement Corporation acting as agenda for the City to enter into an agreement with AMPT fr the lease of city owned property; emergency
- A-22-59 Finance – Authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with Bramhall Engineering and Surveying Company for professional service relating to Middle Ridge Road Improvements, OPCW State Issue 1, round 36; emergency.
- A-22-60 Streets – Allowing ODOT to perform maintenance on SR 2 within the city at no cost to the city.
- A-22-61 Finance - Amending Ordinance 0-22-36 for the purchase of two police cruisers not to exceed \$124,000

Finance – October 17, 2022 - 7:00 p.m. A-22-55, A-22-56, A-22-57, A-22-59, A-22-61

Building and Lands – October 17, 2022 - 7:10 p.m. A-22-58

Streets - October 17, 2022 at 7:15 p.m. A-22-60

No other committee meetings scheduled for 10/17/22

Reports of the Administration

Treasurer Ramsey: The September reports have been distributed.

Auditor Pittak: The September reports have been distributed.

Law Director Pecora: No report

Safety/Service Director Jeffreys: No report.

Mayor Costilow: The CIC did meet and to discuss the two lots we were going to negotiate with AMP Transmission and CIC did approve this so he will be submitting that Agenda request. Before COVID we discussed the storage of portable storage units, trailers, and things like that. He would like to bring up the discussion only about the portable storage pods. So those items will be brought up for discussion.

Mr. Dembinski motioned to accept the reports of the administration. Seconded by Mr. Winiarski. Voice vote 7-0 to accept the reports.

Acknowledgement of the receipt of the monthly September 2022 reports from the Auditor and Treasurer

Mr. Dembinski motioned to acknowledge the Auditor and Treasurer September 2022 reports. Seconded by Mr. Cowger. Voice vote 7-0 to acknowledge the reports.

Mr. Heberling to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Dembinski. Voice vote 7-0 to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 P. M.

