

October 24

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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. Janik, Mr. Dembinski, Mr. Cowger, Mr. Wachholz, Ms. Smith, Mr. Heberling, and Mayor Costilow. Present via ZOOM were, Treasurer Ramsey, Law Director Pecora, Auditor Pittak, Safety/Service Director Jeffreys and Assistant Law Director Ward. Mr. Dembinski motioned to excuse Mr. Winiarski as he had a letter on file. Seconded by Mr. Cowger. Voice vote 6-0 to excuse Mr. Winiarski.

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 re-appropriating funds to cover collection fees through the end of 2022; and declaring an emergency. (A-22-55)

Mr. Janik motioned to suspend all Council rules so that this may be passed in its first reading. Seconded by Mr. Dembinski. Roll call vote 6-0 to suspend rules. Mr. Dembinski motioned to adopt. Seconded by Mr. Janik. Roll call vote 6-0 to adopt. Becomes 0-22-42.

- (b) An Ordinance authorizing an increase in appropriations for the City of Amherst Police Department to cover budget shortages; and declaring an emergency. (A-22-56)

Mr. Dembinski motioned to suspend all Council rules so that this may be passed in its first reading. Seconded by Mr. Heberling. Roll call vote 6-0 to suspend rules. Mr. Janik motioned to adopt. Seconded by Mr. Wachholz. Roll call vote 6-0 to adopt. Becomes 0-22-43.

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

Mr. Heberling motioned to suspend all Council rules so that this may be passed in its first reading. Seconded by Mr. Dembinski. 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-22-08.

- (d) An Ordinance authorizing the City of Amherst Community Improvement Corporation, acting as agent for the city, to negotiate the terms of the lease of certain city-owned property to AMP Transmission, LLC; and declaring an emergency. (A-22-58)

Mayor Costilow said that the lease is still being drafted with the correct language to be inserted. He hopes to get this to everyone soon. Mr. Dembinski motioned to pass this on to its second reading. Seconded by Mr. Heberling. Ms. Smith asked when Council could expect the lease? Mayor Costilow said he hopes to have it done and to Council by the next meeting. Roll call vote 6-0 to pass to second.

- (e) An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract for professional services with Bramhall Engineering & Surveying Company relating to the Middle Ridge Road Improvements Project; and declaring an emergency. (A-22-59)

M. Dembinski motioned to suspend all Council rules so that this may be passed in its first reading. Seconded by Ms. Smith. Roll call vote 6-0 to suspend rules. Mr. Heberling motioned to adopt. Seconded by Mr. Cowger. Roll call vote 6-0 to adopt. Becomes 0-22-44.

- (f) An Ordinance allowing ODOT to perform maintenance on SR 2 within the City at no cost to the City; and declaring an emergency. (A-22-60)

M. Heberling 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. Janik motioned to adopt. Seconded by Mr. Dembinski. Roll call vote 6-0 to adopt. Becomes 0-22-45.

- (g) An Ordinance amending City of Amherst Ordinance No. O-22-36 for the purchase of two police cruisers to increase the not-to-exceed total cost from \$113,000.00 to \$124,000.00. (A-22-61) (emergency clause was added.)

Mayor Costilow requested that this ordinance be amended to add the emergency clause so that these cars may be purchased as quickly as possible. Mr. Heberling motioned to amend the ordinance to add the emergency clause. Seconded by Ms. Smith. Roll call vote 6-0 to amend and add the emergency clause. Mr. Cowger motioned to suspend all council rules so that this may be passed in its first reading. Seconded by Mr. Dembinski. Roll call vote 6-0 to suspend rules. Mr. Janik motioned to adopt. Seconded by Mr. Dembinski. Roll call vote 6-0 to adopt. Becomes 0-22-46.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS SECOND READING: NONE

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS THIRD 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. Dembinski motioned to adopt. Seconded by Mr. Wachholz. Roll call vote 6-0 to adopt.. Becomes 0-22-46.

Miscellaneous and acknowledgement of the public: There was no one speaking.

Agenda requests and committee meeting schedules:

A-22-62 Finance Increase appropriations for the Police Department to allow expenditures this year for donations received from Sliman and VFW For Police Equipment; emergency.

A-22-63 Finance Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with City of Lorain for water service; with emergency

Finance – November 14, 2022 at 6:45 p.m. A-22-62, A-22-63

No committee meetings scheduled for 11/7/22

Reports of the Administration

Treasurer Ramsey: No report

Auditor Pittak: No report

Law Director Pecora: No report

Safety/Service Director Jeffreys: No report.

Mayor Costilow: Explained the process for the leaf pickup which will begin 10/31/22

Mr. Heberling motioned to accept the reports of the administration. Seconded by Mr. Dembinski. Voice vote 6-0 to accept the reports.

Mr. Dembinski motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Cowger. Voice vote 6-0 to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 P. M.

