

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. Winiarski, Mr. Dembinski, Mr. Cowger, Mr. Wachholz, Mr. Janik, Safety/Service Director Jeffreys, and Mayor Costilow. Present via ZOOM were, Law Director Pecora, Auditor Pittak, and Assistant Law Director Ward. Mr. Dembinski motioned to excuse Mr. Ramsey, Mr. Heberling and Ms. Smith as they were absent and had letters on file. Seconded by Mr. Cowger. Voice vote 5-0 to excuse Mr. Ramsey, Mr. Janik and Ms. Smith. Present in Council Chambers were Police Chief Mark Cawthon, and many police officers, and members of the public.

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. Janik motioned to accept the Consent Agenda as read. Seconded by Mr. Dembinski. Voice vote 5-0 to accept the Consent Agenda as read.

Acknowledgement of the Public pertaining to items on the Agenda: Police Chief Mark Cawthon addressed Mayor Costilow, Safety/Service Director Jeffreys, Council President Wasilk and members of our council and of our community. He thanked everyone for giving them the opportunity to be here this evening. He explained that on September 12, 2022 at approximately 2:55 a.m. Officer Brandon Stanton was patrolling in the area of Nordson located at 671 Franklin Avenue. While checking the depot area, he heard someone calling out for help from the area of Maple and East Streets. Officer Stanton observed a man lying on an access road. He exited his vehicle and rushed toward the male in an effort to render aid. When he approached the male, he noted that the male appeared to have been struck by a train; with severe visible injuries to his legs. Officer Stanton immediately requested additional resources – officers and ambulance. While he was waiting for the resources, he applied a lifesaving tourniquet to the male's right leg. Officers Jake Podrosky and Sgt. Brian Bowers, responding to the call, also arrived a few minutes later. Officer Podrosky assisted with further life saving efforts. Both Officers Stanton and Officer Podrosky then applied a second tourniquet to the male's left leg. The quick actions of these officers by applying these tourniquets saved the man's life. Chief Cawthon had an opportunity to talk to this male today, who is very thankful and very appreciative of these officers' actions. He is recovering at home. On behalf of the Amherst Police Department, he wants to not only recognize but also thank Officer Stanton and Officer Podrosky. (addressing these two officers) Chief Cawthon thanked them for saving a human life with exceptional performance. He is honored to present each of them with the Amherst Police Department life saving medal which may be worn as part of their uniform of the day. He also present them with certificates. There was a standing round of applause by all present. Chief also extended his appreciation to Sgt. Brian Bowers. This was a difficult scene the officers had to deal with at that time. He is sure there were a lot of different things going through these officers' minds. Sgt Bowers was pivotal in getting the scene resolved and investigating it to its fullest.

There was no one else speaking.

#### **ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS FIRST READING:**

- (a) An Ordinance authorizing an increase In appropriations for the City of Amherst Police Department to allow expenditures from donations from Sliman's Sales & Services Inc. and VFW Post 162 for police equipment; and declaring an emergency. (A-22-62)

Mr. Cowger motioned to pass this on to its second reading. Seconded by Mr. Janik. Roll call vote 5-0 to pass to second.

- (b) An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the City of Lorain for the supply and sale of water service; and declaring an emergency. (A-22-63)

Mr. Cowger motioned to pass this on to its second reading. Seconded by Mr. Dembinski. Roll call vote 5-0 to pass to second.

- (c) An Ordinance re-appropriating funds In the Sewer Department and Electric Department of the City of Amherst, Ohio to cover gas and oil expenses through the end of 2022; and declaring an emergency. (A-22-64)

Mr. Cowger motioned to pass this on to its second reading. Seconded by Mr. Dembinski. Roll call vote 5-0 to pass to second.

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS SECOND READING:**

- (a) 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 he would have the accompanying information in the next couple of days. Mr. Janik motioned to pass this on to its third reading. Seconded by Mr. Cowger. Roll call vote 4-1 to pass to second with Mr. Winiarski voting no.

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS THIRD READING: NONE**

Miscellaneous and acknowledgement of the public: Mr. Dembinski said back in college, he and his fraternity a couple of times put together a Toys for Tots drive. He would like to do something like that here and he actually reached out to Chief Cawthon an he agreed to the idea. They are actually hosting that through December 9 So there is a drop off box at the Police Station lobby and residents drop off any new, unwrapped toy. This would be for any age up to 17.

Agenda requests and committee meeting schedules:

Added after the 10/24/22 Council Meeting:

A-22-64 Finance Re-appropriate funds for the Sewer Department from New Equipment and Fixtures 610-5003-52404 (\$4,000) to 610-5003-52402 Gas and Oil. And for the Electric Department from New Equipment and Fixtures 620-5001-52404 (\$4,000) to 620-5001- 52402 Gas and Oil as needed to cover expenses through the end of 2022.

Assigned after this evening:

A-22-65 Finance -Approving and accepting changes to the collective bargaining agreement with the American Federation of State, County and Municipal employees; emergency

A-22-66 Finance -Approving and accepting changes to the collective bargaining agreement with the full time Patrol and Sergeants unit of the Ohio Patrolmen’s Benevolent Association; emergency

A-22-67 Finance - Approving and accepting changes to the collective bargaining agreement with the full time Dispatcher’s unit of the Ohio Patrolmen’s Benevolent Association; emergency

Finance - November 21, 2022 - 7:00 p.m. A-22-65, A-22-66, A-22-67

No other committee Meetings scheduled for November 21, 2022

Reports of the Administration

Treasurer Ramsey: Not present

Auditor Pittak: Reported the October reports have been distributed.

Law Director Pecora: No report

Safety/Service Director Jeffreys: No report.

Mayor Costilow: Said there will be some Agenda Requests regarding police salaries. He said leaf pickup is going unusually well. We will be seeing snow and that causes some complications as we use the same trucks for snow removal. They will do their best as all the city workers do a great job working hard in all kinds of weather. So get the leaves to the curb.

Mr. Cowger motioned to accept the reports of the administration. Seconded by Mr. Dembinski. Voice vote 5-0 to accept the reports.

Acknowledgement of the receipt of the October 2022 reports from the Auditor and Treasurer; and the City's Annual Investment Report from the Treasurer

Mr. Cowger motioned to acknowledge and receipt of all three reports. Seconded by Mr. Winiarski. Voice vote 5-0 to acknowledge the receipt of the reports.

Mr. Dembinski motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Cowger. Voice vote 5-0 to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 7:18 P. M.

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Olga Sivinski, Clerk of Council

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Jennifer Wasilk, President of Council