

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

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

Consent Agenda: The Clerk read the Consent Agenda: Mr. Heberling motioned to accept the Consent Agenda as read. Seconded by Mr. Janik. 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 approving and accepting changes to the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the American Federation of State, Municipal and County Employees; and declaring an emergency. (A-22-65)

Mr. Janik motioned to suspend all Council rules so that this may be passed in its first reading. Seconded by Mr. Heberling. 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 0-22-48.

- (b) An Ordinance approving and accepting changes to the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Full-Time Patrol and Sergeants Unit of The Ohio Patrolmen's Benevolent Association; and declaring an emergency. (A-22-66)

Mr. Heberling motioned to suspend all Council rules so that this may be passed in its first reading. Seconded by Mr. Janik. 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 0-22-49.

- (c) An Ordinance approving and accepting changes to the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Full-Time Dispatchers Unit of The Ohio Patrolmen's Benevolent Association; and declaring an emergency (A-22-67)

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 7-0 to suspend rules. Mr. Dembinski motioned to adopt. Seconded by Mr. Janik. Roll call vote 7-0 to adopt. Becomes 0-22-50.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS SECOND 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. Dembinski motioned to suspend all Council rules so that this may be passed in its second reading. Seconded by Ms. Smith. Roll call vote 7-0 to suspend rules. Mr. Dembinski motioned to adopt. Seconded by Mr. Heberling. Mr. Dembinski thanked Sliman's and VFW Post 1662 for their donation. Roll call vote 7-0 to adopt. Becomes 0-22-51.

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

- (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. Dembinski motioned to suspend all Council rules so that this may be passed in its second reading. Seconded by Mr. Cowger. 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 0-22-52.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS THIRD 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)

Mr. Dembinski motioned to adopt. Seconded by Mr. Cowger. Roll call vote 6-1 with Mr. Winiarski voting no to adopt. Becomes 0-22-53.

Miscellaneous and acknowledgement of the public: Mr. Dembinski reminded everyone that toys are being collected for Toys for Tots. The toys can be dropped at the Police Department. The picked up two full boxes earlier today to deliver. They can be dropped off until December 12.

Agenda requests and committee meeting schedules:

- A-22-68 – Executive New position of seasonal part-time employee for tax season only
- A-22-69 – Finance – Ordinance to establish the salaries, terms and other conditions of employment for the Chief and Lieutenant of the Police department of the City of Amherst, repealing all ordinances in conflict herewith, with emergency
- A-22-70 - Finance - Ordinance to establish the salaries, terms and other conditions of employment for the Civilian Administrator of the Police department of the City of Amherst, repealing all ordinances in conflict herewith, with emergency
- A-22-71 - Finance - Ordinance to establish the salaries, terms and other conditions of employment for certain full time non-bargaining unit employees of the City of Amherst, repealing all ordinances in conflict herewith, with emergency
- A-22-72 - Finance - Ordinance to establish the salary, terms and other conditions of employment for the Fire Chief of the City of Amherst, repealing all ordinances in conflict herewith, with emergency
- A-22-73 - Finance - Ordinance to establish the salary, terms and other conditions of employment for the Information Technology Manager of the City of Amherst, repealing all ordinances in conflict herewith, with emergency
- A-22-74 - Finance - Ordinance to establish the salary, terms and other conditions of employment for the Superintendent of Utilities and the Water Pollution Control Center, Supervisor of the Electric, Sewer, Street, Water, And Water Pollution Control Center of the City of Amherst, repealing all ordinances in conflict herewith, with emergency
- A-22-75 - Finance - Ordinance to establish the salary, terms and other conditions of employment permanent part time Tax Assistant 1 of the City of Amherst, repealing all ordinances in conflict herewith, with emergency
- A-22-76 - Finance - Ordinance to establish the salary, terms and other conditions of employment for the Director of the Office on Aging of the City of Amherst, repealing all ordinances in conflict herewith, with emergency
- A-22-77 – Police and Fire – Resolution to adopt the federally approved Lorain County 2022 Hazard Mitigation Plan; emergency
- A-22-78 - Finance – 2023 Interim Budget due to Lorain County Auditor by 12/31/22
- A-22-79 - Finance – Ordinance approving and accepting a Collective Bargaining Agreement with the part-time dispatchers unit of the Ohio Patrolmen’s Benevolent Association for the years 2023-2025; emergency
- A-22-80 - Finance – Ordinance approving and accepting a Collective Bargaining Agreement with the part time patrol unit of the Ohio Benevolent Association for the years 2023-2025; emergency
- A-22-81 Finance – Ordinance establishing the salaries and benefits of the Amherst Fire Department

Finance - December 5, 2022 - 7:00 p.m. A-22-69, A-22-70, A-22-71, A-22-72
A-22-73, A-22-74, A-22-75, A-22-76, A-22-78, A-22-79, A-22-80 A-22-81
Executive – December 5, 2022 at 7:15 p.m. A-22-68
Police and Fire – December 5, 2022 at 7:20 p.m. A-22-77

No other committee Meetings scheduled for December 5, 2022

Reports of the Administration :

Auditor Pittak: No report

Treasurer Ramsey: No report

Law Director Pecora: No report

Safety/Service Director Jeffreys: Not present

Mayor Costilow: Spoke that two or more Agenda requests that will also be added later this week.

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Olga Sivinski, Clerk of Council

Jennifer Wasilk, President of Council