

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. Cowger, Mr., Mr. Wachholz, Mr. Heberling, Mr. Janik, Mr. Winiarski and Mayor Costilow. Present via ZOOM were Treasurer Ramsey, Law Director Pecora, Safety/Service Director Jeffreys and Assistant Law Director Ward. Auditor Pittak, Ms. Smith and Mr. Dembinski were absent and had letters on file. Mr. Janik motioned to excuse Mr. Pittak, Ms. Smith and Mr. Dembinski as they had letters on file. Seconded by Mr. Cowger. Voice vote 5-0 to excuse. Also present in council chambers were Mr. Brent Anderson of Rafter A, LTD, Fire Chief Jim Wilhelm, and Assistant Fire Chief Tim Gates.

The Prayer was invoked by: Chaplin Janik, followed by the Pledge to the Flag led by deputized Sergeant at Arms Winiarski.

Consent Agenda: The Clerk read the Consent Agenda. Mr. Heberling motioned to accept the Consent Agenda as read. Seconded by Mr. Wachholz. Voice vote 5-0 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) A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to participate In the Ohio Department of Transportation Winter Contract for road salt for 2023-2024; and declaring an emergency. (A-23-22)

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

- (b) An Ordinance approving the final development plan for KTM North America Inc.'s expansion of its warehouse at 1119 Milan Avenue; and declaring an emergency. (A-23-23)

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

- (c) An Ordinance approving the final development plan for Amherst Mini Storage at 700 Mill Street. (A-23-24)

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

- (d) An Ordinance amending Section 1145.06 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Amherst, Ohio regarding temporary accessory structures; and declaring an emergency. (A-23-25)

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

- (e) An Ordinance authorizing the Safety Service Director to enter into a contract to lease to purchase a Pierce Pumper for the City of Amherst Fire Department through Sourcewell; and declaring an emergency. (A-23-26)

Mayor Costilow explained how the city can save much money by putting aside no less than \$200,000 a year until this pumper is delivered. We can save over \$100,000 by this method. He asked for amendment to this ordinance, with the Law Department using correct verbiage for the amendment. Mr. Heberling motioned to amend the ordinance per the Mayor's recommendation. Seconded by Mr. Cowger. Roll call vote 5-0 to amend the ordinance. Mr. Cowger motioned to pass this ordinance to its second reading as amended. Seconded by Mr. Heberling. Roll call vote 5-0 to pass to second reading.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS SECOND READING:

- (a) An Ordinance establishing the salaries of the members and secretary of the City of Amherst Civil Service Commission, repealing all ordinances in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency. (A-23-21)

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

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS THIRD READING: NONE

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

Agenda requests and committee meeting schedules: No Agenda requests were presented so there are no Committee Meetings Scheduled for 4/17/23.

Reports of the Administration

Auditor Pittak – Not present

Treasurer Ramsey: The March reports have been distributed. Reminded residents that tax returns are due on 4/18. They can e file, mail, or e mails their returns, but all residents have to file.

Law Director Pecora: No report

Safety/Service Director Jeffreys: No report.

Mayor Costilow: Said he was going to report on the state of the city, but would prefer that all members of council were present, so will hold off until the next meeting. He spoke to the Columbia Gas project and commended them for keeping everyone informed on their progress. They will be coming to our downtown area soon, and that will be tough. They will have to find places for all those meters.

Mr. Cowger motioned to accept the Reports of the Administration. Seconded by Mr. Heberling. Roll call vote 5-0 to accept the Reports of the Administration

Acknowledgement of the receipt of the monthly March 2023 reports from the Auditor and Treasurer.

Mr. Cowger motioned to acknowledge the Auditor and Treasurer March 2023 reports. Seconded by Mr. Heberling. Voice vote 6-0 to acknowledge the reports.

Mr. Heberling to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Janik. Voice vote 5-0 to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Olga Sivinski, Clerk of Council

Jennifer Wasilk, President of Council

