

REGULAR

MAY 22 2023

MEETING WAS HELD IN HYBRID FORM (Council members and visitors in Chambers and all others via ZOOM)

Present were a group of Boy Scouts, their leaders and parents. The Scouts brought in flags, which they placed in stands. Then they executed their presentation, saluted our flag and led the Pledge to the Flag.

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, Ms. Smith, Mr. Heberling, and Mayor Costilow. Present via ZOOM were Mr. Janik, Law Director Pecora, Treasurer Ramsey, Assistant Law Director Ward, Auditor Pittak, and Safety/Service Director Jeffreys. Mr. Dembinski motioned to excuse Mr. Janik for being absent in person (he is on ZOOM) as he had a letter on file. Seconded by Mr. Cowger. Vote 6-0 to excuse.

The prayer was invoked by acting Chaplain Smith.

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 amending City of Amherst Ordinance No. O-22-06 Creating a Training/Transitional Employment Position within the Auditor's Office of the City of Amherst, Ohio and repealing all ordinances in conflict herewith. (A-23-28)

Mr. Winiarski motioned to pass this on to its second reading. Seconded by Mr. Dembinski. Roll call vote 6-0 to pass to second reading.

- (b) A Resolution recognizing small business owners within the Historic Downtown Area of the City of Amherst that have operated and supported our community for over 25 years; and declaring an emergency. (A-23-29)

Mr. Janik spoke to the Resolution and said May was designated small business month. Amherst will be honoring all the small businesses in the City who have been established for 25 years or more. There was a discussion on providing more names as residents and Council also identify these businesses. Mr. Janik asked that this be considered for three readings, and it will be amended as needed in second reading. He hopes to have representatives of the businesses present at the June 26th meeting when we adopt this resolution. Mr. Cowger motioned to send this on to its second reading. Seconded by Ms. Smith. Mr. Winiarski noted that all Amherst businesses rather than those just in the downtown area would be considered. Roll call vote 6-0 to pass to second reading.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS SECOND READING: NONE

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS THIRD READING: NONE

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

Agenda requests and committee meeting schedules: There were no new Agenda Requests presented for this meeting:

Ordinance – June 12, 2023 at 6:30 P. M. to consider A-23-30 DORA

All Committee Meetings for June 5, 2023 are cancelled

Reports of the Administration:

Treasurer Ramsey: No report
Law Director Pecora: No report
Safety/Service Director Jeffreys: No report

Auditor Pittak. Last year he and his wife made a decision to move their children into a different type of schooling which is in the city of Avon. He thought they could make it work but found out that traveling back and forth 2-3 times daily is stressful. After much discussion and prayer, he and his wife have decided to move from Amherst to Avon. He spoke to his work and dedication while Amherst Auditor. He read his letter of resignation, effective June 5, 2023. On file.

Mayor Costilow: Said he hates to see Mr. Pittak go, we have accomplished much with that department. He has a good staff there. He understands "family first." Wished him good luck. Beautification Day was this past Saturday. He thanked all those that helped with the beautification and clean up. Downtown looks much better for it. The Vietnam Vet memorial got worked on along with other places. A lot of people pitched in and he really appreciated their help.

Mrs. Wasilk thanked Mr. Pittak for his faithful service.

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 7:14 p.m.

Olga Sivinski, Clerk of Council

Jennifer Wasilk, President of Council