

**REGULAR**

**JULY 10 2023**

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

The Prayer was invoked by: Chaplain 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. Cowger. 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 levying upon certain lots and lands assessments for the cost of repairing and replacing various public sidewalks under the City of Amherst, Ohio's 2022 Sidewalk Program. (A-23-31)

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

- (b) An Ordinance to authorize the State of Ohio to perform structural steel repairs and painting from a bridge hit on State Route 0002 at SLM 06.49 under North Main Street Bridge in the City of Amherst in Lorain County; and declaring an emergency. (A-23-33)

Mr. Dembinski 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. Cowger motioned to adopt. Seconded by Mr. Dembinski. Roll call vote 6-0 to adopt. Becomes 0-23-31.

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS SECOND READING: NONE**

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS THIRD READING: NONE**

Miscellaneous and acknowledgement of the public: Mrs. Wasilk called for a decision on A-23-32 that was considered in the Streets/Sidewalks committee meeting earlier this evening. Mr. Cowger motioned to reject the appeal of the two referenced properties. Seconded by Mr. Dembinski. Roll call vote 5-1 with Mr. Janik voting no. The appeal is rejected.

Agenda requests and committee meeting schedules:

- A-23-34 Executive – an Ordinance to amend Ordinance 0-17-10 to create a position for a technician in the Information Technology Department and establish salary and benefits
- A-23-35 Finance – Ordinance to establish the salary for the Clerk of Council for the years 2024 and 2025 and beyond
- A-23-36 Finance – An Ordinance to establish the salary for the members of the office of the Director of Law, Prosecuting Attorney, and Assistant Law Director for the years 2024 and 2025 and beyond
- A-23-37 Finance – An Ordinance to establish the salary and benefits for the full time Mayor's position for the years 2024 and 2025 and beyond
- A-23-38 An Ordinance to establish the salary for the Safety/Service Director for the years 2024 and 2025 and beyond
- A-23-39 Finance – Increase appropriations for the Civil Service Commission wage increases; emergency
- A-23-40 Finance – Increase appropriations in Wages, OPERS, health insurance and worker's compensation for a new IT position; emergency

Executive July 17, 2023 at 7:00 p. m. A-23-34

Finance July 17, 2023 at 7:05 p.m. A-23-35, A-23-36, A-23-37, A-23-38, A-23-39,  
A-23-40

Reports of the Administration:

Treasurer Ramsey: The June report has been distributed. Any questions, residents can contact his office.

Auditor Phillips: The June report has been distributed. Any questions, residents can contact her office.

Law Director Pecora: No report

Safety/Service Director: No report

Mayor Costilow: Thanked Council for adopting the legislation for ODOT. He does not have a lot of information at this time, but he has been working with the railroad and there are designs to replace the Church Street railroad bridge and the South Main Street railroad bridge. So they are concerned with our needs and we have definitely talked about the height of the S. Main Street bridge and the amount of cars and trucks that get stuck under there. They have come up with a plan to gain about a foot of height and we have sent them back to the drawing board so we can get 14 foot of clearance. It will still have to be marked but over 99% of the trucks should make it under there. They want to do all the work with steel. At this point there is no plan to lower street. He explained further They are about 30% done with the plans. The fate of the West Street Bridge is not real clear, it might get filled in. He would like to talk them to do more for the S. Main and Church Street Bridges. He spoke to making the parking better. A lot of time is needed, about one year of construction. They hope to get this project out for bid by the end of the year.

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

Acknowledgement of the receipt of the June 2023 reports from the Auditor and Treasurer:

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

Mr. Heberling motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Dembinski. Voice vote 6-0 to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

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Olga Sivinski, Clerk of Council

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Jennifer Wasilk, President of Council

Please correct the minutes of June 26, 2023 and delete Mr. Pittak's name in the first paragraph.