

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. Wachholz, Ms. Smith, Mr. Heberling, Mr. Janik, Mayor Costilow, Law Director Pecora, Auditor Phillips, Safety/Service Director Jeffreys, Auditor Phillips, Treasurer Ramsey, Deputy Treasurer Craig Molnar. Mr. Cowger was absent and had a letter on file. Mr. Dembinski motioned to excuse Mr. Cowger as he had a letter on file. Seconded by Mr. Wachholz. Voice vote 6-0 to excuse Mr. Cowger. Mr. Jim Yorks was also present.

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. Heberling motioned to accept the Consent Agenda as read. Seconded by Ms. Smith. 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 authorizing an increase in appropriations for Planning Commission Capital Outlay; and declaring an emergency. (A-23-54)

Mr. Dembinski motioned to suspend all Council rules so that this maybe passed in its first reading. Seconded by Ms. Smith. Roll call vote 6-0 to suspend rules. Mr. Dembinski motioned to adopt. Seconded by Ms. Smith. Roll call vote 6-0 to adopt. Becomes 0-23-49.

- (b) An Ordinance re-appropriating funds previously advanced for the purchase of body armor vests .(A-23-55);

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

- (c) An Ordinance authorizing and directing the Mayor of The City of Amherst, Ohio to exercise the City's First Right of Refusal Under A Real Estate Exchange Agreement with The Freakin Greekin, LLC and purchase certain land identified in such agreement as the Church Street Vacant Lot Exchange Land. (A-23-56)

Mr. Heberling motioned to pass this on to its second reading. Seconded by Ms. Smith. Roll call vote 6-0 to pass to second.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS SECOND READING:

- (d) An Ordinance authorizing and directing the Safety Service Director to bid and award the contract for sludge removal services for the city's Water Pollution Control Center for the years 2024 and 2025. (A-23-51)

Ms. Smith motioned to pass this on to its third reading. Seconded by Mr. Heberling. Roll call vote 6-0 to pass to third reading.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS THIRD READING:

- (a) An Ordinance to adopt the Solid Waste Management Plan (2024-2033) for the Lorain County Solid Waste Management District; and declaring an emergency. (A-23-42)

Mr. Dembinski motioned to adopt. Seconded by Mr. Wachholz. Roll call vote 6-0 to adopt. Becomes 0-23-50.

Miscellaneous and acknowledgement of the public:

- (a) Transfer of liquor license from Amherst Party Shop 275 S. Main to DOC Watson, LLC 275 S. Main. Permit classes - C2, C2x, D6, D8

There were no objections.

Mr. Jim Yorks, local architect, presented drawings of how the Ziggy's, Light House Insurance and Ben Franklin's buildings will be updated both inside and outside. It will be one connected building. He spoke of a potential Duck Pin Bowling area and how the restaurant and bar will be expanded.

He showed drawings of how the back of the building will look. He also answered questions asked by Council and about potential apartments above the building.

He was thanked for presenting this information to the council to remove the misinformation about plans for the buildings.

Agenda Requests and committee Meeting Schedules:

A-23-57 Finance Re-appropriation of funds in Income Tax to cover costs for Contracts and Professional Services; with emergency.

Finance October 9, 2023 at 6:45 p.m. A-23-57

The remaining council committee for 10/2 are cancelled

Reports of the Administration

Auditor Phillips: Their office is working on the end of the month reports.

Treasurer Ramsey: Introduced the new Deputy Treasurer, Mr. Craig Molnar.

Law Director Pecora: No report

Safety/Service Director Jeffreys: No report.

Mayor Costilow: No report.

Mr. Dembinski motioned to approve the Reports of the Administration. Seconded by Mr. Heberling. Voice vote 6-0 to approve the reports.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Olga Sivinski, Clerk of Council

Jennifer Wasilk, President of Council