

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. Wachholz, Ms. Smith, Mr. Heberling, Mr. Janik, Mr. Winiarski, Mr. Dembinski, Mayor Costilow, Law Director Pecora, Auditor Phillips, Safety/Service Director Jeffreys, Treasurer Ramsey, Mr. John Sekletar, his wife and friends, a young lady from college and young men from school. Mr. Cowger was absent and had a letter on file. Mr. Wachholz motioned to excuse Mr. Cowger as he had a letter on file. Seconded by Mr. Smith. Voice vote 4-2 with Mr. Dembinski and Mr. Janik voting no to excuse. Mr. Cowger is excused.

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 a presentation by Mr. John Sekletar of Veteran's Mural Association. He announced that Amherst Ohio has been selected as a regional site for the 2023 Veterans' Day Commemoration. 11 new patriotic painting will be unveiled at Patriot's Park on 11/11. They have depended on businesses for their support. He spoke further and asked the city and residents for their support.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS FIRST READING:

- (a) An Ordinance re-appropriating funds in various departments of the City of Amherst, State of Ohio per the attached Appendix "A"; and declaring an emergency. (A-23-59)

Ms. Smith motioned to suspend all council rules so that this may be passed in its first reading. Seconded by Mr. Dembinski. 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 0-23-54.

- (b) An Ordinance establishing the wage rate, benefits and other conditions of employment for the seasonal Part-Time Tax Assistant I of the City of Amherst. (A-23-60)

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

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS SECOND READING: NONE

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS THIRD READING:

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

Mr. Janik motioned to adopt. Seconded by Mr. Dembinski. Roll call vote 6-0 to adopt. Becomes 0-23-55.

Miscellaneous and acknowledgement of the public:

Mr. Janik motioned that Council vacation the last two weeks of December, the week of December 18 and the week of December 25/26. Seconded by Mr. Heberling. Roll call vote 6-0 to recess for vacation. The Clerk reminded all that if meetings have to be held those two weeks, they will considered special meetings.

Mr. Dembinski announced that Toys for Tots collections has begun. There are bins set up in the Police Office lobby. The toys need to be new and unwrapped. The collection will continue to December 8. He hopes that more toys are collected than were last year.

Agenda requests and committee meeting schedules:

A-23-61 Finance Increase the budget for expected revenue and increase appropriations for the newly created payroll accounts for the OHIO EMA ARPA First Responder Retention Incentive grant and requesting an emergency

A-23-62 Finance The Police Department is accepting a Grant using ARPA funds for the retention of police department employees. There are strict timelines for the issuing of these funds to employees. Please pass this on emergency.

Finance November 13, 2023 at 6:45 p.m. A-22-61, A-23-62

The remaining Council Committees meetings for November 6, 2023 are cancelled. .

Reports of the Administration

Auditor Phillips: Deputy Auditor Diane Trueman is attending a conference in Columbus this week regarding their financial software. Their office is preparing for the end of the year.

Treasurer Ramsey: No report

Law Director Pecora: No report

Safety/Service Director Jeffreys: No report.

Mayor Costilow: Announced leaf pickup will begin and noted the schedule for the next four weeks, and if necessary, another week will be added. The same trucks that pick up leaves also snow plow so it depends on Mother Nature how things will go. We have talked about a few houses in town scheduled for demolition. We are making progress. there has been a court filing for the one on Crosse Ave. They are keeping their eyes on two additional homes.

Mr. Janik asked about the status of the Jackson Street home? Mayor Costilow said as far as he knows, no violations have been noticed recently.

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

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Olga Sivinski, Clerk of Council

Jennifer Wasilk, President of Council