

Amherst City Council was brought to order in a Regular Session with President Wasilk opening the meeting at 7:00 p.m.. Present 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, Assistant

Law Director Ward. Also present were Mr. Tom Anderson, Chronicle Reporter Hoffman and council elect Nahorn. Mr. Cowger was absent and had a letter on file. There was no motion as far as Mr. Cowger's absence and he is considered not 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. Dembinski 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:

Mr. Tom Anderson, the president of the Amherst Athletic Association explained the AAA's role in the children's sports in the City of Amherst. This is a non-profit association that has been in existence for 70 years consisting of five committee members. They rely on sponsorships for everything from jerseys to getting grass cut in playing fields. There are more than 900 kids playing on 75 teams. 26 of the teams are made up of pre-school and kindergarten students. He said this group will continue to grow and they are trying to find partners to get these fields in shape for the kids. He said someone did this for him when he played sports many years ago and he'd hate to see these programs go away. He said other recreational departments are run by their cities and they would like to see that in Amherst. He said sponsorships are now open for the 2024 season and can be found on the website. Mr. Anderson presented Mr. Dembinski with a plaque which showed what recreational team he sponsored.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS FIRST READING:

- (a) An Ordinance authorizing an increase in the budget for revenue from the Ohio Emergency Management Agency through American Rescue Plan Act First Responder Retention Incentive Grant Funds and increasing appropriations for newly created payroll accounts relating to same; and declaring an emergency. (A-23-61)

Ms. Smith motioned to suspend all council rules so that this may be adopted in the 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 0-23-56.

- (b) An Ordinance authorizing and directing the Mayor to accept American Rescue Plan Act First Responder Retention Incentive Grant Funds through the Ohio Emergency Management Agency in the amount of \$109,884.41 and expend such monies through City of Amherst Fund 272; and declaring an emergency. (A-23-62).

Mr. Heberling motioned to suspend all council rules so that this may be adopted in the 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 0-23-57.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS SECOND READING:

- (a) 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 third reading. Seconded by Mr. Dembinski. Roll call vote 6-0 to send to third reading.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS THIRD READING: NONE

Miscellaneous and acknowledgement of the public:

- (a) Transfer of liquor permit from Almost 300, Inc (DBA Park Lanes) to DHJ 2 LLC 1st Floor Only at 245-249 Park Avenue

There were no objections. There was no one else speaking.

Agenda requests and committee meeting schedules:

- A-23-63 Finance 2024 Interim Budget
- A-23-64 Finance Authorizing the spending of certain funds provided by Nordson Corporation for repairs and improvements at the Nordson Depot; emergency
- A-23-65 Utility Authorizing the execution of the 2023 NPP Power Pool Participation schedule with American Municipal Power (AMP)

Added after Council meeting:

- A-23-66 Finance Authorize Mayor to enter into a contract for professional services with Bramhall Engineering & Survey relating to the OPWC Round 37 road improvement project for N. Ridge Rd; emergency
- A-23-67 Streets Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a cooperative agreement with the City of Lorain for the Amherst/Lorain Leavitt Road traffic improvement study; emergency

Finance November 20, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. A-23-63, A-23-64, A-23-66
 Utility November 20, 2023 at 7:05 p. m.
 Streets November 20, 2023 at 7:15 p. m. A-23-67
 Police/fire November 20, 2023 at 7:25 p.m. A-23-53 (Tobacco retail sales)

The remaining Council Committees meetings for November 20, 2023 are cancelled.

Reports of the Administration

Auditor Phillips: The October reports have been completed and distributed.
 Treasurer Ramsey: The October reports have been completed and distributed.
 Law Director Pecora: No report
 Safety/Service Director Jeffreys: No report.
 Mayor Costilow: Spoke to the leaf pickup in the City and said everything is going well.

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

Acknowledgement of the receipt of the October monthly reports from the Auditor and Treasurer:

Mr. Dembinski motioned to acknowledge the receipt of the October monthly reports from the Auditor and Treasurer. Seconded by Ms. Smith. Voice vote 6-0 to acknowledge the reports.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Olga Sivinski, Clerk of Council

Jennifer Wasilk, President of Council