

REGULAR

June 10

2024

Amherst City Council met in a Regular Session under full compliance of State Law with President Wasilk opening the meeting at 7:00 p. m. Roll call Mr. Nahorn, Mr. Janik, Mr. Heberling, Mr. Winiarski, Mr. Dembinski, Ms. Harmych, Mr. Wachholz,. Also present were Mayor Costilow, Safety/Service Director Jeffreys, Treasurer Ramsby, Law Director Pecora, and Auditor Phillips. Also present were Mrs. Sandy Kaiser, Executive Director of the Amherst Historical Society, and members Mr. Jerry Gach, Mr. Todd Standen and Mrs. Pat Standen.

The Prayer was invoked by Chaplain Janik, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag led by Sgt. At Arms Dembinski.

Consent Agenda: The Clerk read the Consent Agenda. Mr. Heberling motioned to approve the Consent Agenda as read. Seconded by Mr. Dembinski. Voice vote 7-0 to approve 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 vacating a portion of Jefferson Street and retaining utility and drainage easements on a portion of the area vacated. (A-24-26)

Mr. Heberling motioned to pass this on to its second reading. Seconded by Mr. Wachholz. Roll call vote 7-0 to pass to second reading.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS SECOND READING: NONE

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS THIRD READING:

- (a) An Ordinance approving the continued operation of the Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area previously established within the City of Amherst, Ohio in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 4301.82. (A-24-24)

Mr. Winiarski motioned to adopt. Seconded by Mr. Dembinski. Roll call vote 7-0 to adopt. Becomes 0-24-21.

Miscellaneous and acknowledgement of the public: Mrs. Sandy Kaiser, Executive Director of Amherst Historical Society located at 763 Milan Avenue said that the Historical Society has been a lot more active in the last few years. They have something coming up this weekend that is very unusual. She spoke about the Taste of History being held Friday June 14 and Saturday June 15. This is the second time for this event. They are getting national attention for this event. There will be two other reenactments later on. This weekend they are holding the Taste of History and incorporating reenactors and military involvement. She invited everyone to join them for the VIP dinner which is cooked by the reenactors. Mr. Wachholz said he went to the Taste of History last year and it was fantastic. He can't wait to go this year and neither can his daughter. Mrs. Kaiser provided the hours of the event. The Taste of History Canteen "Pub" Crawl is on Thursday, June 13th from 7-9 p.m.

Mr. Todd Standen of 149 Jefferson Street asked about the house – 555 Milan Avenue – across the street from the Jr High School driveway. Whoever own or rents it, does not keep it up. It is becoming an eye sore with trash everywhere. He asked about codes for upkeeping homes? Mayor Costilow said it's a process with government, but the city has gone in with dumpsters and has cleaned up the property at least once. The have been cited for their building code violations. The city is doing what it's allowed by law. They are aware of it and doing what they can.

Mrs. Patty Standen, 149 Jefferson Street said she has called the city a couple of times. There are tree limbs over their lines on Jefferson. The branches are getting tangled into the lines. The tree is at 150 Jefferson, across the street from her home. Mayor Costilow said that each year we have a tree trimming program for the electric department and he will send them over and assess the situation. He will follow up and check on this.

Mr. Janik reminded everyone that the Main Street Event is Wednesday and is the first Walking on Wednesday and it will continue the second Wednesday of the month this summer. He invited everyone to come down and participate.

Agenda requests and committee meeting schedules:

There were no Agenda requests submitted so no Committee Meetings will be held on Monday, the 17th.

Reports of the Administration:

Auditor Phillips: Reported the May 2024 reports have been distributed.

Treasurer Ramsey: Reported the May 2024 reports have been distributed. He also reported that last week he attended a six-hour seminar on deposits and investments as required by law.

Law Director Pecora: Requested an Executive Session to discuss imminent court action.

Safety/Service Director Jeffreys: No report.

Mayor Costilow: He wanted to applaud the Historical Society All their events are really nice. This taste of history is something really special. He said it was an event worth seeing and urged all to attend. The annual street resurfacing program bids will be open this week. We hope to get a contractor on board and begin the resurfacing program.

Mr. Nahorn motioned to accept the Reports of the Administration. Seconded by Mr. Dembinski. Voice vote 7-0 to accept the reports.

Acknowledgement of the receipts of the May 2024 Reports from the Auditor and Treasurer

Mr. Dembinski motioned to acknowledge the receipt of the May 2024 reports from the Auditor and Treasurer. Seconded by Mr. Heberling. Voice vote 7-0 to acknowledge the receipt of the reports.

Mr. Wachholz motioned to go into Executive Session to discuss imminent court action. Seconded by Mr. Dembinski. Voice vote 7-0 to go into Executive Session.

The council meeting recessed at 7:17 and reconvened at 7:31

Mr. Heberling motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Wachholz. Voice vote 7-0 to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Olga Sivinski, Clerk of Council

Jennifer Wasilk, President of Council