

**REGULAR**

**JULY 8**

**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. Heberling, Mr. Winiarski, Mr. Dembinski, Ms. Harmych, Mr. Wachholz, Mr. Nahorn Mr. Janik. Also present were Mayor Costilow, Safety/Service Director Jeffrey, Law Director Pecora, Auditor Phillips and Treasurer Ramsey and Mrs. Sandy Kaiser from the Amherst Historical Society.

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. Dembinski motioned to approve the Consent Agenda as read. Seconded by Mr. Wachholz. 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 to approve the current replacement pages to the Amherst Codified Ordinances and declaring an emergency. (A-24-27)

Mr. Janik motioned to suspend all Council so that this may be passed in its first reading. Seconded by Mr. Dembinski. Roll call vote 7-0 suspend rules. Mr. Janik motioned to adopt. Seconded by Mr. Dembinski. Roll call vote 7-0 to adopt. Becomes 0-24-22.

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS SECOND READING: NONE**

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS THIRD 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. Wachholz motioned to adopt. Seconded by Mr. Nahorn. Roll call vote 7-0 to adopt. Becomes 0-24-23.

Miscellaneous and acknowledgement of the public: Mrs. Sandy Kaiser, Director of the Amherst Historical Society, said she wanted to thank everyone for accepting their request to vacate of that portion of Jefferson Street which will allow the parcels to be attached. This will allow a more historical value to the west. Moving forward in January, they will be taking over 150, then Jefferson which will then develop into another gathering place. They are adding some patios over there. The Idea is to expand the green space. They are also doing some pollinator gardens. They are excited about this new project. She wanted to thank the Mayor, our City Council and all the citizens who have accepted and supported them and who are so cooperative. Other organizations in other cities are not as lucky as we are here. They are appreciative of any suggestions anyone might have.

Agenda requests and committee meeting schedules:

- A-24-28 Finance - To create a training/transitional employment position within the Treasurer's office for Income Tax Secretary
- A-24-29 Finance - Authorization to submit an application to the Ohio Public Works Commission for State Issue 1 (Round 39) funds for the year 2025 for roadway improvements and repairs on S. Lake St; emergency
- A-24-30 Finance - 2022 Sidewalk Program (2023 Completion) Assessment Parcel Totals
- A-24-31 Finance – An Ordinance Amending 0-22-56 establishing the salary, terms and other conditions for the Chief of the Fire Department of the city of Amherst, repealing all ordinances in conflict herewith; emergency
- A-24-32 Finance – An Ordinance Amending 0-23-03 establishing the salaries and benefits of the Fire Department; repealing all ordinances in conflict herewith; and declaring an emergency.
- A-24-33 Building and Lands – Authorization allowing the Mayor to sell unused parcels of city owned land and building by way of public auction; and declaring an emergency.

Finance – July 15, 2024 at 7:00 p. m. A-24-28, A-24-29, A-24-30, A-24-31,  
A-24-32

Building and Lands – July 15, 2024 at 7:10 p. m. A-24-33

The remaining Council Committee Meetings for July 15, 2024 are cancelled.

Reports of the Administration:

Auditor Phillips: Reported the June 2024 reports are completed and distributed.

Treasurer Ramsey: Reported the June 2024 reports are completed and distributed.

Law Director Pecora: No report.

Safety/Service Director Jeffreys: No report.

Mayo Costilow: Reported our collections are down just a little bit, not a significant amount. We had a couple of good years leading up to this. So we are still in good shape. We will be looking at our expenses and there are a couple of projects out there we have allocated money for that we can slow down. Most all the things that the city normally does we will be taking care of. So he will be watching those and hoping we can still do everything we planned on. He feels much has been influenced by people working at home during COVID. He has not seen the effect of what Nordson's laying off of employees will have as that will happen later in the year. They will be watching some things, but general services will not be affected at all.

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

Acknowledge the receipt of the June Auditor and Treasurer reports:

Mr. Nahorn motioned to acknowledge the receipt of the June Auditor and Treasurer reports. Seconded by Mr. Dembinski. Voice vote 7-0 to acknowledge the receipt of the reports.

Mr. Heberling motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Wachholz. Voice vote 7-0 to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

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Olga Sivinski, Clerk of Council

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Jennifer Wasilk, President of Council