

REGULAR

JULY 22

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. Winiarski, Mr. Dembinski, Ms. Harmych, Mr. Wachholz, Mr. Nahorn Mr. Janik, Mr. Heberling,. Also present were Mayor Costilow, Safety/Service Director Jeffreys, Law Director Pecora, Auditor Phillips and Treasurer Ramsey and one member of the public.

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 authorizing and directing the Safety Service Director to submit an application to the Ohio Pubic Works Commission for State Issue I (Round 39) funds for the year 2025 for roadway improvements and repairs on South Lake Street and various other streets; and declaring an emergency. (A-24-29)

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

- (b) An Ordinance to establish the salary, terms and other conditions of employment for the Chief of the Fire Department of the City of Amherst, repealing all Ordinances in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency. (A-24-31)

Mr. Winiarski pointed out the discrepancy in the listed 14 paid holidays. Labor Day is listed twice. Mayor Costilow said this will be corrected as the Fire Chief gets the same number of paid holidays as the Police Chief. Mr. Winiarski motioned to amend Section 3 that the paid holidays match the ones for the Police Chief. Seconded by Mr. Wachholz. Mr. Ward checked the Police Chief's ordinance and Mayor agreed that the motion is correct. Roll call vote 7-0 to amend the ordinance. Mr. Dembinski motioned to suspend all council rules so that this may be passed in its first reading. Seconded by Mr. Nahorn. Roll call vote 7-0 to suspend rules. Mr. Janik motioned to adopt. Seconded by Mr. Wachholz. Roll call vote 7-0 to adopt. Becomes 0-24-25.

- (c) An Ordinance establishing the salaries and benefits for the Amherst Fire Department, repealing all Ordinances In conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency. (A-24-32)

Mr. Dembinski motioned to suspend all Council so that this may be passed in its first reading. Seconded by Mr. Heberling. Roll call vote 7-0 suspend rules. Mr. Janik motioned to adopt. Seconded by Mr. Heberling. Roll call vote 7-0 to adopt. Becomes 0-24-26.

- (d) An Ordinance levying upon Lorain County Parcel No. 05-00-001-000-273 an assessment for the cost of repairing and replacing a certain public sidewalk under the City of Amherst, Ohio's 2022 Sidewalk Program; and declaring an emergency. A-24-30)

Mr. Nahorn motioned to suspend all Council so that this may be passed in its first reading. Seconded by Mr. Heberling. Roll call vote 7-0 suspend rules. Mr. Janik motioned to adopt. Seconded by Mr. Dembinski. Roll call vote 7-0 to adopt. Becomes 0-24-27

- (e) An Ordinance authorizing and directing the Mayor to sell Lorain County Parcel No. 05-00-038-101-012 via competitive bidding at public auction and advertise such auction as required by Section 721.03 of the Ohio Revised Code. (A-24-33)

Mr. Dembinski motioned to pass this on to its second reading. Seconded by Mr. Nahorn. Mr. Nahorn asked the current zoning of this residence. Mayor Costilow believes it's residential but will check. Roll call vote 7-0 to pass to second reading.

- (f) An Ordinance creating a training/transitional employment position within the Treasurer’s Office of the City of Amherst, Ohio; and declaring an emergency. (A-24-28)

Mr. Dembinski motioned that the emergency clause be added to the ordinance. It was not on the Agenda Request. Seconded by Mr. Nahorn. Roll call vote 7-0 to add the emergency clause. Mr. Nahorn motioned to suspend all Council so that this may be passed in its first reading. Seconded by Mr. Heberling. Roll call vote 7-0 suspend rules. Mr. Janik motioned to adopt. Seconded by Mr. Heberling. Roll call vote 7-0 to adopt. Becomes 0-24-28.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS SECOND READING: NONE

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Miscellaneous and acknowledgement of the public: There was no one speaking.

Agenda requests and committee meeting schedules:

No items were presented this evening. If necessary, special meetings can be held during the month of August.

Reports of the Administration:

Auditor Phillips: No report

Treasurer Ramsey: Thanked everyone for their cooperation in adopting the ordinance for a new Income Tax Secretary in their office. It will be posted as soon as possible.

Law Director Pecora: No report.

Safety/Service Director Jeffreys: No report.

Mayo Costilow: They will post the job in the Treasurer’s office in the Union. That will go up for five days. We will see what happens with that, then Mr. Ramsey will take over on that. The Civil Service has met and will be updating our candidate’s list for a police officer. They are preparing to test for that and will advertise accordingly. He is looking for that to happen soon. They will post on the web site and on social media. He will have some agenda items over the next month. Wished everyone a nice vacation.

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.

Mr. Janik motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Heberling. Voice vote 7-0 to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Olga Sivinski, Clerk of Council

Jennifer Wasilk, President of Council