

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, Law Director Pecora, Auditor Phillips, Assistant Law Director Ward, and Treasurer Ramsey and a representative from Thompson Hine, LLC.

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

Consent Agenda: The Clerk read the Consent Agenda. Mr. Heberling motioned to approve the Consent Agenda as read. Seconded by Mr. Nahorn. 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) A Resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor. (A-24-47)

Mr. Heberling motioned to suspend all Council rules so that this maybe passed in its first reading. Seconded by Mr. Wachholz. Roll call vote 7-0 to suspend rules. Mr. Dembinski motioned to adopt. Seconded by Mr. Janik. Roll call vote 7-0 to adopt. Becomes R-24-04.

- (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 and repealing all Ordinances in conflict herewith. (A-24-48)

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

- (c) An Ordinance authorizing and directing the Mayor of the City of Amherst to enter into a Water Service Agreement with the City of Elyria for the Years 2025 Through 2044. (A-24-49)

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

- (d) An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract for professional services with Bramhall Engineering & Surveying Company Relating to the OPWC State Issue 1 – Round 38 Park Avenue Rehabilitation Project; and declaring an emergency. (A-24-50)

Mayor Costilow asked for suspension of rules. He said with the weather being nice, they can begin the project quickly. Mr. Dembinski motioned to suspend all Council rules so that this maybe passed in it's 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- 37.

#### **ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS SECOND READING:**

- (a) An Ordinance authorizing the Treasurer to extend a depository agreement with Northwest Bank for the City's Funds. (A-24-45)

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

- (b) An Ordinance re-appropriating funds In the Waste Water Treatment Plant of the City of Amherst, Ohio to cover expected costs for the remainder of the year; and declaring an emergency. (A-24-46)

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

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS THIRD READING:**

- (a) An Ordinance authorizing an increase in appropriations for the Community Housing Impact and Preservation ("CHIP") Program to repay program income to Lorain County; and declaring an emergency. (A-24-41)

Mr. Dembinski motioned to adopt. Seconded by Mr. Wachholz. Roll call vote 7-0 to adopt. Becomes 0-24-38.

- (b) An Ordinance vacating an additional portion of North Dewey Road (A-24-42)

Mr. Heberling motioned to adopt. Seconded by Mr. Dembinski. Roll call vote 7-0 to adopt. Becomes 0-24-39.

- (c) An Ordinance approving the final development plan for the Villas at Amherst Residential Development and rezoning and approving such development as a Planned Development District. (A-24-43)

Mr. Wachholz motioned to adopt. Seconded by Mr. Dembinski. Roll call vote 7-0 to adopt. Becomes 0-24-40.

- (d) An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the City of Amherst to enter into an agreement with Thompson Hine LLP to represent the City in the development of a Residential Improvement District related to the N. Dewey Road Improvements, and declaring an emergency. (A-24-44)

Mr. Nahorn motioned to adopt. Seconded by Mr. Heberling. Roll call vote 6-1 with Mr. Winiarski voting no to adopt. Becomes 0-24-41.

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

Agenda requests and committee meeting schedules:

A-24-51 Finance - Allow Treasurer to extend the depository agreement with US Bank Commencing January 1, 2025. Current agreement expires December 31, 2024

Finance - November 12 (Tuesday), 2024 at 6:45 P. M. A-24-51

Police and Fire - November 12, 2024 at 6:50 P. M. A-24-01 TRL licensing

The remaining Committee Meetings for November 4, 2024 are cancelled

Reports of the Administration:

Auditor Phillips: Read the award certificate that was presented to their office for excellence in fiscal reporting. She read the rest of the award.

Treasurer Ramsey: No report

Law Director Pecora: No report

Safety/Service Director Jeffreys: No report.

Mayor Costilow: Congratulated the whole city on the Auditor's report. He said this is a team effort with all the foremen, and all other employees. Everyone really has a part in that. We all follow a lot of rules and he is proud of what we do here. He appreciates everyone for that. He updated all on the leaf pickup which begins Monday, the 4<sup>th</sup>.

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

The clerk reminded all that the first Council meeting in November will be on Tuesday, November 12 due to Veteran's day falling on November 11. Mrs. Wasilk emphasized also that the first November meeting will be on the 12<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Heberling motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Dembinski. Voice vote 7-0 to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m.