

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 - absent, Mr. Wachholz, Mr. Nahorn, Mr. Janik,. Also present were Mayor Costilow, Safety/Service Director Jeffreys, Law Director Pecora, Assistant Law Director Ward, Treasurer Ramsey and Auditor Phillips. Ms. Harmych was absent and had a letter on file. Mr. Dembinski motioned to excuse Ms. Harmych as she had a letter on file. Seconded by Mr. Heberling. Voice vote 6-0 to excuse Ms. Harmych.

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. Dembinski motioned to approve the Consent Agenda as read. Seconded by Mr. Heberling. Voice vote 6-0 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 approving the 2025 Interim Budget; and declaring an emergency. (A-24-52)

Mayor Costilow asked for suspension of rules on the upcoming items. Mr. Dembinski motioned to suspend all Council rules so that this may be passed in it's first reading. Seconded by Mr. Nahorn. Roll call vote 6-0 to suspend rules. Mr. Dembinski motioned to adopt. Seconded by Mr. Heberling. Roll call vote 6-0 to adopt. Becomes 0-24-44.

- (b) An Ordinance re-appropriating funds in various departments of the City of Amherst, State of Ohio per the attached Appendix "A"; and declaring an emergency. (A-24-53)

Mr. Dembinski motioned to suspend all Council rules so that this may be passed in it's first reading. Seconded by Mr. Wachholz. Roll call vote 6-0 to suspend rules. Mr. Janik motioned to adopt. Seconded by Mr. Heberling. Roll call vote 6-0 to adopt. Becomes 0-24-45.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS SECOND READING:

- (a) An Ordinance authorizing the Treasurer to extend a depository agreement with U.S. Bank for the City's funds and declaring an emergency. (A-24-51)

Mr. Heberling motioned to pass this on to its third reading. Seconded by Mr. Dembinski. Mayor Costilow suggested that since this appears to be the only thing on the Agenda, that it be disposed of this evening. Mr. Dembinski withdrew his second, Mr. Heberling withdrew his motion and motioned to suspend all council rules so that this may be passed int its second reading. Seconded by Mr. Dembinski. Roll call vote 6-0 to suspend rules. Mr. Heberling motioned to adopt. Seconded by Mr. Dembinski. Roll call vote 6-0 to adopt. Becomes 0-24-46

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS THIRD 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 and repealing all Ordinances in conflict herewith. (A-24-48)

Mr. Wachholz motioned to adopt. Seconded by Mr. Janik. Roll call vote 6-0 to adopt. Becomes 0-24-47.

- (b) 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 adopt. Seconded by Mr. Dembinski. Roll call vote 6-0 to adopt. Becomes 0-24-48.

Miscellaneous and acknowledgement of the public: Mr. Winiarski said he has asked the Auditor's office, Mrs. Melbar, if their reports could be provided in Excel. He finds they are easier to sort and organize and research before we do the final budget. He asked if anyone had any objections to the reports being provided in Excel. There were no objections.

Mr. Dembinski announced that toys for Toys for Tots are still being collected at the Police Station in case anyone wants to donate. There has been an outpouring of support to date. New, unwrapped toys are requested. Last day of collection is December 6.

Mr. Janik reported that Miracle on Main Street parade and event will take place on Friday, December 6 beginning at 6:00 p. m. Park Avenue will be the main route. He hoped to see everyone there.

Agenda requests and committee meeting schedules:

There were no new Agenda Requests at this time. The remainder of the Council and Committee Meetings for the month of December are cancelled. Special meetings can be called for if necessary.

Council had no objection to the Clerk's request to change A-24-01 TRL to A-25-01 since there would be no further meetings this year.

Reports of the Administration:

Auditor Phillips: The October reports had been distributed. She wanted to confirm that.

Treasurer Ramsey: No report.

Law Director Pecora: Requested Council to convene in Executive Session to discuss pending litigation.

Safety/Service Director Jeffreys: No report.

Mayor Costilow : Reported that leaf pickup has been going really well. With the amount of leaves being picked up, they still are ahead of schedule. Even with any upcoming bad weather, they will shuffle around their responsibilities. Reported that Adam Porter and All American Tree has volunteered their time to decorate our big pine tree and putting up other decorations. we will be ready for Santa to flip that switch and turn on the lights. He said there are many things he is thankful for, and he wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving no matter how they decide to spend it.

Mr. Nahorn motioned to accept the Reports of the Administration. Seconded by Mr. Dembinski. Voice vote 6-0 to accept the reports of the Administration.

Mr. Dembinski motioned to move into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation. Seconded by Mr. Heberling. Voice vote 6-0 to go into Executive Session.

The Council meeting recessed at 7:14 and reconvened at 7:25.

Mr. Wachholz motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Dembinski. Voice vote 6-0 to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Olga Sivinski, Clerk of Council

Jennifer Wasilk, President of Council