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THIS MEETING WAS HELD IN HYBRID FORM (Council members and visitors in Chambers and all others REMOTELY VIA ZOOM)

Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held February 20, at 7:00 P. M. Present in Council Chambers were Vice Chairman Dembinski, Mr. Heberling, Mr. Janik, Mr. Wachholz, Ms. Smith, Mr. Winiarski, Council President Wasilk and Mayor Costilow. Present via ZOOM were Law Director Pecora, Assistant Law Director Ward, Safety/Service Director Jeffreys, Auditor Pittak and Treasurer Ramsey. Mr. Cowger was absent and had a letter on file. Mr. Heberling motioned to excuse Mr. Cowger as he had a letter on file. Seconded by Ms. Smith. Voice vote 6-0 to excuse.

A-23-08 Ordinance to make appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures of the City of Amherst, state of Ohio during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2023; emergency.

Mayor Costilow explained the reason for the ordinance. It's a healthy budget this year with the City in a good financial position. The water supply charge may need to be adjusted before the end of the year. The budget needs to be adopted by the end of March. Mr. Janik asked about the Auditor IT expenses. Mr. Pittak stated it was a typo. Mr. Janik asked about the increase in Meals on Wheels expenses. Mayor Costilow believes we have more people taking advantage of the benefit provided by the city. We also do charge for the service. Mr. Winiarski said if the Mayor needs to come back later in the year it would make more sense based on the potential state of the economy. Mr. Wachholz motioned to take to the floor of Council with the emergency. Seconded by Mr. Janik. Roll call vote 6-0 to take to the floor of council with the emergency.

A-23-09 Ordinance authorizing and directing Safety/Service Director to solicit bids to trim trees on a unit basis in the city of Amherst for the year 2023; emergency

Mayor Costilow explained the reason for this ordinance. Mr. Winiarski asked if we have an arborist group with the City. Mayor Costilow said we will do small changes and emergency tasks. Mr. Heberling asked when the program will begin. Mayor Costilow said ASAP. Vice Chair Dembinski suggested the emergency clause be added. Mr. Heberling motioned to take to the floor of Council with the emergency. Seconded by Mr. Janik. Roll call vote 6-0 to take to the floor of council with the emergency.

A-23-10 Ordinance authorizing Mayor to enter into a contract for professional services with Bramhall Engineering & Surveying related to the 2023 Road Rehab and Storm Sewer Improvements; emergency

Mayor Costilow explained the reason for the ordinance. This is for the engineering portion only. This year the project is about two miles of pavement. Mr. Winiarski asked about the overlap with this project and other projects within the city. Mayor Costilow answered that some of this is TIF money and there are other smaller amounts in the budget if needed for other projects. Mr. Janik asked about a timeline. Mayor Costilow hoped it's within the period when school is out of session. Mr. Janik asked about a communication plan to the residents for any projects Mayor Costilow answered that we always try to work with homeowners, school busses, garbage trucks and anyone else when possible. Mr. Wachholz expressed his concern with work on Woodhill and the time the work began.

Mr. Janik motioned to take to the floor of Council with the emergency. Seconded by Mr. Janik. Vote 6-0 to take to the floor of council with the emergency.

Mr. Wachholz motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Heberling. Voice vote 6-0 to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 7:24 P. M.

Brian Dembinski, Vice Chairman
Finance Committee