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COUNCIL AT LARGE-MARTIN HEBERLIN
COUNCIL AT LARGE- PHIL VAN TREUREN

COUNCIL WARD ONE-

COUNCIL WARD TWO-ED COWGER
COUNCIL WARD THREE-JAKE WACHHOLZ
COUNCIL WARD FOUR-MATT NAHORN

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THIS MEETING WAS HELD REMOTELY VIA ZOOM

Minutes of the Ordinance Committee Meeting held July 6, 2020 at 7:15 P.M.
Present were Chairman Dembinski, Mr. Janik, Mr. Van Treuren, Mr. Cowger -
absent, Mr. Wachholz, Mr. Nahorn, Mr. Heberling. Also present were Council
President Wasilk, Mayor Costilow, Safety Service Director Jeffreys, Auditor
Pittak, Treasurer Ramsey, Law Director Pecora, Assistant Law Director Ward. Mr.
Cowger was excused earlier.

A-20-23 Resolution for the voters of Amherst to consider
four-year terms for members of Council

Mr. Janik provided information as to how he came about to
submit this proposal. He and Mr. Van Treuren met with Mr.
Paul Adams at the Board of Elections to discuss this. Mr.
Adams told them that most cities around them had four year
terms. He explained that the terms would be staggered for
the sake of continuity and consistency. This would be
placed on the November ballot to only consider the four
year terms.

Mr. Wachholz agreed with this and agreed that staggering is
important. Mr. Heberling agreed with this idea and explained
further the benefits of this. Mr. Van Treuren explained the
reasons why this is a good idea for the city. He spoke about
the Council President's two year term which should also be a
four year term. Mr. Pecora believes that this needs to be
two separate ordinances. Technically, the presidents is not
a member of the legislative body. He said their office will
look at this. There was a discussion to make sure this is
done correctly to have both Council and President for
consideration on the ballot.

Mr. Wachholz motioned to send this to the floor of council with the emergency.
Seconded by Mr. Heberling. Roll call vote 6-0 to send to the floor.

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A-20-24 Amending section 505.09 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Amherst; regarding animal noise

Mr. Dembinski spoke to this item as he had submitted it. He explained how this came about. The only change would be that this would protect the neighbors in the city.

Mr. Wachholz motioned to take this to the floor of Council. Seconded by Mr. Van Treuren.

Mr. Ramsey said he liked the idea, but his concern as a citizen, he would like the word "reasonable" inserted so it would be more of an objective standard. He explained further. Mr. Pecora said they will look at this to figure out for this to be more "friendly."

Mr. Ward also spoke to the proposed verbiage of this proposed ordinance.

Roll call vote 6-0 to take to the floor of Council.

Mr. Nahorn motioned to adjourn. Second by Mr. Janik. Roll call vote 6-0 to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 7:42 P.M.

Brian Dembinski, Chairman
Ordinance Committee