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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 Ordinance Committee Meeting held August 1, 2022, at 7:00 P.M. Present in Council Chambers were Chair Dembinski, Mr. Winiarski, Mr. Heberling, Ms. Smith, Mr. Janik, Mr. Wachholz, and Mayor Costilow. Present via ZOOM were President of Council Wasilk, Auditor Pittak, Assistant Law Director Ward, Treasurer Ramsey. Mr. Cowger and Mr. Jeffreys were absent and had letters on file. Mr. Janik motioned to excuse Mr. Cowger and Mr. Jeffreys. Seconded by Ms. Smith. Voice vote 6-0 to excuse. To answer Mr. Winiarski's question, Mr. Dembinski said Mrs. Wasilk does not have to be excused as she is a member of the Administration and is on ZOOM.

A-22-43 Ordinance governing the health and safety regulations for the City of Amherst's Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (DORA)

Mayor Costilow acknowledged that much work and time has been put into this, but once they began walking the boundaries with the Safety/Service Director and Building Inspector, to try to figure out where to put the signs, and controlling this border, it seems kind of difficult. He really would like to make this zoned differently. He wants to make sure all the store owners and establishments that want to be included in this are included. But he wants to keep it as simple as possible. So as much work as has been done, and as important as this is, he asks that this item be killed and then begin all over in September. We will do another public hearing after this dry run. Kill this item and then the one already on the Agenda to kill it and begin again. Mr. Winiarski said there is no shame in this, it has been a learning experience. Mr. Wachholz motioned to kill this item, seconded by Ms. Smith. Vote 6-0 to kill.

A-22-44 Authorizing to amend Amherst Codified
Ordinances to update changes for work performed

Mayor Costilow referenced information that was provided to Council prior to the meeting. He explained the reason for the proposed changes. He would have no problem tabling this until September. Mr. Heberling motioned to table. Seconded by Mr. Winiarski. A discussed ensued about cancelling the remainder of committee and council meetings for the month of August. Per Mr. Janik's question, Mayor Costilow reported on the outside maintenance of the home on Jackson Street and the work done by the City crew. Roll call vote 6-0 to table this item.

Mrs. Wasilk said she would like to speak to the clerk tomorrow about suspending any other meetings until after Labor Day. Chair Dembinski said we voted at the council meeting to not take a recess and to him this sounds like a recess. Mr. Wachholz said it does not sound like we have anything pressing at this point so he would have no problem with us having that recess at this point. Mr. Janik said since we voted not to recess, do we need to vote again. Mr. Dembinski noted we can cancelled a meeting prior with council stating via e mail to cancel a meeting. Ms. Smith concurred with Mr. Wachholz, as long as procedurally we can still call for a meeting if necessary.

Mr. Heberling motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Wachholz. Voice vote 6-0 to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:14

Brian Dembinski, Chairman
Ordinance Committee