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COUNCIL AT LARGE- PHIL VAN TREUREN

COUNCIL WARD ONE-BRIAN DEMBINSKI
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THIS MEETING WAS HELD REMOTELY VIA ZOOM

Minutes of the Police and Fire Committee Meeting held December 7, 2020 at 7:21 P.M. Present were Chairman Nahorn, Mr. Janik, Mr. Dembinski, Mr. Wachholz, Mr. Heberling. Also present were Council President Wasilk, Mayor Costilow, Auditor Pittak, Treasurer Ramsey, Law Director Pecora, Assistant Law Director Ward, Safety Service Director Jeffreys. Mr. Cowger was absent and excused earlier.

Chairman Nahorn noted that Mr. Van Treuren was not present and inquired of the Law Department how we might proceed. Mr. Pecora noted that Mr. Van Treuren should be excused, if not present, due to inadvertently signing off at the conclusion of the previous meeting. Mr. Wachholz motioned to excuse Mr. Van Treuren, due to the COVID virtual set up and unique situation having inadvertently signed off electronically. Seconded by Mr. Heberling. Roll call vote 5-0 to excuse. Mr. Van Treuren joined the meeting as the vote concluded. Mayor Costilow explained the circumstances. Mr. Van Treuren stated he understands.

A-20-51 Amend Amherst Codified Ordinance Chapter 143 Division of Police

Mayor Costilow described the current ordinance and how it limits us a bit. We need to manage things better. We are asking for a patrol sergeant, which will better allow us to manage the Police Department. We hope to eliminate equipment parts. This helps us manage properly and should not be a major increase to the budget.

Mr. Dembinski was glad to hear this not increase the budget and he has spoken to the Chief about this. He thought we had more part time people already.

Mr. Janik motioned to send this to the floor of Council. Seconded by Mr. Dembinski. Roll call vote 5-0 to send to the floor of Council.

Mr. Van Treuren joined the meeting at this point.

Mr. Dembinski motioned to adjourn. Second by Mr. Wachholz. Roll call vote 5-0 to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 7:32 P.M.

Matthew Nahorn, Chairman
Police and Fire Committee