

A swearing in ceremony was held before the regular council meeting on February 27, 2017 with Law Director Tony Pecora swearing in Brian Dembinski who was appointed to the Ward One council seat. He took the place of Mr. Bukovac who resigned on February 13, 2017.

Amherst City Council met in a regular session under full compliance of State Law with President Dietrich opening the meeting at 7:05 P.M. Roll call vote: Mr. Miller, Mr. Janik, Mr. Goodell, Mr. Van Treuren, Mrs. Wasilk, Mr. Winiarski, Mr. Dembinski. Also present were Mayor Costilow, Auditor Kukucka, Treasurer Ramsey, Law Director Pecora and Safety Service Director Jeffreys. There were also members of the press and public present. The prayer was invoked by Chaplain Wasilk, followed by the Pledge to the Flag led by Sergeant at Arms Goodell. The Clerk read the consent agenda. Mr. Miller moved to accept the consent agenda as read. Second by Mr. Goodell. Roll call vote 7-0 in favor. The public was acknowledged pertaining to items on the agenda. Mr. Miller welcomed Mr. Dembinski.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS FIRST READING:

(a) An ordinance authorizing the City of Amherst Community Improvement Corporation, acting as agent of the City, to receive and review proposals for the potential sale and development of City owned vacant property located on Church Street, Amherst, Ohio, and to make recommendations to the City; and declaring an emergency. (A-17-11)

Mr. Van Treuren moved to suspend the Council rule requiring three readings. Second by Mr. Goodell. Mr. Miller asked if Council would still be getting information on what was going on with the property before a final decision was made on the development. President Dietrich replied that Council would have the final say on what happens. Mayor Costilow reminded everyone that the CIC meetings are open to the public. Roll call vote 7-0 in favor. Mr. Janik moved to adopt. Second by Mr. Goodell. Roll call vote 7-0 in favor. **Becomes O-17-09.**

(b) An ordinance creating within the City of Amherst, Ohio a Department of Information Technology; and declaring an emergency. (A-17-12)

Mayor Costilow spoke saying that he met with Mr. Janik over the language of the job description. He said that he added, "must have demonstrated experience in a related field" to the job description and said that the job description was not part of the legislation. Law Director Pecora agreed that the job description was not part of the legislation. President Dietrich said that the job description had been changed since Council voted on it. Mr. Winiarski moved to amend IT Director's job description as revised, to repeal the original language and to note that this is the first reading of the ordinance referencing standing rules of council sections 25, 26, 36 and 42. Second by Mr. Janik who thanked Mayor Costilow for the explanation of the technology needs of the City. Mr. Miller also pointed out that there was not a job description attached to the ordinance. Mrs. Wasilk clarified that if the job description needed to be amended, that the job description would not have to be brought before Council. Law Director Pecora agreed with her understanding. Roll call vote 7-0 in favor. Mr. Miller moved to suspend the Council rule requiring three readings. Second by Mr. Goodell. Roll call vote 7-0 in favor. Mr. Van Treuren moved to adopt. Second by Mr. Winiarski. Roll call vote 7-0 in favor. **Becomes O-17-10.**

(c) An ordinance approving an easement agreement between Amherst Exempted Village Schools and the City of Amherst for the Ohio Turnpike Storm Water Mitigation Project; and declaring an emergency. (A-17-13)

Mr. Goodell moved to suspend the Council rule requiring three readings. Second by Mr. Winiarski. Mr. Miller asked in the emergency clause was needed to which the Law Director replied that it was. Roll call vote 7-0 in favor. Mr. Miller moved to adopt. Second by Mr. Dembinski. Roll call vote 7-0 in favor. **Becomes O-17-11.**

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS SECOND READING:

(a) An ordinance approving the Sub divider's Agreement between the City of Amherst, Ohio and Cambrad Development II, LLC for The Preserve at Quarry Lakes, Subdivision No.2. (A-17-07)

Mrs. Wasilk moved to suspend the Council rule requiring three readings. Second by Mr. Goodell. Roll call vote 7-0 in favor. Mr. Janik moved to adopt. Second by Mr. Miller. Roll call vote 7-0 in favor. **Becomes O-17-12.**

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS THIRD READING: NONE

Miscellaneous and acknowledgement of the public: No one spoke.

Agenda Requests and Committee Meeting Schedules:

- A-17-14 Authorizing the purchase of associated material, equipment and installation of fiber optic cable not to exceed \$140,000.00

- A-17-15 Authorizing the City of Amherst to enter into an agreement with various Lorain County political subdivisions to extend the agreement for Technical Rescue Response for the Fire Department for years 2017-2018 .

- A-17-16 Repeal Ch 711 Billiard and Pool Rooms and Bowling Alleys.

Ordinance	March 6, 2017 at 7:00 PM	A-17-14
Technology	March 6, 2017 at 7:10 PM	A-17-15
Police and Fire	March 6, 2017 at 7:15 PM	A-17-16

All other Council Committee Meetings for the period are cancelled.

Reports of the Administration:

Auditor Kukucka: No report.
Treasurer Ramsey: No report.
Law Director Pecora: No report.
Safety/Service Director Jeffreys: No report.
Mayor Costilow: The Mayor gave the "State of the City" address which is attached to these minutes.

Mr. Van Treuren moved to accept the Reports of the Administration. Second by Mr. Goodell. Voice vote 7-0 in favor. Mr. Miller thanked Mayor Costilow for his leadership along with the leadership of President Dietrich. Mr. Goodell moved to adjourn. Second by Mr. Miller. Voice vote 7-0 in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:38 PM.

Linda Turley, Clerk of Council John Dietrich, President of Council