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Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held September 18, 2017 at 7:00 P. M.  
Present were Chairwoman Wasilk, Mr. Miller, Mr. Van Treuren, Mr. Janik, Mr. Winiarski, Mr. Dembinski, and Mr. Cowger. Also present were Council President Dietrich, Mayor Costilow, Safety Service Director Jeffries, Auditor Kukucka, Treasurer Ramsey, Law Director Pecora, and Assistant to Law Director Carlson.

A-17-45 An Ordinance repealing O-01-32 and directing the Auditor to discontinue the transfer of funds generated by the implementation of the kilowatt-hour tax from the General Fund to the Electric Fund

This tax was discussed by Mr. Courtney. This is a tax for public utilities which the state rebates back to municipalities. Amherst directs those rebated funds into the electric fund. This proposed legislation will direct the monies into the General Fund.

Even with these adjustments (including the rate increase), Amherst kilowatt hour costs will be lower than nearby communities.

The original intent of the state legislature in 2001 Was that these funds would go into the general fund. This proposed ordinance meets the original intent of the state legislation.

Mr. Cowger motioned to take this to the floor of Council. Seconded by Mr. Winiarski. Vote 6-1 with Mr. Miller voting no to take this item to the floor of council.

Mr. Dembinski moved to adjourn. Second by Mr. Cowger. Voice vote 7-0 to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 7:32 P.M.

Jennifer Wasilk, Chairwoman  
Finance Committee

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Minutes of the Ordinance Committee Meeting held September 18, 2017 at 7:35 P.M. present were Chairman Miller, Mr. Janik, Mr. Van Treuren, Mr. Dembinski, Mr. Winiarski, Mrs. Wasilk, and Mr. Cowger. Also present were Council President Dietrich, Mayor Costilow, Safety Service Director Jeffries, Auditor Kukucka, Treasurer Ramsey, Law Director Pecora, Assistant to Law Director Carlson, three members of the public.

A-17-38      Declare moratorium with respect to the operation of mobile  
Food units

The chair provided a summary of what has transpired to this point.

Mayor Costilow suggested this be brought up every time there are committee meetings scheduled as he does not want this to fall by the wayside. He is asking for ideas that he and Law Director Pecora will discuss and redraft and bring something before Council.

Mr. Van Treuren asked how we put our heads together and discuss ideas without breaking sunshine laws. Mr. Pecora suggested putting down their ideas onto paper, and forward them to the Mayor, Council Clerk or himself. Mr. Van Treuren suggested that many of the ideas in the moratorium can be part of the suggestions? Mr. Pecora agreed.

Mr. Janik asked if this is still at the heated point it was in July and asked if the original owner is still interested. Mayor Costilow said he was not sure, but feels the moratorium has done its job. Just because it has not gone away, is no reason not to tackle it. But right now it's not an issues.

The Chair asked if there are any current public lots where these food trucks can still come into Amherst and set up shop and meet those requirements? Mayor Costilow said there are several, but they have to meet a lot of criteria. No one has come in asked to set up that he is aware of.

Mr. Dietrich suggested that Council put their ideas on paper where they might want to go with this and then make sure to give it to the Clerk or Mayor and distribute these ideas to everyone so that everyone knows of others' ideas. Mayor Costilow agreed and said we can compile these lists and put the suggestions in everyone's mailbox.

Mr. Miller agreed with having these listed ideas. Mayor Costilow urged council to do this. Mr. Dietrich suggested that the restaurants in town also be contacted for their ideas.

Mr. Kukucka suggested that the owner of the Brew Kettle be contacted for his ideas. He is an owner of one of these trucks and may have very good ideas about food truck needs.

Mr. Winiarski asked the Law Director if there are any "absolutes" that needed to be addressed. Mr. Pecora would be opposed to a total ban, but felt you needed reasonable restrictions. There are all kinds of ideas on line and he did not want to speak to particular options.

Mr. Dembinski motioned to table this item. Seconded by Mr. Cowger. Voice vote 7-0 to table.

Mr. Dembinski motioned to adjourn. Second by Mr. Cowger. Voice vote 7-0 to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 7:46 P.M.

Joe Miller, Chairman  
Ordinance Committee