

Amherst City Council met in a Regular Session under full compliance of State Law with President Pro-tem Wasilk opening the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Roll call: Mr. Janik, Mr. Cowger, Mr. Dembinski, Mr. Miller, Mr. Winiarski, Mrs. Wasilk, Mr. Van Treuren. Also present were Mayor Costilow, Safety/Service Director Jeffries, Treasurer Ramsey, Auditor Kukucka, Law Director Pecora, members of the Public and Mr. Matt Nahorn. Mr. Cowger motioned to excuse Mr. Dietrich as he had a letter on file. Seconded by Mr. Dembinski. Voice vote 7-0 to excuse.

The Prayer was invoked by Chaplin Wasilk, followed by the Pledge to the Flag led by Sergeant at Arms Dembinski.

Consent Agenda: The Clerk read the Consent Agenda. Mr. Dembinski motioned to accept the Consent Agenda as read. Seconded by Mr. Van Treuren.

Acknowledgement of the public pertaining to items on the agenda: There was no one speaking.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS FIRST READING:

- (a) An Ordinance establishing the salary for the Auditor of the City of Amherst for the years 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2021, and declaring an emergency. (A-17-53)

Mr. Cowger motioned to pass this on to its second reading. Seconded by Mr. Dembinski. Roll call vote 7-0 to pass to second.

- (b) An Ordinance establishing the salary for the Treasurer of The City of Amherst for the years 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021, and declaring an emergency. (A-17-54)

Mr. Dembinski motioned to pass this on to its second reading. Seconded by Mr. Cowger. Roll call vote 7-0 to pass to second.

- (c) An Ordinance establishing the salaries for the members of Council for the years 2018 and 2019, and declaring an emergency. (A-17-55)

Mr. Cowger motioned to pass this on to its second reading. Seconded by Mr. Miller. Roll call vote 5-2 with Mr. Dembinski and Mr. Winiarski voting no to pass to second.

- (d) An Ordinance establishing the salary for the Clerk of Council for the years 2018 and 2019, and declaring an emergency. (A-17-56)

Mr. Dembinski motioned to pass this on to its second reading. Seconded by Mr. Cowger. Roll call vote 7-0 to pass to second.

- (e) An Ordinance re-appropriating funds from Police Department Account Nos. 100-1001-52111, Salaries and Wages and 100-1001-52125. Worker's Compensation, to account Nos. 100-1001-52113 Part-Time wages, 100-1001-52121 PERS and Medicare, 100-1001-52403, Repairs and Maintenance and 100-1001-52404 New Equipment and Fixtures; and declaring an emergency. (A-17-57)

Mayor Costilow asked that rules be suspended on this and be adopted this evening. Mr. Dembinski motioned to suspend all Council rules so that this may be passed in its first reading. Seconded by Mr. Van Treuren. Mr. Miller asked what particular account is in need that rules need to be suspended. Mayor Costilow said "All of them." Auditor Kukucka said the PERS and overtime needs to be funded as more part time help was needed due to various reasons and more parts are needed for cruisers. Roll call vote 7-0 to suspend rules. Mr. Dembinski motioned to adopt. Seconded by Mr. Cowger. Roll call vote 7-0 to adopt. Becomes 0-17-45.

- (f) A Resolution appointing the Mayor of the City of Amherst to serve on the Amherst Township-City of Amherst Joint Economic Development District Board of Directors as required by Ordinance 0-17-30. (A-17-58) (emergency clause added by motion)

Mayor Costilow requested that the emergency clause be added to this legislation, and that then rules be suspended. He provided the background as to the JEDD formation. Mr. Miller motioned to add the emergency clause to the legislation. Seconded by Mr. Dembinski. Roll call vote 7-0 to add the emergency clause. Mr. Dembinski motioned to suspend all Council rules so that this maybe passed in its first reading as amended. Seconded by Mr. Cowger. Roll call vote 7-0 to suspend rules. Mr. Miller motioned to adopt. Seconded by Mr. Dembinski. Roll call vote 7-0 to adopt. Becomes R-17-07.

- (g) An Ordinance to establish the salaries and benefits for the Amherst Fire Department effective January 1, 2018 and repealing all Ordinances in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency. (A-17-59)

Mr. Dembinski motioned to pass this on to its second reading. Seconded by Mr. Cowger. Roll call vote 7-0 to pass to second.

- (h) An Ordinance authorizing and directing the Safety Service Director to solicit bids to supply the city with gasoline and diesel fuel; and authorizing and directing the Safety/Service Director to award the contract for such products to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, and declaring an emergency. (A-17-60)

Mayor Costilow asked for this to be adopted so they have time to advertise and line up a company before the end of the year. Mr. Dembinski motioned to suspend all Council rules to that this may be passed in its first reading. Seconded by Mr. Cowger. Roll call vote 7-0 to suspend rules. Mr. Janik motioned to adopt. Seconded by Mr. Cowger. Roll call vote 7-0 to adopt. Becomes 0-17-46.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS SECOND READING: NONE

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS THIRD READING: NONE

Miscellaneous and acknowledgement of the public: There was no one speaking

Agenda requests and committee meeting schedules

A-17-59 Finance Re-appropriation of funds in Treasurer's office

A-17-60 Finance 2018 Interim Budget

A-17-61 Finance Authorize Safety/Service Director to award contract for Sludge removal services

Finance November 20, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. A-17-59, A-17-60, A-17-61, and A-17-51 (Treasurer Ramsey requested this be placed back on the Agenda. It has gone through committee and was on for first reading on 10/23 and was taken off)

The remaining Council Committee Meetings for November 20, 2017 are cancelled.

Reports of the Administration:

Auditor Kukucka: Reported the October reports have been completed and distributed.

Treasurer Ramsey: Reported the October reports have been completed and distributed.

Notified Council that a CD at Northwest Bank due in 2018 will not be renewed. The funds will be placed in a more liquid fund.

Law Director Pecora: No reports

Safety/Service Director Jeffries: Reported the leaf pickup is continuing to the end of the month. We are on the south side of the tracks.

Mayor Costilow: Elyria Avenue should get its final coat of asphalt tomorrow. So that project should be coming to its end. Kresge Drive will have some signalization and striping changes. There will be some forewarning before that actually happens. The turnpike mitigation is nearing completion. The storm basin is complete, the plantings at the turnpike plaza are underway and should be completed soon. He wanted to remind Council that the temporary food truck moratorium will be ending soon. He would hope that council would talk about that soon. He would hope that they would at least extend the moratorium.

Mr. Winiarski said that a while ago Mayor Costilow had solicited information on the food trucks. Was any information given to the Chair? What would he recommend? Mayor Costilow said there were a couple of suggestions and he is prepared to bring them to a committee meeting as soon as it's called for. He may come up with something himself if nothing gets done soon. Mr. Miller said he understood that all ideas would be submitted to the Clerk of Council and she would get that to the chair. Then if we felt there was some worthwhile information, we could bring it to the table. As Chair of that committee, nothing so far has been put in his hands or mailbox. Mayor Costilow said he would provide that info. Mr. Miller will not call anything off the table without information being provided for him. Mr. Kukucka said since Mayor mentioned the time line getting short, he urged that this be considered and he would recommend a freeze. It would behoove Mr. Miller to consider this since Council only has a few committee meetings left. Mr. Pecora agreed with Mr. Kukucka and said the State of Ohio is going to put the fire safety codes into effect so that gives us some connection there. He and Mayor have been working on this item. Mrs. Wasilk asked Mr. Miller if based in this information from the Mayor and Mr. Pecora if Mr. Miller would consider calling for this item. Mr. Miller would like something in his hands first so will not call it up.

Mr. Dembinski motioned to accept the Reports of the Administration. Seconded by Mr. Janik. Voice vote 7-0 to accept the Reports of the Administration.

Acknowledgement of the receipt of monthly reports from the Treasurer and Auditor: Mr. Dembinski motioned to acknowledge the receipt of reports from the Treasure and Auditor. Seconded by Mr. Janik. Voice vote 7-0 to acknowledge this receipt.

Mr. Cowger motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Dembinski. Voice vote 7-0 to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Olga Sivinski, Clerk of Council

Jennifer Wasilk, President Pro-tem of Council