

NOVEMBER 27

2017

Amherst City Council met in a Regular Session under full compliance of State Law with President Dietrich opening the meeting at 7:00 P.M. Roll call: Mr. Cowger, Mr. Dembinski, Mr. Miller, Mr. Winiarski, Mrs. Wasilk, Mr. Van Treuren, Mr. Janik. Also present were Treasurer Ramsey, Safety/Service Director Jeffreys, Mayor Costilow, Law Director Pecora, Auditor Kukucka, Council elect Nahorn.

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. Van Treuren motioned to accept the Consent Agenda as read. Seconded by Mr. Dembinski. Roll call vote 7-0 to accept the Consent Agenda.

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

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS FIRST READING:

- (a) An Ordinance amending Amherst Codified Ordinance Section 192.18 and Section 192.29 as mandated by ORC Section 718.08(C)(1)(d) and ORC Section 178.27 (C)(1)(b). (A-17-51)

Mrs. Wasilk motioned to suspend all Council rules so that this may be passed in its first reading. Seconded by Mr. Dembinski. 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 0-17-47.

- (b) An Ordinance re-appropriating funds from Treasurer's Office account number 100-7005-52130, Bank Charges, to account number 100-7005-52304, Contracts And Professional Services, and declaring an emergency. (A-17-61)

Mr. Dembinski motioned to suspend all Council rules so that this may be passed in its first reading. Seconded by Mr. Miller. Roll call vote 7-0 to suspend rules. Mr. Cowger motioned to adopt. Seconded by Mr. Miller. Roll call vote 7-0 to adopt. Becomes 0-17-48.

- (c) An Ordinance approving the 2018 Interim Budget; and declaring an emergency. (A-17-62)

Mr. Miller motioned to suspend all Council rules so that this may be passed in its first reading. Seconded by Mr. Winiarski. Mr. Winiarski said he had requested at the Finance Committee Meeting that a IT Department line item be set up in the budget. It is not listed here. He would like to know how much it costs to operate this department. Mr. Kukucka said they have to create a new account and set it up in the system. Mr. Kukucka asked about the fiber optics and if there were plans to open that up for businesses to buy into. Mr. Winiarski said he did not think they were offering this as a utility at this point. Mr. Kukucka said down the road this could bring in revenue so it could be set up as a revenue account. Mr. Dembinski asked if we are suspending rules and passing this on emergency with the assumption that we will not have two more meetings this year? The answer was affirmative. Mrs. Wasilk noted that we also want this in effect as soon as possible – which was agreed on by Mayor Costilow and Mr. Kukucka. Mr. Winiarski motioned to adopt. Seconded by Mr. Janik. Roll call vote 7-0 to adopt. Becomes 0-17-49.

- (d) An Ordinance authorizing and directing the Safety Service Director to award the contract for sludge remove services for the Water Pollution Control Center; and declaring an emergency. (A-17-63)

Mr. Dembinski motioned suspend all Council rules and pass this in its first reading. Seconded by Mr. Miller. Roll call vote 7-0 to suspend rules. Mr. Winiarski motioned to adopt. Seconded by Mr. Cowger. Roll call vote 7-0 to adopt. Becomes 0-17-50.

- (e) An Ordinance authorizing the increase in appropriations in Park and Pool Account number 204-3002-52121, PERS and Medicare, and Health Insurance Fund Account number 710-5006-52123, Health Insurance Claims; and declaring an emergency (A-17-64)

Mrs. Wasilk motioned to suspend all Council rules so that this may be passed in its first reading. Seconded by Mr. Cowger. Mr. Miller asked if this for the purpose of wrapping 2017 finances? Mr. Kukucka said it was. Roll call vote 7-0 to suspend rules. Mr. Cowger motioned to adopt. Seconded by Mr. Winiarski. Roll call vote 7-0 to adopt. Becomes 0-17-51.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS SECOND 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. Miller motioned to pass this on to its third reading. Seconded by Mr. Winiarski.. Roll call vote 7-0 to pass to third.

- (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 third reading. Seconded by Mr. Cowger. Roll call vote 7-0 to pass to third.

- (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 third reading. Seconded by Mrs. Wasilk. Roll call vote 7-0 to pass to third.

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

- (e) 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 third reading. Seconded by Mr. Janik. Mr. Winiarski noted that there were items listed on the cover letter that were left off this ordinance, namely the addition of Columbus Day added to the holidays and regarding callouts that Sunday should be added. Mr. Dembinski motioned to amend this legislation per Mr. Winiarski' s explanations. Seconded Mr. Miller. Roll call vote 7-0 to amend. Mr. Winiarski motioned to pass this on to its third reading as amended. Seconded by Mr. Janik. Roll call vote 7-0 to pass to third. The original motion and second were not enacted on.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS THIRD READING: NONE

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

Agenda requests and committee meeting schedules:

There were no new Agenda Assignments.

Mr. Miller called for an Ordinance Committee Meeting to take place Monday, December 11, 2017 at 6:45 to discuss A-17-38 Add Section to ACO pertaining to food and vendor carts and trucks. (this item will be under first reading on the 12/11/17 Council Agenda)

Reports of the Administration:

Auditor Kukucka: No report

Treasurer Ramsey: No report

Safety Service Director Jeffreys: Leaf pickup will continue to the end of the month

Mayor Costilow: No report

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

Mr. Miller motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Cowger. Voice vote 7-0 to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.