

Amherst City Council met in a Regular Meeting under full compliance of State Law with President Wasilk opening the meeting at 7:00 P. M. Roll call: Mr. Janik, Mr. Van Treuren, Mr. Dembinski, Mr. Cowger, Mr. Winiarski - absent, Mr. Nahorn Mr. Miller - absent. Also present were Mayor Costilow, Law Director Pecora, Safety/Service Director Jeffreys, Auditor Pittak, Treasurer Ramsey. There were no members of the public and the press present. Mr. Dembinski motioned to excuse Mr. Winiarski and Mr. Miller as they had letters on file. Seconded by Mr. Cowger. Vote 5-0 to excuse.

The Prayer was invoked by Chaplain Nahorn, 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. Cowger. Voice vote 5-0 to accept the Consent Agenda as read.

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

#### **ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS FIRST READING:**

- (a) An Ordinance to increase appropriations in Park and Pool various accounts, and declaring an emergency. (A-18-32)

Mr. Dembinski motioned to pass this on to its second reading. Seconded by Mr. Cowger. Roll call vote 5-0 to pass to second.

- (b) A Resolution authorizing the Safety/Service Director to enter into a non-binding letter of intent with AMP Transmission, LLC ("AMPT") to sell certain equipment and ancillary equipment to AMPT; and declaring an emergency. (A-18-33)

Mr. Van Treuren motioned to pass this on to its second reading. Seconded by Mr. Nahorn. Mr. Nahorn wanted to reiterate that he is in full support of working with our administration and especially with Mayor Costilow; he is pleased with the work they have done thus far in preparing the letter that was provided to us, especially looking at the second transmission line. He thanked them for that. This really is an issue of public safety and security for our City. Roll call vote 5-0 to pass to second.

#### **ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS SECOND READING: NONE**

#### **ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS THIRD READING:**

- (a) An Ordinance amending Amherst Codified Ordinance Chapter 1121, Section 1121.07 and amending Chapter 1145, Section 1145(a) and 1145(b). (A-18-29)

Mr. Cowger motioned to adopt. Seconded by Mr. Dembinski. Roll call vote 7-0 to adopt. Becomes 0-18-26.

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

Agenda requests and committee meeting schedules:

There were no new Agenda Requests.

Mr. Cowger motioned to hold a special emergency meeting on Wednesday, July 25, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. to consider the two items under first reading that were sent to second reading. If necessary, he called for a special emergency meeting for Thursday, July 26, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. for the same two items.

Mr. Cowger motioned to recess for the month of Council. Seconded by Mr. Van Treuren. Roll call vote 4-1 with Mr. Dembinski voting no to recess.

All committee and Council meetings for the month of August were cancelled. If needed, meetings will be called appropriately.

Reports of the Administration:

Auditor Pittak: Their office submitted a CAFR report to the State about a month ago for their review. When that gets back to us around the end of August, he will distribute it to everyone. He reported that per his e mail to everyone, given changes from the county this year, their office did not require council's approval of the tax budget prior to sending to the county. The budget commission has waived the requirement to pass the tax budget. Their office has confirmed that other cities in the county provide a worksheet of the Estimated Revenues and Expenditures to the county and a copy was sent to Council as correspondence. They do not review in Council or pass a Resolution. The reports are attached to that e mail. The reports have been sent to the County. If anyone has a problem with the interim budget, they should contact his office. There will be a post audit meeting on August 13 if any members of council would like to attend that meeting, let him know.

Treasurer Ramsey: No report

Law Director Pecora: No report

Mayor Costilow: The sidewalk repair program got off to its start today. The Building Inspector has been out putting a blue mark on the sidewalks that are up for repair. If a resident has pieces of sandstone that they want to keep for themselves, they need to remove them before the Building Inspector sprays them and the contractor takes them. Part of the contract is the contractor hauling the broken concrete away. It's going well so far, the Building Inspector is doing a great job of marking the sidewalks to be repaired. Then the contractor got right on board and got ready to work. It seems like it will be a smooth process. This has been a long time coming and should be a success.

Mr. Cowger motioned to accept the Reports of the Administration. Seconded by Mr. Dembinski. Voice vote 5-0.

Mr. Dembinski motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Cowger. Voice vote 5-0 to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

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Olga Sivinski, Clerk of Council

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Jennifer Wasilk, President of Council