

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. Nahorn, Mr. Miller, Mr. Janik, Mr. Van Treuren, Mr. Dembinski, Mr. Cowger, Mr. Winiarski - absent. Also present were Mayor Costilow, Law Director Pecora, Auditor Pittak, members of the public and the press. Treasurer Ramsey was absent. Mr. Cowger motioned to excuse Mr. Winiarski as he had a letter on file. Seconded by Mr. Van Treuren. Vote 6-0 to excuse Mr. Winiarski. Mr. Dembinski motioned to excuse Mr. Ramsey as he had a letter on file. Seconded by Mr. Janik. Vote 6-0 to excuse Treasurer Ramsey.

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. Miller. Roll call vote 6-0 to accept.

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

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

- (a) An Ordinance authorizing the re-appropriation of funds in the Auditor's Department, and declaring an emergency (A-18-47)

Mr. Cowger motioned to suspend all council rules to that this item may be passed in its first reading. Seconded by Mr. Janik. Roll call vote 6-0 to suspend rules. Mr. Cowger motioned to adopt. Seconded by Mr. Dembinski. Roll call vote 6-0 to adopt. Becomes 0-18-33.

#### **ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS SECOND READING:**

- (a) An Ordinance authorizing the purchase and installation of equipment necessary for improved video recording and broadcast of municipal meetings, not to exceed \$50,000.00. (A-18-43)

Mr. Van Treuren motioned to pass this on to its third reading. Seconded by Mr. Cowger. Roll call vote 6-0 to pass to third.

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

- (a) An Ordinance repealing Chapters 1341, 1342 and 1344 of part thirteen, Title Three of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Amherst and enacting a new Chapter 1340, entitled "Property Maintenance" which adopts the International Property Maintenance Code 2015 Edition including Appendix "A" thereto relating to boarding standards, with certain amendments and additional provisions; and amending Section 1125.03 of the Codified Ordinances to grant jurisdiction to the Board of Zoning Appeals to hear and determine appeals from decisions, notices or orders of the code official acting under the International Property Maintenance Code. (A-18-31)

Mr. Van Treuren motioned to adopt. Seconded by Mr. Dembinski. Roll call vote 6-0 to adopt. Becomes 0-18-34.

- (b) An Ordinance renewing for a period of ten years the present one-half percent (1/2%) Income Tax Levy previously approved and passed by the electors on November 3, 2009, subject to passage and approval of the voters of the City of Amherst at the Primary Elections on May 7, 2019. (A-18-38)

Mr. Cowger motioned to adopt. Seconded by Mr. Dembinski. Roll call vote 6-0 to adopt. Becomes 0-18-35.

- (c) A Resolution to place on the ballot for the primary election to be held on May 7, 2019, the question of renewing the one-half percent (1/2%) Income Tax Levy previously passed November 3, 2009 with a one-half percent (1/2%) Income Tax Levy. (A-18-37)

Mr. Cowger motioned to adopt. Seconded by Mr. Janik. Roll call vote 6-0 to adopt. Becomes R-18-09.

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

Agenda requests and committee meeting schedules:

A-18-49 Finance Resolution accepting amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the county auditor

A-18-50 Finance Accept grant from FEMA in the of \$313,396 with a 5% match of \$15,669 for local funds for the purchase of radios and radio equipment

Finance October 15, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. A-18-49, A-18-50

Reports of the Administration:

Auditor Pittak: Reported he sent out the September financial reports earlier today

Law Director Pecora: No report

Safety/Service Director Jeffreys: No report

Mayor Costilow: Spoke as to how we come up with the PPA and WSA on our electric rates. Our rate consultant takes a three month average of the cost of purchasing our electric, that is the purchase power adjustment. We charge what we have paid over the last three months. Three months is not a very big average, so he is considering lengthening that to six month. This may make us a little more consistent. He has not done an analysis yet. This is how we keep our rate as close as what we are paying for our power. It's not a guess, it really is an average of what we paid for power for the last three months. Mr. Miller asked if the cost increase was due to a larger purchase price? Mayor Costilow said when the city as a whole, when we have those hot months and we have to buy that peak power, which is very expensive, can increase the cost. The more peak power we buy, the more that PPA ends up costing us at the end of the day.

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

Acknowledgement of the receipt of the monthly reports from the Auditor and the Treasurer. Mr. Dembinski motioned to acknowledge the receipts of the monthly reports. Seconded by Mr. Cowger. Voice vote 6-0 to acknowledge the receipt of the reports.

Mr. Dembinski motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Cowger. Voice vote 6-0 to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

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Olga Sivinski, Clerk of Council

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Jennifer Wasilk, President of Council