

**MEETING WAS HELD IN HYBRID FORM (Council members and visitors in Chambers and all others via ZOOM)**

Amherst City Council was brought to order in a Regular Session with President Wasilk opening the meeting at 7:00 P. M. Also present in Council Chambers were Ms. Smith, Mr. Heberling, Mr. Janik, Mr. Winiarski, Mr. Dembinski, Mr. Cowger, and Mayor Costilow. Present via ZOOM were Safety Service Director Jeffreys, Auditor Pittak, Law Director Pecora and Assistant Law Director Ward. Mr. Wachholz and Treasurer Ramsey were absent had letters on file. Mr. Dembinski motioned to excuse Treasurer Ramsey and Mr. Wachholz as they had letters on file. Seconded by Ms. Smith. Voice vote 6-0 to excuse Mr. Ramsey and Mr. Wachholz.

The Prayer was invoked by Chaplin Janik, followed by the Pledge to the Flag led by Sgt. At Arms Dembinski.

Consent Agenda: Mr. Heberling motioned to accept the Consent Agenda as read. Seconded by Mr. Cowger. Voice vote 6-0 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 to establish the salaries, terms and other conditions of employment for the Chief and Lieutenants of the Police Department of the City of Amherst, repealing all Ordinances In conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency. (A-22-69)

Mr. Dembinski motioned to suspend all Council rules so that this may be passed in its first reading. Seconded by Mr. Heberling. Roll call vote 6-0 to suspend rules. Mr. Janik motioned to adopt. Seconded by Mr. Cowger. Roll call vote 6-0 to adopt. Becomes 0-23-01

**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-23-01 Finance – An ordinance to amend 0-22-60 to reflect the work hours previously changed in 0-21-18; emergency.  
 A-23-02 Finance – Amend 0-22-64 to amend the salaries of the Fire Department employees  
 A-23-03 Finance – Ordinance to amend 0-22-58 regarding the salaries of the Street, Water, Sewer and WPCF foremen; emergency  
 A-23-04 Finance - Ordinance to amend 0-22-57 for the year 2025; emergency  
 A-23-05 Executive – New positions of seasonal part-time employee for the tax season only.  
 A-23-06 Finance – Authorization to spend fund provided by the Nordson Corporation in 2021 for improvements at the Nordson Depot for repairs and improvements; emergency

Finance - January 23, 2023 at 6:40 p.m. A-23-01, A-23-02, A-23-03, A-23-04, A-23-06

No committee Meetings scheduled for January 16, 2023

Executive Committee Meeting will take place February 6, 2023

Reports of the Administration:

Auditor Pittak: Reported the December 2022 was completed and sent out.

Law Director Pecora: No report

Safety/Service Director Jeffreys: No report

Mayor Costilow: Regrading the items assigned to Finance Committee – when he was signing the adopted ordinances for various salary increases, he noted some miscalculations in the amounts and some other minor mistakes and since this will not affect anything immediately, it is fine to correct these at the next meeting. Columbia Gas will have a pretty big presence this year as they will be doing many infrastructure improvement projects. They will probably be with us for this next year. He pointed out that if you drove through S. Amherst recently, you saw the work being done there, and now they will be moving here. The work will be extensive, such as replacing lines, taking meters out of people’s homes, etc. We have had good communication with Columbia Gas. The projects will begin in the Sharondale area and the streets around it. The City will have one more preconstruction meeting with them and the actual construction company that has been awarded the project. As they move through parts of time, he will keep Council apprised of it. Some of the projects will coincide with our street program this year. He is hoping to apply for some grant funds for the City projects. Columbia gas has committed to good communication with the City and residents on this. He reported that Republic Waste will be picking up Christmas trees.

Mr. Cowger motioned to accept the Reports of the Administration. Seconded by Mr. Heberling. Voice vote 6-0 to accept the Reports of the Administration.

Acknowledgement of the receipt of the Auditor and Treasurer reports for the month of December, 2022:

Mr. Winiarski asked if we have received the December report from the Treasurer. It appeared that no one has received one.

Mr. Winiarski motioned to acknowledge the Auditor’s December report. Seconded by Mr. Dembinski. The December report from the Treasurer has **not** been received. Voice vote 6-0 to acknowledge the Auditor’s report.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

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Olga Sivinski, Clerk of Council

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Jennifer Wasilk, President of Council