

REGULAR

FEBRUARY 10

2025

Amherst City Council met in a Regular Session under full compliance of State Law with President Wasilk opening the meeting at 7:00 p. m. Roll call: Mr. Winiarski, Mr. Dembinski, Ms. Harmych, Mr. Wachholz, Mr. Nahorn, Mr. Janik, Mr. Heberling. Also present were Mayor Costilow, Safety/Service Director Jeffrey, Law Director Pecora, Treasurer Ramsey, Auditor Phillips and Deputy Auditor DeSan.

The Prayer was invoked by Chaplain Janik, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag led by acting Sgt. At Arms Nahorn.

Consent Agenda: The Clerk read the Consent Agenda. Mr. Heberling motioned to approve the Consent Agenda as read. Seconded by Mr. Dembinski. Voice vote 7-0 to approve 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 authorizing and directing the Safety Service Director to solicit bids to trim trees (on a unit basis) in the City for the year 2025 at a cost not to exceed \$95,000.00; and authorizing and directing the Safety Service Director to award the contract for such work to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder; and declaring an emergency. (A-25-03)

Mr. Dembinski motioned to suspend all council rules so that this may be passed in its first reading. Seconded by Mr. Janik. Roll call vote 7-0 to suspend rules. Mr. Dembinski motioned to adopt. Seconded by Mr. Wachholz. Roll call vote 7-0 to adopt. Becomes 0-25-01.

- (b) An Ordinance authorizing and directing the Safety Service Director to solicit bids for the OPWC State Issue 1 – Round 38 Park Avenue Rehabilitation Project and authorizing and directing the Safety Service Director to award the contract for such work to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder; authorizing an increase in appropriations for such project to pay Bramhall Engineering & Surveying Company for additional professional services; and declaring an emergency. (A-25-06)

Mr. Nahorn motioned to suspend all council rules so that this may be passed in its first reading. Seconded by Mr. Janik. Roll call vote 7-0 to suspend rules. Mr. Janik motioned to adopt. Seconded by Mr. Heberling. Roll call vote 7-0 to adopt. Becomes 0-25-02.

- (c) An Ordinance to make appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures of the City of Amherst, State of Ohio, during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2025, and repealing all ordinances in conflict herewith. (A-25-07)

Mayor suggested that since the budget has to be delivered to the County by the end of March, consideration might need to be given to add an emergency clause. Mr. Dembinski motioned to amend the ordinance to add the emergency clause. Seconded by Mr. Wachholz. Roll call vote 7-0 to add the emergency clause. Mr. Dembinski motioned to pass this on to its second reading. Seconded by Mr. Janik. Roll call vote 7-0 to pass to second reading.

- (d) An Ordinance authorizing and directing the Safety Service Director to solicit bids for the 2025 Road Rehabilitation Program and authorizing and directing the Safety Service Director to award the contract for such work to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder; authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract for professional services with Bramhall Engineering & Surveying Company relating to such project; and declaring an emergency. (A-25-09).

Mr. Nahorn motioned to suspend all council rules so that this may be passed in its first reading. Seconded by Mr. Heberling. Roll call vote 7-0 to suspend rules. Mr. Janik motioned to adopt. Seconded by Mr. Dembinski. Roll call vote 7-0 to adopt. Becomes 0-25-03.

- (e) An Ordinance to establish the wage rates and benefits, terms and other conditions of employment for the Director of the Office on Aging of the City of Amherst, repealing all Ordinances in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency. (A-25-08)

Mr. Heberling motioned to suspend all council rules so that this may be passed in its first reading. Seconded by Mr. Nahorn. Mr. Winiarski asked if this was an appointed position or a new hire position. Mr. Pecora said it was an appointed position. Roll call vote 7-0 to suspend rules. Mr. Heberling motioned to adopt. Seconded by Mr. Nahorn. Mr. Dembinski confirmed that this is not a new position, but a current part time position that is being made full time. Mr. Pecora confirmed this is the case. Roll call vote 7-0 to adopt. Becomes 0-25-04.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS SECOND READING: None

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS THIRD READING: None

Miscellaneous and acknowledgement of the public:

Mrs. Wasilk reported that Becky Harmych has agreed to be the designated appointment to the Design Review Board by the Council President. Ms. Harmych agreed to the appointment. Mr. Dembinski motioned to accept the appointment of Ms. Harmych to the Design Review Board. Seconded by Mr. Nahorn. Voice vote 7-0 to agree to the appointment.

Mrs. Wasilk read the letter of recommendation from Mayor Costilow to appoint Jim Yorks and Matt Nahorn to the Design Review Board for the term ending 01/31/28. Mr. Dembinski motioned to confirm the appointment of Mr. Yorks and Mr. Nahorn to the Design Board of Review. Seconded by Mr. Heberling. Voice vote 7-0 to confirm the appointment of Mr. Yorks and Mr. Nahorn (council representative) to the Design Review Board.

Agenda requests and committee meeting schedules: (assigned since 11/25/24 meeting)

- A-25-01 Police/ Fire TRL (Tobacco Retail Licensing (tabled from 2024 and formerly A-24-01
- A-25-02 Executive Establish and Ordinance for the part-time Income Tax Clerk
- A-25-03 Finance Authorizing and directing the Service Director to solicit bids to trim trees for line clearance on a unit basis in the City of Amherst for the year 2025; emergency
- A-25-04 Police/Fire Amending the noise ordinance
- A-25-05 Police/Fire Amending Section 509.11 of the Codified Ordinances regarding unnecessary and excessive noise
- A-25-06 Finance Authorize the Safety/Service director to solicit bids for the Park Avenue rehabilitation, OPWC State Issue 1 Round 38, and authorizing and directing the Safety/ Service Director to award the contract for such work to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder; emergency
- A-25-07 Finance 2025 Permanent budget
- A-25-08 Executive Ordinance creating the full time position for the Director of the Office on Aging; repealing all Ordinances in conflict herewith; emergency
- A-25-09 Finance Authorizing the Safety/Service Director to solicit bids for the 2025 Road Rehabilitation program; and authorizing and directing the Safety/Service Director to bid and award the contract for such work to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder; and appropriating funding for professional services provided by Bramhall Engineering and Surveying Co., emergency

No new requests were submitted.

Police/Fire - February 17, 2025 at 7:00 p. m. - A-25-04, Amending the noise ordinance
A-25-05 Amending Section 509.11 of the Codified Ordinances regarding unnecessary and excessive noise

The remaining Committee Meetings for 2/17/25 are cancelled

Reports of the Administration:

Auditor Phillips: The November, December and January reports have been distributed.

Treasurer Ramsey: The November, December and January reports have been distributed.

Law Director Pecora: No report

Safety/Service Director Jeffreys: No report

Mayor Costilow: Thanked Mr. Nahorn, Mr. Yorks and Ms. Harmych for joining the Design Review Board. That board is what keeps our downtown looking so historical. . It sets us up with all the rules and regulations. They help with applications for grants. The construction for the railroad bridge has begun. Getting some utilities under the S Main Street bridge is the beginning of the construction. When the construction actually begins, some of these things will be out of the way. They are bringing in huge cranes and some of the poles will be moved. The first part of the project is that big cement wall that goes to the east. This will begin soon and they will try to keep the roads open as much as they can. It is not our project, but our engineers and our utilities are on it. He has had meetings with the company that won the project and he will stay involved. It will be a big team effort. It will be nice to have S. Main bridge tall enough to get tall truck under the bridge. This will add 18” of height. The bridge will not be raised, rather, they will be using more metals which will not be as tall. This will be a 2-3 year project. If anyone has any questions, they can call his office and he will pass the concerns on.

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

Acknowledgement of the receipt of the November, December and January Auditor and Treasurer reports: Mr. Nahorn motioned to acknowledge the receipt of the November, December, and January Auditor and the Treasurer reports. Seconded by Mr. Dembinski. Voice vote 7-0 to acknowledge the receipt of the reports.

Mr. Heberling motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Dembinski. Voice vote 7-0 to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Olga Sivinski, Clerk of Council

Jennifer Wasilk, President of Council