

The Amherst City Council Meeting was brought to order in a Regular Session with President Wasilk opening the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mr. Dembinski, Ms. Harmych, Mr. Wachholz, Mr. Nahorn, Mr. Janik, Mr. Heberling, Mayor Costilow, Law Director Pecora, Assistant Law Director Ward, Auditor Phillips, Treasurer Ramsey, Safety/Service Director Jeffreys and three visitors. Mr. Winiarski was absent and had a letter on file. Mr. Dembinski motioned to excuse Mr. Winiarski as he had a letter on file. Seconded by Mr. Wachholz. Vote 6-0 to excuse Mr. Winiarski.

The Prayer was invoked by Chaplain Janik, followed by the Pledge to the Flag led by Sergeant at Arms Dembinski.

Consent Agenda: The Clerk read the Consent Agenda. Mr. Janik motioned to approve the Consent Agenda as read. Seconded by Mr. Nahorn. Voice vote 6-0 to approve the Consent Agenda.

Acknowledgement of the Public pertaining to items on the Agenda: There was no one speaking.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS FIRST READING: None

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS SECOND READING:

- (a) 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; and declaring an emergency.
(A-25-07)

Mayor Costilow said if this budget was adopted on emergency, there are several projects waiting for funding that could begin immediately. Auditor Phillips agreed. 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 6-0 to suspend rules. Mr. Janik motioned to adopt. Seconded by Mr. Nahorn. Roll call vote 6-0 to adopt. Becomes 0-25-05.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS THIRD READING: None

Miscellaneous and acknowledgement of the public: Mrs. Linda Turley, 111 Jacksons Street, spoke on behalf of the Jackson Street residents and asked about the status of the house at 167 Jacksons Street. She understood that the house was condemned. The owner had failed to attend the Zoning Board of Appeals. She had talked to Mr. Ward, however, he did not have a timeline for this. Mayor Costilow said she is at the mercy of the courts, who would have the timeline, not Mr. Ward. It is in the courts' hands. Mrs. Turley noted that nothing has been filed in the court. Mr. Pecora said he will check where we stand on filing. She asked if anything can be done about the cars. Mayor Costilow suggested calling the police department or the building department. Mrs. Turley said she has done both. Mr. Janik asked if this was similar to the Crosse Road property at all? Mayor Costilow said this was not as bad, but Crosse Road property was eventually torn down. It's just the timeline. Mr. Pecora explained.

Agenda requests and committee meeting schedules:

No meetings were scheduled for March 3.

Mr. Heberling called for A-25-02 Part time Income Tax Clerk for March 17 at 7:00 p.m.
Mr. Dembinski called for A-25-04 and A-25-05 – both regarding noise standards – for March 17 at 7:05 p.m.

Reports of the Administration:

Auditor Phillips: No report
Treasurer Ramsey: No report
Law Director Pecora: No report
Safety/Service Director Jeffreys: No report.
Mayor Costilow: No report

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

Mr. Heberling motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Dembinski. Voice vote 6-0 to adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:12 p. m.

Olga Sivinski, Clerk of Council

Jennifer Wasilk, President of Council