

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. Wachholz, Mr. Nahorn, Mr. Janik, Mr. Heberling, Mr. Winiarski, Mr. Dembinski, Ms. Harmych,. Also present were Mayor Costilow, Auditor Phillips, Law Director Pecora, Treasurer Ramsey, and Safety/Service Director Jeffrey and one visitor.

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 accept the Consent Agenda as read. Seconded by Mr. Wacholz. Roll call vote 7-0 to accept the Consent Agenda.

Acknowledgement of the Public pertaining to items on the Agenda: Mr. Brian Deitz of 765 Terra Lane spoke to A-25-13. He was pleased by Council's actions. He had reached out to Mr. Winiarski last year and asked him why all the meetings were not on the website. He thanked Mr. Winiarski and Mr. Dembinski for getting this onto council floor. He explained that recently he went back and watched the County Commissioners' meeting because they are dealing with the radios for the fire department. He went back three years to a meeting and pulled some things out and took them to a subcommittee meeting and gave that to Chief Dimacchia. He works for the City of Westlake in the 911 Center there. Due to a consolidation of dispatch they have been watching meetings. He likes how our meetings are available and he is able to pick out a particular item to watch and he can watch them at anytime. He feels many people think they know how things work, but they don't. He feels many people would like to learn. This gives the residents another aspect to learn. He thanked council and appreciates their work and will be watching the three meetings til this is adopted.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS FIRST READING:

- (a) An Ordinance authorizing and directing the Safety Service Director to solicit bids for the Water Pollution Control Center UV System Upgrades Project 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-25-12)

Mr. Dembinski motioned to suspend all Council rules so that this may be passed in its first reading. Seconded by Mr. Nahorn. Roll call vote 7-0 to suspend rules. Mr. Wachholz motioned to adopt. Seconded by Mr. Janik. Roll call vote 7-0 to adopt. Becomes 0-25-07.

- (b) An Ordinance to stream City of Amherst meetings on the City's website, and make meeting agendas and minutes available on the City's website. (A-25-13)

Mr. Heberling motioned to pass this on to its second reading. Seconded by Mr. Nahorn. Roll call vote 7-0 to pass to second reading.

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-25-14 Finance Ordinance to create a Tax Increment Financing Incentive District for Dewey Road improvements.

A-25-15 Finance Increase appropriations for full time Tax Clerk

Public Hearing Monday, April 7, 2025 at 6:50 to discuss an Ordinance to create a Tax Increment Financing Incentive District for Dewey Road improvements.

Finance Monday, April 7, 2025 at 7:00 A-25-14

The remainder of the Committee Meetings for April 7, 2025 are cancelled.

Reports of the Administration:

Auditor Phillips: She has received notification of their financial reporting. They received achievement from GFOA, which is the Government Finance Office Association for the 2023 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report. So that is the certificate of achievement for excellence in financial reporting. It goes to the Auditor's department and everyone that works to make our finances crystal clear. She proudly held up the plaque with the additional disc attached to it.

Treasurer Ramsey: He has sent out the CIC report to everyone. There really is no activity in that report. But this is an annual requirement. Also, he has sent out a plan for funds for staffing in their office and they will receive an agenda request to fund that full time position.

Law Director Pecora: No report.

Safety/Service Director Jeffreys: No report

Mayor Costilow: Pointed out that one of the agenda requests was to do with Dewey Road Tax Incentive District. When we allowed the project to back in there, we had a plan to develop this district for some financing so that we could widen the road, get some sidewalks and any other improvements that are necessary. Before the meeting to discuss this, there will be a Public Hearing. There was one notification sent out as required by law. Council had agreed to enter into an agreement with a company and a representative from that company will be here to answer questions. He will explain what is being proposed and what the steps are. Pools season is almost here and there are applications for various positions in the park. There is a plan in case anyone wants to get their lifeguard certification. He invited anyone to come in his office and see Jami.

Mr. Nahorn motioned to accept the Reports of the Administration. Seconded by Mr. Dembinski. Mr. Dembinski noted that he did not receive the CIC report. It appears that no Council member received that report. Clerk said it will be sent out. Roll call vote 7-0 to accept the reports of the administration

Acknowledgement of the receipt of the City of Amherst Community Improvement Corporation report for 2024. It was pointed out that Council did not receive this report, so it will be considered at the next council meeting.

Mr. Heberling motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Dembinski. Roll call vote 7-0 to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Olga Sivinski, Clerk of Council

Jennifer Wasilk, President of Council

Please note: In the minutes of March 10, 2025 the Auditor's name should have been Philips. Not Pittak. It has been corrected in the original minutes.

