

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. Heberling, Mr. Winiarski, Mr. Dembinski, Ms. Harmych, Mr. Wachholz, Mr. Nahorn, Mr. Janik, Also present were Mayor Costilow, Auditor Phillips - absent, Law Director Pecora, Treasurer Ramsey, Safety/Service Director Jeffreys, Deputy Auditor Michael Desan, and Mr. and Mrs. Len Gilles.

Mr. Heberling motioned to excuse Auditor Phillips as she had a letter on file and Mr. DeSan is here to take her place. Seconded by Mr. Dembinski. Vote 7-0 to excuse Mrs. Phillips.

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. Dembinski motioned to accept the Consent Agenda as read. Seconded by Mr. Heberling. Roll call vote 7-0 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 amending Section 509.10 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Amherst, Ohio to Establish Noise Performance Standards. (A-25-04)

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

- (b) An Ordinance Amending Section 509.11 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Amherst, Ohio Regarding Unnecessary and Excessive Noise. (A-25-05)

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

- (c) A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to participate in the Ohio Department of Transportation Winter contract for road salt for 2025-2026; and declaring an emergency. (A-25-17)

Mr. Nahorn motioned to suspend all Council rules that this may be passed in its first reading. Seconded by Mr. Dembinski. 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 0-25-02

- (d) An Ordinance creating the Quarry Creek Tax Increment Financing Incentive Districts; declaring improvements to the parcels within each incentive district to be a public purpose and exempt from real property taxation; requiring the owners of those parcels to make service payments in lieu of taxes; establishing a Municipal Public Improvement Tax Increment Equivalent Fund for the deposit of those service payments; specifying the public infrastructure improvements that benefit or serve parcels in the Incentive District; and providing for compensation payments. (A-25-14)

Mayor Costilow provided numbers for the cost of the improvements. The numbers he provided were estimates and he said he would provided corrected numbers before the next meeting. Road rehab and widening \$1,000,000, walking trail and miscellaneous improvements \$175,000, Sanitary lift station, \$500,000 and he named some other projects and costs. The total would be \$2,180,950.00. He said even if these houses bring in \$3,000, over a 10 year period we will collect over 5 million dollars. We can also do other improvements such as improvements to the MetroParks. Mr. Dembinski motioned to pass this on to its second reading. Seconded by Mr. Wachholz. Mr. Winiarski asked if regarding the road improvements, sidewalks, signage, storm water, 2.1 million, this has all happened in the past? Mayor Costilow said these would be all new improvements. Mr. Winiarski thanked the Mayor and said these figures make sense to him.

Mr. Heberling thanked the Mayor. He said he had asked for three things, and ultimately received. He was in direct opposition at the start of this, but this is one of the things he had asked for.

Mrs. Kathleen Gilles of 6024 Dewey Road, noted that what she read in the newspaper, because she did not know improvements were coming their way, she wondered about the walkability path. Mayor Costilow said this walking path would be on both sides of the street. He said if the dream of a park across N. Ridge comes to being, then there would be some kind of crosswalk there. He explained further. Mrs. Gilles asked about the temporary widening of their road so the cement trucks don't drive on their property. Mayor said this is what this will take care of.

Mr. Heberling said his second request a year ago was to do with the path from the development, to Amherst Village, and possibly crossing N. Ridge Road. Regardless of how the plans develop, his request is to get the walkability path done in advance to be able to access that area. Once the first and second request were put into place, that's what made him change his vote.

Roll call vote 7-0 to pass to second reading.

#### **ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS SECOND READING: NONE**

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

- (a) 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. Dembinski motioned to adopt. Seconded by Mr. Wachholz. Roll call vote 7-0 to adopt. Becomes 0-25-10.

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

Agenda requests and committee meeting schedules:

There were no Agenda Requests submitted, therefore there will be no Committee Meetings on May 5.

#### **Reports of the Administration**

Deputy Auditor DeSan: The March 2025 reports have been completed and distributed. The 2024 audit is being wrapped up and we are in good shape.

Treasurer Ramsey: The March 2025 reports have been completed and distributed as well.

We also just wrapped up the audit for the Amherst Community Improvement Corporation.

Once that report has been released publicly, he will let everyone know they can share theirs as well.

Law Director Pecora: No report.

Safety/Service Director Jeffreys: No report

Mayor Costilow: There we a couple of small snags where they are working on the railroad. but they were resolved very quickly. If Council has any concern, they should contact his office. This constructions company is very good to work with.

Mr. Heberling motioned to accept the Reports of the Administration. Seconded by Mr. Wacholz. Roll call vote 7-0 to accept the reports of the administration.

Acknowledgement of the receipt of the March 2025 reports from the Auditor and Treasurer:

Mr. Dembinski motioned to acknowledge the receipts of the March 2025 reports from the Auditor and the Treasurer. Seconded by Mr. Wachholz. Vote 7-0 to acknowledge the reports.

Mr. Heberling motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Dembinski. Roll call vote 7-0 to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.