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Amherst City Council met in a Regular Session under full compliance of State Law with President pro-tem Janik opening the meeting at 7:00 P. M. Roll call: Mr. Dembinski, Ms. Harmych, Mr. Wachholz, Mr. Nahorn, Mr. Janik, Mr. Heberling, Mr. Winiarski. Also present were Mayor Costilow, Auditor Phillips, Law Director Pecora, Treasurer Ramsey, Safety/Service Director Jeffreys, Mr. Steve Kriston and two other gentlemen from Lumos. Mr. Dembinski motioned to excuse Council President Wasilk from this evening's meeting, as she has a letter on file. Vote 7-0 to excuse Mrs. Wasilk.

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. Heberling motioned to accept the Consent Agenda as read. Seconded by Mr. Dembinski. 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 authorizing an increase in appropriations for the Law Enforcement Trust Fund for future purchases of Police-Related Equipment and Vehicles; and declaring an emergency. (A-25-18)

Mr. Dembinski motioned to suspend all council rules so that this may be passed in its first reading. Seconded by Mr. Winiarski. Roll call vote 7-0 to suspend rules. Mr. Nahorn motioned to adopt. Seconded by Mr. Winiarski. Roll call vote 7-0 to adopt. Becomes 0-25-11.

(b) An Ordinance authorizing the City of Amherst, Ohio to enter into a Right of Way Use Agreement and a Pole Attachment Agreement with Lumos. (A-25-20)

Mr. Heberling motioned to pass this on to its second reading. Seconded by Mr. Dembinski. Mr. Winiarski asked if he should recuse himself on discussion or voting on this topic? Mr. Dembinski motioned that Mr. Winiarski recuse himself from discussion or voting on this matter. Seconded by Mr. Heberling. Voice vote 6-0 (with Mr. Winiarski not voting) that Mr. Winiarski recuse himself from discussion or voting on this subject. Roll call vote 6-0 to pass on to second reading. (Mr. Winiarski recusing)

(c) An Ordinance to remove the Secretary of the Income Tax Office position and other Updates within the Income Tax Office. (A-25-19)

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

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS SECOND READING: NONE

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS THIRD 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. Heberling motioned to adopt. Seconded by Mr. Dembinski. Roll call vote 7-0 to adopt. Becomes 0-25-12.

(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)

Mr. Dembinski motioned to adopt. Seconded by Mr. Wachholz. Roll call vote 7-0 to adopt. Becomes 0-25-13.

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(c) 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)

Mr. Nahorn motioned to adopt. Seconded by Mr. Heberling. Roll call vote 7-0 to adopt. Becomes 0-25-14

Miscellaneous and acknowledgement of the public: Mr. Janik wished to recognize and thanked Gerri Rice for organizing the great Memorial Day parade. It was an excellent job as always and seemed to go off without a hitch, with the addition of beautiful weather cooperating.

Agenda Requests and Committee Meeting schedules: Two items were read but later withdrawn. Therefore, no committee meetings were scheduled.

Reports of the Administration:

Auditor Phillips: Their office has been in communication with all departments in the City as it is coming to the end of the month, so they should submit whatever they need to.

Treasurer Ramsey: Reported the hired a new Deputy Treasurer – Sheila wood, who started about a week ago. The basic CIC audit has been distributed and released for publication. Law Director Pecora: No report

Safety/Service Director Jeffreys: No report.

Mayor Costilow: Agreed with Mr. Janik that the parade was great and the weather was wonderful. Gerri Rice and her family have been doing this parade for countless years. It takes a lot of volunteers. It was a great parade. The real reason for us being out there is for the fallen soldiers and service people and he is glad so many come out for that. Road construction season is quickly coming upon us. The railroad project will probably kick off in the next week or so. He spoke about the railroad asking us to shut down the city for a significant amount of time, so he is working on that. So we are in discussion about that. Then to follow is our regular road program. Schools are out so they should be able to being shortly. Roads should be done during summer break. We will be working with the contractors to make sure delays are as little as possible. He said the city is looking for new police officers. Applications can be picked up in his office.

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

Acknowledgement of the receipt of the Amherst Community Improvement Corporation Lorain County Basic Audit:

Mr. Dembinski motioned to acknowledge the receipt of the. Amherst Community Improvement Corporation Lorain County Basic Audit. Seconded by Mr. Nahorn. Voice vote 7-0 to acknowledge the receipt of the report.

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

Olga Sivinski, Clerk of Council	David Janik, President Pro-Tem of Council

Please note: Minutes of April 28, 2025 meeting item (c) – ODOT should be R-25-02.