

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 - absent, Mr. Dembinski, Ms. Harmych. Also present were Mayor Costilow, Safety/Service Director Jeffreys, Law Director Pecora, Auditor Phillips, Treasurer Lawrence, Assistant Law Director Ward, two gentlemen from Lumos. Mr. Wachholz motioned excuse Mr. Winiarski as he had a letter on file. Seconded by Mr. Dembinski. Voice vote 6-0 to excuse Mr. Winiarski.

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

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

Acknowledgement of the Public pertaining to items on the Agenda: Mr. Ben Cutler of Columbia Gas was invited to speak at this time. Mr. Cutler provided handouts to everyone explaining the pipeline relocation project. He explained the terms of timing. He assured everyone that all property will be restored properly. He invited all not to hesitate to reach out with questions, concerns or any other special circumstances. If concerns come before him, he takes full responsibility and takes care of it. Letters from Columbia Gas on file. Mr. Lawrence said he has had some complaints from residents that have not been addressed by Columbia Gas. Mr. Cutler invited Mr. Lawrence to provide him with names and these issues will be taken care of by him. Mr. Heberling asked about any work done recently, could the residents be exempt from having the work done again? Mr. Cutler said as long as the work has been done in the last 4 years or so, and they have good records there, they can probably skip the service lines. But it will have to be tied into the main line. He spoke further of an area where the main line installation can be skipped. The Clerk commended the workers for the workers for being there to direct traffic in this very, very warm weather.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS FIRST READING:

- (a) An Ordinance amending Chapter 181 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Amherst, Ohio regarding a Mayor's Court (A-25-21)

Mr. Heberling motioned to pass this on to its second reading. Seconded by Mr. Wachholz. Roll call vote 6-0 to pass to second.

- (b) An Ordinance amending Section 1105.17 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Amherst, Ohio regarding filing fees for documents submitted to the Planning Commission; and declaring an emergency. (A-25-22)

Mr. Dembinski motioned to suspend all Council rules so that this may be passed in its first reading. Seconded by Mr. Wachholz. Roll call vote 6-0 to suspend rules. Mr. Janik motioned to adopt. Seconded by Mr. Wachholz. Roll call vote 6-0 to adopt. Becomes 0-25-15.

- (c) An Ordinance amending Section 1337.04 of the Codified Ordinances of the city of Amherst, Ohio regarding Building Fees. (A-25-23)

Mr. Heberling motioned to pass this on to its second reading. Seconded by Mr. Dembinski. Roll call vote 6-0 to pass to second.

- (d) An Ordinance authorizing an increase In appropriations for Video Streaming Services; and declaring an emergency. (A-25-24)

Mr. Dembinski motioned to suspend all Council rules so that this may be passed in its first reading. Seconded by Mr. Wachholz. Roll call vote 6-0 to suspend rules. Mr. Janik motioned to adopt. Seconded by Mr. Dembinski. Roll call vote 6-0 to adopt. Becomes 0-25-16.

- (e) An Ordinance authorizing an increase In appropriations for the OPWC State Issue 1 – Round 38 Park Avenue Rehabilitation Project; and declaring an emergency. (A-25-25)

Mr. Heberling motioned to suspend all Council rules so that this may be passed in its first reading. Seconded by Mr. Dembinski. 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 0-25-17.

- (f) An Ordinance authorizing and directing the Safety/Service Director to prepare and submit an application to participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission State Capital Improvement and/or Local Transportation Improvement Program(s) for State Issue 1 (Round 39) and to execute contracts as required; and declaring an emergency, (A-25-26)

Mr. Nahorn motioned to suspend all Council rules so that this may be passed in its first reading. Seconded by Mr. Wachholz. 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 0-25-18.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS SECOND READING: NONE

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS THIRD READING:

- (a) 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. Dembinski motioned to adopt. Seconded by Mr. Wachholz. Roll call vote 6-0 to adopt. Becomes 0-25-19.

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

Mr. Heberling motioned to adopt. Seconded by Mr. Nahorn. Roll call vote 6-0 to adopt. Becomes 0-25-20.

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

Agenda requests and committee meeting schedules:

Already considered and completed:

A-25-25 Finance – Authorization of additional funds for the OPWC Round 38 Park Avenue Project; emergency

A-25-26 Finance – An Ordinance amending 0-24-24 to reflect OPWC required wording; emergency

Finance – June 23, 2025 at 6:45 p. m. A-25-25, A-25-26

New:

A-25-27 Ordinance - An Ordinance to approve current replacement pages to the Amherst codified ordinances and declaring an emergency.

A-25-28 Finance - authorization allowing the Mayor to enter into an agreement for professional services with Bramhall Engineering & Surveying relating to OPC State Issue 1, Round 39 – S Lake Rehabilitation

Finance – July 14, 2025 at 6:45 p. m. A-25-28

Ordinance – July 14, 2025 at 6:50 p.m. A-25-27

The remaining Committee Meetings for July 7, 2025 have been cancelled.

Reports of the Administration:

Auditor Phillips: Clarified and confirmed that the April and May Auditor Reports have been distributed.

Mayor Costilow introduced our new Treasurer – Mr. James Lawrence. He replaces Mr. Richard Ramsey, who resigned recently. He would also like to thank the Lorain County Republican Central Committee for their timeliness of their new appointment. It's hard to operate without a Treasurer.

Treasurer Lawrence: Reported nothing major to update. But he wanted to let everyone that helped and assisted in his coming aboard that and it is greatly appreciated. He will be spending time with the team this week so he can understand the “playbook” and his role in it and ensuring that we continue to do business as usual.

Law Director Pecora: No report.

Safety/Service Director Jeffreys: No report..

Mayo Costilow: No official business to report, but he thanked the Amherst Historical Society for putting on another great program – The Taste of History. People travelled from all over the place so they had a ton of visitors this year. There are plans for growing and getting even bigger next year. Hats off to them. He thinks it's one of the greatest events we have had. It was really well done.

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

Acknowledgement of the receipt of the April and May reports from the Auditor:

Mr. Dembinski motioned to acknowledge the receipt of the April and May Auditor Reports. Seconded by Mr. Wachholz. Voice vote 6-0 to acknowledge the receipt of the reports.

Mr. Heberling motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Dembinski. Voice vote 6-0 to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Olga Sivinski, Clerk of Council

Jennifer Wasilk, President of Council