

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 Ms. Harnych-absent, Mr. Wachholz, Mr. Nahorn, Mr. Janik, Mr. Heberling, Mr. Winiarski - absent, Mr. Dembinski. Also present were Mayor Costilow, Auditor Phillips, Law Director Pecora, Treasurer Lawrence. Safety/Service Director Jeffreys. Mr. Heberling motioned to excuse Mr. Winiarski as he had a letter on file. Seconded by Mr. Nahorn. Vote 6-0 to excuse Mr. Winiarski. Also present was a visitor who did not wish to speak.

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. Nahorn. Roll call vote 6-0 to accept the Consent Agenda as read.

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

#### **ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS FIRST READING:**

- (a) An ordinance amending Chapter 1153 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Amherst, Ohio regarding Mobile Vending. (A-25-32)

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

- (b) A resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the county auditor. (A-25-33)

Mr. Dembinski motioned to suspend all council rules so that this may be passed in its first reading. Seconded by Mr. Heberling. 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 R-25-03.

- (c) An ordinance authorizing and directing the Safety/Service Director to bid and award the contract for sludge removal services for the City's Water Pollution Control Center for the years 2026 and 2027; and declaring an emergency. (A-25-34)

Mr. Janik 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. Dembinski. Roll call vote 6-0 to adopt. Becomes 0-25-28.

- (d) A resolution for automated clearing house and electronic transactions, and repealing all resolutions in conflict herewith; and declaring an emergency. (A-25-35)

Mr. Nahorn motioned to suspend all council rules so that this may be passed in its first reading. Seconded by Mr. Heberling. Roll call vote 6-0 to suspend rules. Mr. Heberling Motioned to adopt. Seconded by Mr. Janik. Roll call vote 6-0 to adopt. Becomes R-25-04.

#### **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:

Assigned 10/27/25 – all will be considered November 3, 2025

A-25-36 Finance – An ordinance establishing the salary of the Auditor of the City of Amherst for the years 2026, 2027, 2028 and 2029; repealing all Ordinances in conflict herewith; emergency.

- A-25-37 Finance – An ordinance establishing the salary, terms, and other conditions of employment for the Information Technology Department of the City of Amherst and repealing all ordinances in conflict herewith; emergency.
- A-25-38 Finance – An ordinance establishing the salary, terms, and other conditions of employment for certain full time non-bargaining employee of the City of Amherst and repealing all ordinances in conflict herewith; emergency.
- A-25-39 Finance - An ordinance establishing the salary, terms, and other conditions of employment for the Office of Aging of the City of Amherst and repealing all ordinances in conflict herewith; emergency.
- A-25-40 Finance – An ordinance establishing the salary, terms, and other conditions of employment for the permanent part time Payroll/Clerk/Budget Assistant of the City of Amherst and repealing all ordinances in conflict herewith; emergency.
- A-25-41 Finance – An ordinance establishing the salary, terms, and other conditions of employment for the Super intendent of Utilities and Water Pollution Control Center and Supervisors of the Electric, Sewer, Stret water and Water Pollution Control Center of the City of Amherst and repealing all ordinances in conflict herewith; emergency.
- A-25-42 Finance – An ordinance establishing the salary of the Treasurer of the City of Amherst for the years 2026, 2027, 2028 and 2029; repealing all Ordinances in conflict herewith; emergency

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- A-25-43 Finance - An ordinance establishing the salary, terms and other conditions for the permanent part-time Tax Assistant 1 of the City of Amherst; repealing all Ordinances in conflict herewith; emergency
- A-25-44 Finance - An ordinance establishing the salary, terms, and other conditions of employment for the Fire Chief of the Fire Department of the City of Amherst and repealing all ordinances in conflict herewith; emergency.
- A-25-45 Finance - An ordinance establishing the salary, terms, and other conditions of employment for the Chief and Lieutenant of the Police Department of the City of Amherst and repealing all ordinances in conflict herewith; emergency.
- A-25-46 Finance An ordinance establishing the salary, terms, and other conditions of employment for the full-time Civilian Administrator for the Police Department of the City of Amherst and repealing all ordinances in conflict herewith; emergency.
- A-25-47 Finance An ordinance approving and accepting a collective bargaining agreement with the City of Amherst's American Federation of State, Municipal and County Employees (AFSCME) for the years 2026, 2027 and 2028; emergency
- A-25-48 Finance - An ordinance establishing the salary, terms, and other conditions of employment for the Fire Department of the City of Amherst and repealing all ordinances in conflict herewith; emergency.
- A-25-49 Finance - An ordinance approving and accepting a collective bargaining agreement with the City of Amherst's Full Time Patrols and Sergeants unit of the Ohio Patrolmen's Benevolent Association for the years 2026, 2027 and 2028; emergency
- A-25-50 Finance - An ordinance approving and accepting a collective bargaining agreement with the City of Amherst's Part-time Dispatchers unit of the Ohio Patrolmen's Benevolent Association for the years 2026, 2027 and 2028; emergency.
- A-25-51 Finance - An ordinance approving and accepting a collective bargaining agreement with the City of Amherst's Full-time Dispatchers unit of the Ohio Patrolmen's Benevolent Association for the years 2026, 2027 and 2028; emergency.
- A-25-52 Finance - An ordinance establishing the salary, terms, and other conditions of employment for the Fire Department of the City of Amherst and repealing all ordinances in conflict herewith; emergency.
- A-25-53 Finance - An ordinance approving and accepting a collective bargaining agreement with the City of Amherst's Part-time Dispatchers unit of the Ohio Patrolmen's Benevolent Association for the years 2026, 2027 and 2028; emergency.
- A-25-54 Finance - An ordinance approving and accepting a collective bargaining agreement with the City of Amherst's Part-time Patrol Unit of the Ohio Patrolmen's Benevolent Association for the years 2026, 2027 and 2028; emergency.

The remaining Committee Meetings for November 3, 2025 are cancelled

Reports from the Administration

Auditor Phillips: They are closing the month of October this week. They are starting the process for the 2025 State Audit. She and the Deputy Auditor will be meeting with a representative of the State Auditor's office next week.

Treasurer Lawrence: No report

Law Director Pecora: No report.

Safety/Service Director Jeffreys: No report.

Mayor Costilow: Reported that all the information will be provided to everyone for the Agenda Requests read off this evening later in the week. Although they are requesting an emergency clause, they can all be sent on to second reading. There are similarities and changes with some of them. He will do his best to generalize them and show the similarities. He understands that the S. Main Street bridge is supposed to open tomorrow. Hopefully we will begin to move traffic down there. We have had some really good weather so the bridge construction has been moving along. There have been some delays but are continuing as quickly as possible. The retention wall is going really great and will be an asset when finished. The leaf pick up will begin November 3 on the north side of the track that week. The following week will be on the south side of the track. It will alternate through November. Final pickup will be made as well if necessary.

Mr. Heberling motioned to accept the Reports of the Administration. Seconded by Mr. Dembinski. Roll call vote 6-0 to accept the reports of the administration.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

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Olga Sivinski, Clerk of Council

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Jennifer Wasilk, President of Council