

REGULAR

MARCH 9

2026

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. Janik, Mr. Nahorn, Mr. Winiarski, Mr. Dembinski, Mr. Wachholz, Mr. Mowcomber Also present were Mayor Costilow, Law Director Pecora, Auditor Phillips, Treasurer Miller, and Safety Service Director Jeffreys. Also present was a visitor who did not wish to speak.

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. Janik Dembinski. Voice vote 7-0 to approve 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 City of Amherst Ordinance No. 0-15-40 establishing the wage rates and benefits, terms and other conditions of employment for certain full-time non-bargaining unit employees of the City of Amherst, repealing all Ordinances in conflict therewith; and declaring an emergency. (A-26-13)

Mrs. Wasilk asked Ms. Phillips if this was something she would like to see adopted under suspension of rules and Ms. Phillips agreed that she would. Mr. Winiarski said his understanding is that HR may become a component of this person's job? Mayor Costilow said small parts of it. They will still share responsibilities and as time goes on, they will figure out what best fits. He feels there are things that work best in the Mayor's office and things that the Auditor's office can take care of. Mr. Winiarski asked if they are looking to offload responsibilities? Or do they have a complete vision of a complete department that would accept these? Mayor mentioned the jobs that might be shared with the Auditor's office. We will play it by ear and see how much time they have and what responsibilities to take. Mrs. Wasilk pointed out we need to have a motion on the floor in order to continue this discussion. Mr. Winiarski motioned to suspend all council rules so that this may be passed in its first reading. Seconded by Mr. Wachholz. Roll call vote 7-0 to suspend rules. Mr. Winiarski motioned to adopt. Seconded by Mr. Nahorn. Mr. Winiarski noted that nothing in the ordinance describes the HR position or the additional work as required. Mayor Costilow said none of our job descriptions are attached to ordinances. He feels that will change as the job requires. As of now that would be the job description they would hire for. He feels they would talk later and add responsibilities. The auditor may put a line in there for responsibilities as required by the supervisor. He thinks all our other job descriptions have that. Mr. Dembinski thanked the Mayor for adding the line in the whereas section that we want to eliminate the existing part-time payroll clerk position, but it's in the "whereas section" not in the "therefore section" and he always thought the "therefore section" is where you are doing action, and "whereas" is just why we want to do it. Mr. Pecora agreed but pointed out we have an adopting motion before us. Mrs. Wasilk said she believed we can still amend at this point. Mr. Dembinski motioned to amend a subsidiary motion to have the permanent part-time payroll clerk/budget assistant to be added to the "therefore" section of the ordinance. Seconded by Mr. Wachholz. Roll call vote 7-0 to amend the subsidiary motion. On the motion to adopt: Roll call vote 7-0 to adopt. Becomes 0-26-08. .

- (b) An Ordinance authorizing and directing the Safety/Service director to solicit bids to trim trees (on a unit basis) in the City for the year 2026 at a cost not to exceed \$95,000.00; and authorizing and directing the Safety Service Director to award the contract for such work to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. (A-26-14)

Mr. Dembinski motioned to suspend rules and pass this in its first reading. Seconded by Mr. Wachholz. Roll call vote to suspend rules. Mr. Nahorn motioned to adopt. Seconded by Mr. Dembinski. Roll call vote 7-0 to adopt. Becomes 0-26-09.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS SECOND READING:

- (a) An Ordinance approving the form of, and authorizing the Mayor to execute, the Potomac Energy Center Schedule with American Municipal Power, Inc. and further authorizing the taking of other actions in connection therewith (A-26-10)

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

- (b) An Ordinance approving the form of, and authorizing the Mayor to execute, the Bright Mountain Solar Schedule with American Municipal Power, Inc. and further authorizing the taking of other actions In connection therewith. (A-26-11)

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

- (c) An Ordinance to make appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures of the City of Amherst, State of Ohio, during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2026, and repealing all Ordinances in conflict herewith. (A-26-12)

Mr. Nahorn motioned to suspend all Council rules so that this may be passed in its second reading. Seconded by Mr. Dembinski. Roll call vote to suspend rules. Mr. Janik motioned to adopt. Seconded by Mr. Dembinski. Roll call vote 7-0 to adopt. Becomes 0-26-10.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS THIRD READING: NONE

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

Agenda requests and committee meeting schedules:

A-26-15 Finance Authorizing Mayor to enter into an agreement with Ohio Department Of Transportation for Drones for first Responders Program; emergency

A-26-16 Finance Authorizing the Safety/Service Director to solicit bids for the 2026 OPWC State Issue 1, Round 39 South Lake Rehabilitation project and authorizing and directing the Safety Service Director to award the contract for such work to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder; emergency

A-26-17 Finance Authorizing the Safety/Service Director to solicit bids for the 2026 Road Rehabilitation Program and authorizing and directing the Safety Service Director to award the contract for such work to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder; authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract for professional services with Bramhall Engineering relating to such project; emergency

Finance March 16, 2026 7:00 p.m. A-26-15, A-26-16, A-26-17

The remaining Committee Meetings for March 16, 2026 are cancelled.

Reports from the Administration:

Auditor Phillips: The February reports have been distributed. She thanked Mr. Janik for forwarding over a resource through the Lorain Community College that will help them to recruit for the new position. She thanked Council for the ordinance so that position can be filled.

Treasurer Miller: The February reports have been distributed.

Law Director Pecora: No report

Safety/Service Director: No report

Mayor Costilow: Said they will get the information about the road program and paving and engineering shortly. We are trying to tweak and get some sidewalks in spots. He is trying to get the costs and council should have the information in the next couple of days. Any questions, just call him beforehand.

Mr. Nahorn motioned to approve the Reports of the Administration. Seconded by Mr. Dembinski. Voice vote 7-0 to approve the Reports of the Administration.

Mr. Dembinski motioned to acknowledge the receipt of the February Auditor and Treasurer Reports. Seconded by Ms. Harmych. Voice vote 7-0 to acknowledge the receipts.

Mr. Janik motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Nahorn. Voice vote 7-0 to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.