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THIS MEETING WAS HELD IN HYBRID FORM (Council members and visitors in Chambers and all others REMOTELY VIA ZOOM)

Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held March 20, at 7:00 P. M. Present in Council Chambers were Chairman Cowger, Mr. Heberling, Mr. Janik, Mr. Wachholz, Ms. Smith, Mr. Winiarski, Council President Wasilk, Mayor Costilow and a reporter. Present via ZOOM were Law Director Pecora, Assistant Law Director Ward, Safety/Service Director Jeffreys, Auditor Pittak and Treasurer Ramsey. Mr. Dembinski and Mr. Pittak were absent and had letters on file. Mr. Janik motioned to excuse Mr. Dembinski and Auditor Pittak. Seconded by Ms. Smith. Voice vote 6-0 to excuse. Mr. Winiarski motioned to suspend the rule requiring the Auditor or Deputy Auditor to be at this committee meeting. Seconded by Mr. Janik. Voice vote 6-0 to suspend the rule.

A-23-15 Authorizing and directing the Safety/Service Director to accept reimbursement assistance through the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Service grant funds in the amount of \$98,150.00 to solicit bids for the procurement of Body Worn Cameras for the City of Amherst Police Department; awarding the contract or such equipment to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder; and approving additional funding not to exceed \$170,000 payable in annual installments over a five year period; emergency

Mayor Costilow spoke to the item and explained the project. Our Police Chief worked very closely with our IT Department to come up with these specs. We decided to put this out for bid to make sure the technology works with the equipment that we already have. He explained further. Mr. Wachholz motioned to take this to the floor of Council with the emergency. Seconded by Ms. Smith. Vote 6-0 to take to the floor of council with the emergency.

A-23-16 Accept grant from Ohio Office of Criminal Justice for the purchase of body cameras

Mayor Costilow explained that the amount on the request should be \$98,150. Mr. Heberling motioned to correct page one from \$98,000 to be \$98,150. Seconded by Mr. Wachholz. Voice vote 6-0 to correct the amount. Mr. Heberling motioned to take this to the floor of Council with the emergency. Seconded by Mr. Wachholz. Vote 6-0 to take to the floor of council with the emergency.

A-23-17 Authorizing and directing the Safety/Service Director to solicit bids for the 2023 street Rehabilitation Program Part 1; and authorizing and directing the Safety/Service Director to award the contract for such work to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder; emergency

Mayor Costilow explained the work that is going to be done. Mr. Wachholz motioned to take this to the floor of Council with the emergency. Seconded by Mr. Heberling. Vote 6-0 to take to the floor of council with the emergency.

A-23-18 Authorizing and directing the Safety/Service Director to solicit bids for the 2023 street Rehabilitation Program Part 2 and authorizing and directing the Safety/Service Director to award the contract for such work to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder; emergency

Mr. Heberling motioned to take this to the floor of Council with the emergency. Seconded by Mr. Wachholz. Vote 6-0 to take to the floor of council with the emergency.

A-23-19 Authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract for professional service with Bramhall Engineering and Surveying Company relating to the 2023 Street Rehabilitation Program; emergency

Mr. Wachholz motioned to take this to the floor of Council with the emergency. Seconded by Ms. Smith. Vote 6-0 to take to the floor of council with the emergency.

A-23-20 Ordinance authorizing the Safety/Service Director to solicit bids for the 2023 OPWC Round 36 Middle Ridge Road project; and authorizing and directing the Safety/Service Director to bid and award the contract for such work to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder; emergency

Mr. Wachholz motioned to take this to the floor of Council with the emergency. Seconded by Mr. Heberling. Vote 6-0 to take to the floor of council with the emergency.

A-23-21 Ordinance establishing the salary of the members and secretary of the Amherst Civil Service Commission; repealing all Ordinances in conflict herewith; emergency

Mayor Costilow explained that the positions have not had any salary increases since the 90's

Mr. Heberling motioned to take this to the floor of Council with the emergency. Seconded by Ms. Smith. Vote 6-0 to take to the floor of council with the emergency.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:27 P. M.

Edwin Cowger, Chairman
Finance Committee