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Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held February 3, 2025, at 7:00 P.M. Present in Council Chambers were Chairman Dembinski, Mr. Heberling, Mr. Janik, Mr. Winiarski, Mr. Nahorn, Ms. Harmych, President Wasilk, Auditor Phillips, Treasurer Ramsey, Assistant Law Director Ward, Law Director Pecora, Safety/Service Jeffreys and Deputy Auditor Michael DeSan. Mr. Wachholz was absent and had a letter on file. Mr. Nahorn motioned to excuse Mr. Wachholz as he had a letter on file. Seconded by Mr. Heberling. Voice vote 6-0 to excuse. New Deputy Auditor Michael DeSan was introduced.

A-25-03 Authorizing and directing the Service Director to solicit bids to trim trees for line clearance on a unit basis in the City of Amherst for the year 2025; emergency.

Mayor Costilow gave an overview of the proposed ordinance. Mr. Janik motioned to take this to the floor of Council with the emergency. Seconded by Mr. Winiarski. Vote 6-0 to take to the floor of Council with emergency.

A-25-06 Authorize the Safety/Service director to solicit bids for the Park Avenue rehabilitation, OPWC State Issue 1 Round 38, 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 gave an overview of the proposed ordinance. Mr. Winiarski asked about lead pipe removal. Mayor Costilow said if any is found, we will need to remove it per EPA. Mr. Janik motioned to take this to the floor of Council with the emergency. Seconded by Mr. Nahorn. Vote 6-0 to send to the floor of Council with emergency.

A-25-07 2025 Permanent budget

Mayor Costilow explained any differences compared to last year's budget. Mr. Janik asked how the IT Budget works particularly for the Police and Building Department. Mayor Costilow explained. Mr. Janik asked about workmen's comp and Mayor Costilow explained they requested us to modify those line items. Mr. Janik asked about the Council budget and Mayor explained that it was for maintaining of the ACO website. Mr. Janik asked about the Main Street Building and Mayor Costilow explained that we share those costs with Main Street. Mr. Janik asked about insurance and Mayor Costilow explained that that we are self-insured and how our insurance works. Chair Dembinski commented on the very healthy carry-over in this year's budget. He was pleased to see that.

Mr. Heberling motioned to take this to the floor of Council. Seconded by Mr. Nahorn. Vote 6-0 to send to the floor of Council.

A-25-09 Authorizing the Safety/Service Director to solicit bids for the 2025 Road Rehabilitation program; and authorizing and directing the Safety/Service Director to bid and award the contract for such work to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder; and appropriating funding for professional services provided by Bramhall Engineering and Surveying Co., emergency

Mayor Costilow gave an overview of the ordinance. The Chair asked what the crosswalk signs will look like. Mayor Costilow does not have a total design yet until Bramhall provides that to us. Mr. Janik motioned to send this to the floor of Council. Seconded by Mr. Heberling. Vote 6-0 to send to the floor of Council.

Mr. Winiarski motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Nahorn. Voice vote 6-0 to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:21 P. M.

Brian Dembinski, Chairman Finance Committee