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Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held April 20, 2026, at 7:00 P.M.
Present in Council Chambers were Chairman Dembinski, Mr. Nahorn, Mr. Wachholz,
Mr. Janik, Mr. Mowcomber, Mr. Winiarski, Ms. Harmych, Council President Wasilk,
Mayor Costilow, Auditor Phillips, Treasurer Miller, Law Director Pecora,
Assistant Law Director Ward, Safety Service Director Jeffreys.

A-26-18 Correct one line item on the 2026 Permanent Budget which was
caused by a formula error. Increase appropriations for Capital
Outlay, 100-7005-52501 in the amount of \$30,000. This amount was
listed as a line item in the budget but was not included in the total.

Auditor Phillips explained what happened with the formula error.
Chairman Dembinski asked if we needed emergency and Auditor Phillips
said yes.

Mr. Wachholz motioned to send this to the floor of Council with
the emergency. Seconded by Mr. Janik. Voice vote 7-0 to send to
the floor of Council with emergency.

A-26-19 Resolution authorizing the Mayor to participate in the Ohio
Department Of Transportation Winter Contract for Road Salt
for 2026-2027; emergency

Mayor Costilow explained this is what we do every year to purchase
road salt for the winter season.

Mr. Wachholz motioned to send this to the floor of Council with
the emergency. Seconded by Ms. Harmych. Voice vote 7-0 to send to
the floor of Council with emergency.

A-26-21 Authorization to purchase a 2027 5 ton Freightliner M2 with equipment
with Equipment for the City of Amherst Street Department; emergency.

Mayor Costilow explained we replace our trucks ever few years when
needed. We have a truck that is nearing end of life and this is to
replace that truck. Mr. Wachholz asked if the truck was new and the
Mayor Costilow said yes. Mr. Winiarski asked if we're keeping the old
truck or putting it up for auction and Mayor Costilow explained
eventually it will be put up for auction but not immediately until it
has reached the end of its useful life.

Mr. Wachholz motioned to send this to the floor of Council with
the emergency. Seconded by Mr. Nahorn. Voice vote 7-0 to send to
the floor of Council with emergency.

A-26-22 Authorization to purchase an Altec DB41B hydraulic derrick for the City of Amherst Electric Department; emergency

Mayor Costilow explained this was something we've needed for a long time and this will help our electric department a lot. The lift will be able to reach our tallest poles to be able to do maintenance on them and allow us better access when helping residents. Chairman Dembinski asked about the transmission lines and Mayor Costilow said it would be able to be used if needed.

Mr. Nahorn motioned to send this to the floor of Council with the emergency. Seconded by Mr. Wachholz. Voice vote 7-0 to send to the floor of Council with emergency.

A-26-23 Allow Mayor to enter into an agreement with Freedom Financial for a 5 year lease to own for the purchase of a pumper truck for the Amherst Fire Department; emergency.

The fire department came to council 3 years ago to purchase this truck and council agreed. The original agreement was to pay cash but it would be more fiscally prudent to finance the truck. The truck is already built and we agreed to purchase it so this is just a change in how we're paying for it. Mr. Janik asked who found the financial company and Mayor Costilow answered they are the company that makes the truck and they are also approved by the state. Mr. Mowcomber asked if we're retiring a fire truck and Mayor Costilow said he believes so and will provide the answer next week.

Mr. Wachholz motioned to send this to the floor of Council with the emergency. Seconded by Ms. Harmych. Vote 7-0 to send to the floor with the emergency.

Mr. Wachholz motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Nahorn. Vote 7-0 to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Brian Dembinski, Chairman
Finance Committee