

SPECIAL

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A SWEARING IN CEREMONY WAS HELD FOR MEMBERS OF COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATION AT 7:00 P. M. IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, AMHERST CITY HALL, AMHERST, OHIO. JUDGE ZACK DOLYK PERFORMED THE HONORS.

JUDGE DOLYK SWORE IN EACH OFFICIAL SEPARATELY, BEGINNING WITH THE CLERK OF COUNCIL SIVINSKI, THEN ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL AUDITOR BRENDA PHILLIPS, FOLLOWED BY SWEARING IN OF THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT, AND COUNCIL AT LARGE MEMBERS DAVID JANIK, MATTHEW NAHORN, AND CHARLES WINIARSKI. TREASURER MILLER CHOSE NOT TO BE SWORN IN PUBLICLY.

THIS WAS FOLLOWED BY A SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 7:15.

Amherst City Council met in a Special Session under full compliance of State Law with President Wasilk opening the meeting at 7:15 P. M. Roll call Mr. Dembinski, Ms. Harmych, Mr. Wachholz, Mr. Janik, Mr. Nahorn, Mr. Winiarski. (4th ward seat is vacant at this writing). Also present were Mayor Costilow, Auditor Phillips, Treasurer Miller, and Assistant Law Director Ward. Law Director Pecora and Safety/Service Director Jeffreys were absent and had letters on file. Mr. Dembinski motioned to excuse Mr. Pecora and Mr. Jeffreys. Seconded by Mr. Nahorn. Vote 6-0 to excuse. Also present were many residents.

The prayer was invoked by Chaplain Janik, followed by the Pledge to the Flag led by Sgt. at Arms Dembinski

Appointment of the Clerk of Council – Mr. Nahorn motioned to appoint Mrs. Olga Sivinski as Clerk of Council. Seconded by Ms. Harmych. Mrs. Wasilk asked if there were any other nominations. There were none. Mr. Wachholz motioned to close the nominations for Clerk of Council. Roll call vote 6-0 to close nominations. Mrs. Wasilk noted that since the only nomination was for Mrs. Sivinski, she called for a voice vote which was 6-0.

Adoption of Council Rules. Mr. Nahorn motioned to adopt the Council Rules. Seconded by Mr. Dembinski. Roll call vote 6-0 to adopt the council rules.

Appointment of the President pro-tem of Council - Mr. Dembinski motioned to appoint Mr. Janik as President pro-tem. Seconded by Ms. Harmych. Nahorn moved to close the nominations for President pro tem. Roll call vote 6-0 to close nomination. Since there was only one nominee, Mrs. Wasilk asked for a voice vote for Mr. Janik to be appointed pro-tem. Voice vote 6-0 to appoint Mr. Janik.

Assignment of Chairs and Vice-Chairs of Council Committees: Mrs. Wasilk read the assignments.

Miscellaneous and Acknowledgement of the Public: There was no one speaking.

Agenda Requests and committee meeting schedules:

Finance Committee Meeting will follow this council meeting (Monday, January 5, 2026) at 7:30 p.m. On the agenda will be:

A-26-01 Appropriation of funds for the City of Amherst Water Pollution Control Center's No Feasible Alternative Improvement Project; emergency,

A-26-02 An ordinance Authorizing the Safety Service Director to enter into an agreement with Verdantas LLC to provide professional services for the City Amherst Water Pollution Control Center's No Feasible Alternative Improvement Project; emergency.

A-26-03 An Ordinance authorizing the Safety Service Director to enter into a contract to purchase tasers for the City of Amherst Police Department, the total cost not to exceed \$139,237.14 payable in five (5) annual installments of \$27,847.46; emergency

A-26-04 An ordinance authorizing the City Amherst Community Improvement Corporation, acting as agent for the City to negotiate an agreement for the lease of the cell tower located at 545 Gordon Avenue, Amherst Oh; emergency

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The remainder of Council Committee Meetings for 1/5/26 are cancelled. (1st Monday would be regularly scheduled committee meetings)

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Olga Sivinski, Clerk of Council

Jennifer Wasilk, President of Council