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Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held January 5, 2026, at 7:30 P.M. Present in Council Chambers were Chairman Dembinski, Mr. Nahorn, Mr. Wachholz, Mr. Janik, Mr. Winiarski, Ms. Harmych, Council President Wasilk, Mayor Costilow, Auditor Phillips, Treasurer Miller, Assistant Law Director Ward. Safety/Service Director Jeffreys and Law Director Pecora were absent. Mr. Winiarski motioned to excuse Mr. Jeffrey and Mr. Pecora as they had letters on file. Seconded by Mr. Wachholz. Vote 6-0 to excuse. There were also several residents present at this meeting. (ward 4 seat is presently vacant)

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

Mayor Costilow explained the study and why it was needed. Five different captions were considered and Chapter 5 was chosen. Mr. Nahorn commented on previous work completed and asked about additional scope. Mr. Janik asked how current the study was and Mayor Costilow explained it was all factored in, including the large vacant property. Mr. Winiarski asked if this work was reactive or proactive and Mayor Costilow explained it was both. Mr. Winiarski asked about the potential regional sewer system and Mayor Costilow said he would like it to remain independent. Mr. Winiarski motioned to take this to the floor of Council with the emergency. Seconded by Mr. Nahorn. Voice vote 6-0 to take to the floor of Council with the 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.

Mayor Costilow explained this is everything that was discussed for A-26-01. Mr. Janik motioned to take this to the floor of council with the emergency. Seconded by Mr. Wachholz. Voice vote 6-0 to take to the floor of Council with the 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

Mayor Costilow explained that we would like to upgrade of tasers for the Police Department.

Mr. Nahorn motioned to take this to the floor of Council with the emergency. Seconded by Mr. Janik. Voice vote 6-0 to take to the floor of council with 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

Mayor Costilow explained that the city has two leased towers. This lease is almost expired. Mr. Winiarski asked to be reclused to his work. Mr. Wachholz made that motion with a second by Mr. Janik. Voice vote 5-0 to allow the reclusion. Mr. Janik asked about the CIC members and Mayor Costilow explained there are two members who may need to be replaced as they moved out of town.

Mr. Janik motioned to send this to the floor of Council with the emergency. Seconded by Ms. Harmych. Vote 5-0 to send to the floor with the emergency.

Mr. Wachholz motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Ms. Harmych. Vote 6-0 to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Brian Dembinski, Chairman
Finance Committee