

**AMERY CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**  
**January 21, 2026**

The Amery City Council met on January 21, 2026, at the Amery City Center. Mayor, Rick Van Blaricom called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

**Roll Call:** Clerk-Treasurer, Taylor Larson conducted Roll Call.

Present: Mayor, Rick Van Blaricom; and Alderpersons; Frances Duncanson; Roger Van Someren; Sharon Marks; Adam Honl, Eric Elkin and Mike Manor.

Staff Present: City Administrator, Alex Mansfield; Clerk-Treasurer, Taylor Larson; Police Chief, Dan Peters; Fire Chief, Chuck Frohn; Library Director, Heather Wiarda; Public Works Director, Jeff Mahoney, and Deputy Clerk-Treasurer, Lisa Gunderson.

Others present: Bridget Anderson – SEH (via Zoom)

**Motion by Alderperson Elkin; seconded by Alderperson Manor to adopt the agenda.**

**Ayes – 6**

**Nayes – 0**

**Motion Carried.**

**New Business**

1. **Public Comment** – Rick Van Blaricom presented his gavel block that was made from a pine tree that was unearthed during the Keller Ave Project in 2021.
2. **Pay Application 18 for the Wastewater Treatment Plant** – Bridget Anderson with SEH present Pay Application 18 for the Wastewater Treatment Plant in the amount of \$442,740.25. She also gave an update on the work that had been completed for the pay app.

**Motion by Alderperson Elkin; seconded by Alderperson Marks to approve Pay Application 18 for the WWTP in the amount of \$442,740.25.**

**Roll Call Vote**

**Ayes – Duncanson, Van Someren, Marks, Elkin, Honl, Manor**

**Nayes – None**

**Motion Carried**

3. **Approval of Lease for Hangar H-2 at the Airport** – Airport Commission recommend approving a Lease for Gordon Hammons who purchased Hangar H-2 at the Amery Airport.

**Motion by Duncanson; seconded by Manor to approve a lease for Hangar H-2 at the airport for Gordon Hammons.**

**Ayes – 6**

**Nayes – 0**

**Motion Carried.**

4. **Mobile Food Vendor Ordinance Revision Discussion** – Administrator Mansfield proposed two changes to the mobile food vendor ordinance. The first change would be removing the requirement for adding the City as additionally insured on a liability policy and the second would be modifying the fire inspection language. Consensus was that the Council was agreeable to removing the additionally insured language and would like the fire inspection language changed to the Fire Department may inspect mobile food vendors.

5. **Snow Removal on Keller Ave** – Administrator Mansfield presented the concept of using a UTV to clear snow between the bump outs on Keller Ave. Public Works recently acquired a UTV from the Fire Department and could outfit it with a plow, a deicer, and a cab. The funds would come from TID #9 for the purchase as allowed by the project plan. A budget amendment would be need and the expense would be around \$12,000. Council was in favor of the idea and would like to see a budget amendment.
6. **Council Comment** – Fran announced she has been appointed to the AEDC board.
7. **Van Blaricom read the closed session items aloud in full. Motion by Elkin; seconded by Manor to go into Closed Session at 5:47pm under Wis. Stat. §19.85(1)(e)** – Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. Hotel Development Agreement

**Roll Call Vote**

**Ayes – Duncanson, Van Someren, Marks, Van Blaricom, Elkin, Honl, Manor**

**Nayes – None**

**Motion Carried**

**Motion by Elkin, seconded by Manor to reconvene into Open Session at 6:10 P.M.**

**Roll Call Vote**

**Ayes – Duncanson, Van Someren, Marks, Van Blaricom, Elkin, Honl, Manor**

**Nayes – None**

**Motion Carried**

8. **Open Session – Action on Closed Session Agenda** – No action was taken.

**Motion by Alderperson Manor; seconded by Alderperson Elkin; to adjourn at 6:10 P.M.**

**Ayes – 6**

**Nayes – 0**

**Motion Carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Taylor Larson  
 City Clerk-Treasurer  
 January 22, 2026