

AMERY CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
February 18, 2026

The Amery City Council met on February 18, 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; and Deputy Clerk-Treasurer, Lisa Gunderson.

Others present: Justin Runberg – Amery Free Press, Erik Henningsgard, Caleb Weber, Kate Healy(via Zoom) – SEH, Kianna Lindh – MSA, Scott Carnine and Peggy Coleman.

Motion by Alderperson Elkin; seconded by Alderperson Duncanson to adopt the agenda.

Ayes – 6

Nayes – 0

Motion Carried.

New Business

1. **Public Comment** – Scott Carnine shared his concerns about Ordinance 03-2026.
2. **Pay Application 19 for the Wastewater Treatment Plant** – Erik Henningsgard and Caleb Weber with SEH presented Pay Application 19 for the Wastewater Treatment Plant in the amount of \$517,102.64 and gave an update on the projects progress.

Motion by Alderperson Duncanson; seconded by Alderperson Honl to approve Pay Application 19 for the Wastewater Treatment Plant in the amount of \$517,102.64.

Roll Call Vote

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

Nayes – None

Motion Carried

3. **Change Order Number 5 for the Wastewater Treatment Plant** – Erik Henningsgard and Caleb Weber with SEH presented Change Order Number 5 for the Wastewater Treatment Plant in the amount of \$177,325.44. The change order also increases the substantial completion date by 14 days and changes the contract price from \$15,316,535.28 to \$15,493,860.72.

Motion by Alderperson Manor; seconded by Alderperson Marks to approve Change Order #5 for the Wastewater Treatment Plant in the amount of \$177,325.44.

Motion by Alderperson Duncanson; seconded by Alderperson Van Someren to amend the motion on the floor to include a 14 day extension on substantial completion and increase the contract price from \$15,316,535.28 to \$15,493,860.72.

Ayes – 6

Nayes – 0

Motion Carried.

Roll Call Vote to approve the motion with the amendment

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

Nayes – None
Motion Carried

- 4. Amendment to the Owner-Engineer Agreement Number 1 between the City of Amery and SEH for the Wastewater Treatment Plant** – Erik Henningsgard and Caleb Weber with SEH present amendment #1 to the Owner-Engineer Agreement for the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The amendment has some increase in costs for soil remediation and onsite training as well as some credits for costs SEH is participating in on the project.

Motion by Alderperson Duncanson; seconded by Alderperson Manor; approve Amendment #1 to the Owner-Engineer Agreement between the City of Amery and Short Elliott Hendrickson for the Wastewater Treatment Plant that will increase the contract amount by \$27,165.04.

Roll Call Vote

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

Nayes – None

Motion Carried

- 5. Ordinance 3-2026 Creating Municipal Code Chapter §313-12 Nuisance Tenants** – Chief Peters presented the final version of ordinance 3-2026 Creating Municipal Code Chapter §313-12. He explained the changes that had been made by the Public Safety Committee before they recommended it to Council for approval. Council discussed and Chief Peters answered questions.

Motion by Alderperson Marks; seconded by Alderperson Van Someren to approve Ordinance 3-2026 Creating Municipal Code Chapter §313-12.

Roll Call Vote

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

Nayes – None

Motion Carried

- 6. Discussion and Adoption of the amended Fire Department Bylaws** – Administrator Mansfield presented the amended Fire Department Bylaws. The Bylaws have already been approved by the Fire Department and the Joint Fire Committee. Mayor Van Blaricom stated he would like to see one amendment to section 3.1 Attendance to allow the chief the discretion to excuse this requirement if there is a reason to do so.

Motion by Alderperson Duncanson; seconded by Alderperson Manor to approve the Fire Department Bylaws with an amendment to section 3.1 Attendance allowing the Fire Chief to excuse this requirement if needed.

Roll Call Vote

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

Nayes – None

Motion Carried

- 7. Council Comment** – Council members shared comments.

- 8. Van Blaricom read the closed session items aloud in full. Motion by Elkin; seconded by Manor to go into Closed Session at 5:54pm 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 Manor, seconded by Honl to reconvene into Open Session at 6:15 P.M.

Roll Call Vote

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

Nayes – None

Motion Carried

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

Motion by Alderperson Manor; seconded by Alderperson Elkin; to adjourn at 6:15 P.M.

Ayes – 6

Nayes – 0

Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Taylor Larson

City Clerk-Treasurer

February 19, 2026