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City Council Meeting Minutes

**Tuesday, October 28, 2025
7:00 PM**

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The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM by President Mandeville.

Councilor Hogg led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was taken, present were Councilor Hogg, Councilor Redfern, Councilor Rinaldi, Councilor Stanganelli, Councilor Gilday, and Councilor Mandeville.

Absent were Councilor Wheeler, Councilor Frederique, and Councilor Haggstrom.

Act on Minutes - September 23, 2025

Councilor Rinaldi offered a motion to approve the September 23, 2025 minutes as presented. Councilor Gilday seconded, and the motion passed 5-0-1, Councilor Redfern abstained.

Mayoral Appointments- none

Monthly list of licenses- none

Correspondence

- **President/Vice President Communications**
 - President Mandeville shared that on December 2nd at 6:30 PM there will be a joint meeting with the Library Board to fill a vacancy.
 - Councilor Gilday shared that the final override presentation is happening at the high school.
 - Councilor Gilday shared that she attended the Evening of Giving.
 - Councilor Gilday shared that she attended the listening session for the Chapter 70 Formula.
 - Councilor Gilday shared that Halloween will take place Friday from 5:00-7:00PM and that the Open Studio Tour will be November 8th-9th.
- **Communication from Elected Officials, Boards and Commissions**
 - None
- **Council Communications, Announcements and Committee Reports**
 - Councilor Stanganelli shared that the Budget and Finance Committee met on the previous Tuesday and that they received the most recent quarterly report from the CFO.
 - Councilor Gilday shared that the Ordinance and Administration Committee met on the previous Monday and met with department heads to address questions about different bills.

- Councilor Hogg shared that the Planning and Development Committee met the previous Wednesday with only one matter before them.
- Councilor Redfern shared that she did not attend the last Open Spaces Natural Resources and Trails Committee meeting but that they were focused on the potential rezoning of the AES property.
- Councilor Rinaldi shared that the Energy Committee met and set up an agenda and goals for a new hire.
- Councilor Rinaldi did not have an update for the Chamber of Commerce.
- Councilor Hogg shared the Disposition Committee has been waiting on funding to close out Trader Alan's Truck Stop.
- Councilor Stanganelli shared that the Amesbury Housing Trust has an upcoming meeting on November 12th.
- Councilor Stanganelli shared that the Joint Education Committee will meet on November 13th at 5:00 PM and that they are discussing the possibility of grade reconfigurations and relocations.

Public Comment

- Joe Finn, 412 Main Street, shared that the Village of Church Fairs will take place on November 8th.

Council Response to Public Comment

- None

Second Readings

2025-104 An Order to appropriate from the General Stabilization Fund and the Ambulance Receipts Reserved Fund to balance the fiscal year 2026 budget.- Mayor Sponsor

- Councilor Stanganelli read the positive recommendation from the Budget and Finance Committee.

Councilor Gilday offered a motion to approve 2025-104 as presented. Councilor Hogg seconded. After a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

2025-105 An Order to transfer \$10,000 from the Assessors Department Salaries & Wages and \$35,000 from Salary Reserve account to Assessors Department Other Expenses.- Mayor Sponsor

- Councilor Stanganelli read the positive recommendation from the Budget and Finance Committee.

Councilor Gilday offered a motion to approve 2025-105 as presented. Councilor Rinaldi seconded. After a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

2025-106 An Order to approve payment from the FY26 general fund operating budget for the below listed prior year invoices.- Mayor Sponsor

- Councilor Stanganelli read the positive recommendation from the Budget and Finance Committee.

Councilor Redfern offered a motion to approve 2025-106 as presented. Councilor Hogg seconded. After a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

2025-107 An Order to authorize a transfer of \$5,900.00 from the FY26 Budget Reserve account to Building Inspections Consulting.- Mayor Sponsor

- Councilor Stanganelli read the positive recommendation from the Budget and Finance Committee.

Councilor Stanganelli offered a motion to approve 2025-107 as presented. Councilor Redfern seconded. After a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

2025-108 An Order to authorize the Mayor to accept and expend a grant in the amount of \$20,000.00 from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security, Office of Grants and Research Edward J. Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant.- Mayor Sponsor

- Councilor Stanganelli read the positive recommendation from the Budget and Finance Committee.
- Police Chief Bailey said this grant is for the radios, not overtime.

Councilor Redfern offered a motion to approve 2025-108 as presented. Second Hogg?? After a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

Councilor Stanganelli offered a motion to reconsider 2025-106. Councilor Gilday seconded. After a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

- President Mandeville noted that there is a revised version of the bill.

Councilor Stanganelli offered a motion to amend 2025-106 to adopt a redline version that references an amount of \$7,407.70 and an increase of \$305 for an additional invoice for the DPW for dues and memberships. Councilor Hogg seconded, and the motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

Councilor Stanganelli offered a motion to approve 2025-106 as amended. Councilor Hogg seconded. After a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

2025-109 An Order to authorize the Mayor to accept and expend a grant in the amount of \$34,967.00 from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security, Office of Grants and Research FY26 Municipal Road Safety (MRS) Grant Program.- Mayor Sponsor

- Councilor Stanganelli read the positive recommendation from the Budget and Finance Committee.

Councilor Stanganelli offered a motion to approve 2025-109 as presented. Councilor Gilday seconded. After a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

2025-110 An Ordinance to amend the Amesbury Code of Ordinances by adding a new Chapter titled "Chapter 230. Buildings, Permitting of" and to adopt a Schedule of Fees.- Mayor Sponsor

- Councilor Gilday shared the three changes from the Ordinance and Administration Committee that are noted in a redline: change the four instances of the term "fee/" to "fee+", in the third sentence of the summary statement change "raising fees" to "raising permitting fees," and change "that in" to "that in."
- Councilor Stanganelli read the positive recommendation from the Budget and Finance Committee.

Councilor Gilday offered a motion to accept the redline. Councilor Rinaldi seconded.

- Councilor Stanganelli asked Joe Neipp for clarification regarding the fees. After discussion, Councilor Stanganelli noted that the redline stated \$10 per 1,000 and not \$14 per 1,000.

President Mandeville called for a recess at 7:42 PM.
The meeting resumed 7:47 PM.

The motion passed 5-1, Councilor Stanganelli opposed.

Councilor Stanganelli offered a motion to amend 2025-110 plumbing and gas to reflect residential and commercial permitting fees of +\$14 per 1,000 on each line of the redline version. Councilor Gilday seconded, and the motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

Councilor Hogg offered a motion to approve 2025-110 as revised and amended. Councilor Redfern seconded. After a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

2025-111 An Ordinance to amend Amesbury Code of Ordinances Article I City Clerk/Clerk to Municipal Council § 132-7.1 City Clerk Fee Schedule.- Mayor Sponsor

- Councilor Gilday read the positive recommendation from the Ordinance and Administration Committee with the recommended amendments.
- Councilor Stanganelli read the positive recommendation from the Budget and Finance Committee.

Councilor Gilday offered a motion to accept redline version. Councilor Hogg seconded, and the motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

Councilor Gilday offered a motion to approve 2025-111 as amended. Councilor Stanganelli seconded. After a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

2025-112 An Ordinance to update and amend the City of Amesbury Solid Waste Ordinance Chapter 392 to add a new section entitled Article III Delivery and Emptying of Dumpsters.- Councilor Gilday and Councilor Haggstrom Sponsors

- Councilor Gilday read the positive recommendation from the Ordinance and Administration Committee with three changes.
- Police Chief Bailey talked about the process of enforcing similar ordinances.
- Councilor Stanganelli shared that there was no recommendation from the Budget and Finance Committee.
- Councilors engaged in discussion with Chief Bailey regarding the ordinance and lack of noise ordinances.

Councilor Gilday offered a motion to release the Budget and Finance Committee from their obligation. Councilor Hogg seconded, and the motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

Councilor Gilday offered a motion to accept 2025-112 with the three recommendations from the October 20th Ordinance and Administration Committee meeting. Councilor Hogg seconded.

- Councilor Stanganelli asked for a written version of the amendments being offered.
- Councilor Gilday stated that the Ordinance and Administration Subcommittee's recommendations were included in the City Council Teams packet.

Councilor Stanganelli moved to Object, moving the vote for 2025-112 to the next meeting.

2025-113 An Ordinance to update and amend the City of Amesbury Traffic and Parking Regulations SCHEDULE I PARKING (PERMIT PARKING) to be renamed as SCHEDULE 1 PARKING (PERMIT/RESTRICTED PARKING), update the current schedule to reflect the updated permitted and restricted status of each municipal lot, and update ARTICLE XIII- PENALTIES AND FINES SCHEDULE to include fees for parking permit violations for residential and commercial vehicles.-Mayor Sponsor

- Councilor Gilday read the positive recommendation from the Ordinance and Administration Committee.
- Councilor Hogg read the positive recommendation from the Planning and Development Committee.
- Councilor Stanganelli read the positive recommendation from the Budget and Finance Committee.

Councilor Stanganelli offered a motion to approve 2025-113 as presented. Councilor Hogg seconded. After a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

Councilor Stanganelli offered a motion to adjourn at 8:14 PM. Councilor Rinaldi seconded, and the motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Jasmine Looney

November 12, 2025