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City Council Meeting Minutes

**Tuesday, December 2, 2025
7:00 PM**

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The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM by President Mandeville.

Roll call was taken, and present were Councilor Stanganelli, Councilor Wheeler, Councilor Frederique, Councilor Gilday, Councilor Haggstrom, Councilor Hogg, Councilor Redfern, and President Mandeville.

Absent was Councilor Rinaldi.

Councilor Wheeler led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Second Readings

2025-116 An Order to amend Council Order 2025-001 by transferring \$98,042 from Sewer Other Expenses to Sewer Personal Services and to reduce the Sale of Cemetery Lots by \$3,000 in other revenue sources- **Mayor Sponsor**

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

Councilor Stanganelli offered a motion to approve 2025-116 as presented. Councilor Haggstrom seconded. After a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

Public Hearings

2025-124 An Order to request the City Council vote to hold the annual Classification Hearing to vote on four (4) separate items in order to establish the tax burdens for each class of property – Mayor Sponsor

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

President Mandeville opened and closed the public hearing at 7:18 PM.

- Councilor Wheeler engaged in discussion with the intermediate assessor about the residential exemption.

Councilor Stanganelli offered a motion to adopt a factor of 1.00. Councilor Haggstrom seconded. After a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

Councilor Stanganelli offered a motion to adopt the Mayor's and Assessor's recommendation for no Open Space Discount. Councilor Frederique seconded. After a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

Councilor Stanganelli offered a motion to adopt the Mayor's and Assessor's recommendation for no Residential Exemption. Councilor Hogg seconded. After a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

Councilor Stanganelli offered a motion to adopt the Mayor's and Assessor's recommendation for no Commercial Exemption. Councilor Wheeler seconded. After a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

Councilor Stanganelli offered a motion to approve 2025-124 as presented. Councilor Redfern seconded. After a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

First Readings

Councilor Wheeler offered a motion to waive rule 5D. Councilor Hogg seconded, and the motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

2025-125 An Order to fund the employment agreement between the City of Amesbury and the International Association of Firefighters Local 1783, I.A.F.F., dated July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2028.

- President Mandeville read the summary.

Councilor Haggstrom offered a motion to refer 2025-125 to the Budget and Finance Committee with a second reading on December 9th. Councilor Gilday seconded, and the motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

2025-126 An Order to transfer \$120,416.38 from FY26 Salary Reserve account to various Departmental Salaries & Wages accounts.

- President Mandeville read the summary.

Councilor Wheeler offered a motion to refer 2025-126 to the Budget and Finance Committee with a second reading on December 9th. Councilor Hogg seconded, and the motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

- Mayor Gove thanked Councilor Wheeler for his service on the council.

Adjourn

Councilor Wheeler offered a motion to adjourn at 7:40 PM. Councilor Haggstrom seconded, and the motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Jasmine Looney

December 3, 2025