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City Council Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, July 8, 2025  
City Hall Auditorium- 62 Friend St.  
7:00 PM

President Mandeville called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM

Pledge of Allegiance – Councilor Haggstrom

**Roll was called, and present were:** Councilor Claudel Frederique, Councilor Amanda Haggstrom, Councilor Michael Hogg, Councilor Jessica Redfern, Councilor Anthony Rinaldi, and President Scott Mandeville

Absent: Councilor Pam Gilday, Councilor Steven Stanganelli, and Councilor Nick Wheeler

Also Present: DPW Director Joe Buckley, Mayor Kassandra Gove, and Chief of Staff Ann Marie Casey

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Act on Minutes –

**Councilor Haggstrom made a motion to approve the June 24<sup>th</sup> and July 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting Minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilor Hogg and passed 5-0 with Councilor Frederique abstaining.**

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Mayoral Appointments –

**2025-077** Appointment of John Rogers to the position of member of the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term to expire February 28, 2030

- John Rogers was present to answer any questions.

**Councilor Haggstrom made a motion to approve 2025-077. The motion was seconded by Councilor Redfern and passed 6-0.**

**2025-078** Appointment of Janice Pawlick to the position of member of the Amesbury Council of Aging Board of Directors for a term to expire February 29, 2028

- Janice Pawlick was present to answer any questions.

**Councilor Redfern made a motion to approve 2025-078. The motion was seconded by Councilor Frederique and passed 6-0.**

**2025-079** Appointment of Arthur Levine to the position of member of the Amesbury Council of Aging Board of Directors for a term to expire February 29, 2028

- Councilor Hogg made a comment that 2025-079 is a reappointment and Arthur was not expected to be present for such.

**Councilor Hogg made a motion to approve 2025-079. The motion was seconded by Councilor Frederique and passed 6-0.**

**2025-080** Appointment of Robert Serino to the position of Fire Chief for the City of Amesbury

- Rob Serino was present to answer any questions and stated he was looking forward to collaborating with the Councilors more and thankful for the opportunity.

**Councilor Haggstrom made a motion to approve 2025-080. The motion was seconded by Councilor Redfern and passed 6-0.**

**\*\*Councilor Mandeville announced there would be a ten-minute recess for the appointees to be sworn in by the Clerk's Office at 7:09\*\***

**\*\*At 7:19 the meeting was called back to order\*\***

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Monthly list of licenses –

**Councilor Haggstrom moved to approve the license list for July 8, 2025. The motion was seconded by Councilor Frederique, which passed unanimously (6-0).**

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Correspondence

President/Vice President Communications

- President Mandeville –Proposed the creation of an Ad Hoc Clerk Study Committee. Councilor Rinaldi and Councilor Haggstrom commented they thought this would be beneficial.  
**Councilor Rinaldi made a motion to create the Ad Hoc Clerk Study Committee. The motion was seconded by Councilor Hogg and passed 6-0.**
- President Mandeville suggested that Councilor Frederique, Councilor Redfern, Councilor Haggstrom, and Councilor Gilday make up this Committee. He also suggested this committee be dissolved by the end of the year.

Communication from Elected Officials, Boards and Commissions- None

Council Communications, Announcements and Committee Reports

- Director of DPW Joe Buckley and VP of Pare Corporation Todd Turcotte gave a presentation on the Powwow Weir.
  - Councilor Rinaldi asked if any special permits would be required. Todd answered yes through the Board of Health.
  - Councilor Redfern clarified that the steps to be taken would be to repair the weir first then remove the beaver dams.
  - Resident Dallas Haines spoke about his experience living near the weir and how his land and neighbor's land often floods.
  - Resident David Sansabar spoke about his experience living near the weir and how he believes there is a greater issue beyond the weir that he hopes will be looked at.
- Mayor Kassandra Gove spoke about the connection she has created with Amesbury Wiltshire in England. She encouraged the Council to write a resolution supporting an agreement to become a twin or sister city with Amesbury Wiltshire.

**\*\*Councilor Haggstrom left at 8pm\*\***

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Public Comment-

- Councilor Mandeville opened public comment at 8PM
- Joyce Holm (60 Merrimac St. #408) spoke about her concerns with a specific strip of sidewalk near Hatters Point. She claimed the strip is in disrepair and unsafe for residents as it stands. She hopes funds to repair this are in the 2026 Budget. Councilor Mandeville responded that he would be available to discuss this further with her if she followed up with him.
- Councilor Mandeville closed public comment at 8:06 PM.

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Second Readings –

**2025-046** - An Order for the City to place Go Slow Children signage at the stop signs at the top of Riverfront Drive – request by resident – **Councilor Gilday Sponsor**

- City Clerk Jennifer Smith stated that Councilor Gilday worked with DPW and recommended removing 2025-046 without prejudice.

**Councilor Rinaldi made a motion to withdraw 2025-046 without prejudice. The motion was seconded by Councilor Frederique and passed 5-0.**

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First Readings – None  
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Late Files-

**2025-081** An Order to appropriate \$5,000 from the Streets and Sidewalks Stabilization Fund to the Temporary Repairs on Private Ways account – **Mayor Sponsor**

**Councilor Hogg made a motion to suspend the rules and accept the late file. The motion was seconded by Councilor Redfern and passed 5-0**

**Councilor Hogg made a motion to refer 2025-081 to the Budget and Finance Subcommittee with a second reading set for the July 22<sup>nd</sup> City Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilor Rinaldi and passed 5-0.**

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Adjourn-

**Councilor Redfern moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 PM. The motion was seconded by Councilor Frederique and passed (5-0) The meeting adjourned at 8:12 PM.**

Respectfully submitted,

*Allie Connolly*