



AMESBURY CITY COUNCIL

Amesbury City Council Organizational Meeting Minutes
Francis E. Lawlor Auditorium – Amesbury High School – 5 Highland Street
Monday, January 3, 2022

- Amanda Haggstrom, City Clerk Called the meeting to order at approximately 7:10 pm.
- A roll call was taken by City Clerk Haggstrom and present were Councilor Deschenes, Councilor Frey, Councilor Hickok, Councilor Hogg, Councilor Lennon, Councilor Mandeville, Councilor Rinaldi, Councilor Stanganelli and Councilor Wheeler (all present).
- City Clerk Haggstrom opened the floor for nominations for City Council President.
 - Councilor Lennon nominated Councilor Wheeler for the position of City Council President.
 - Councilor Rinaldi seconded.
 - No other nominations were made.
 - City Clerk Haggstrom closed nominations for Council President.
 - **A roll-call vote on the nomination of Councilor Wheeler for the position of City Council President was taken, with 8 councilors voting in favor, and one abstention (Councilor Stanganelli).** Councilor Wheeler has been elected President of the City Council.
- President Wheeler assumed leadership of the meeting at this point from City Clerk Haggstrom.
- President Wheeler opened the floor for nominations for City Council Vice President.
 - Councilor Mandeville nominated Councilor Lennon for the position of City Council Vice President.
 - Councilor Hickok seconded.
 - No other nominations were made.
 - President Wheeler closed nominations for Council Vice President.
 - **A roll-call vote on the nomination of Councilor Lennon for the position of City Council Vice President was taken, with 9 councilors voting in favor (unanimous).** Councilor Lennon has been elected Vice President of the City Council.
- 2022-002 Session 13 City Council Rules and Procedures
 - Councilor Lennon motioned to accept 2020-002 Session 13 City Council Rules & Procedures, and to refer the same to the Rules & Procedures committee for study and recommendation. Councilor Stanganelli seconded.
 - **A roll call vote was taken and it passed unanimously (9 present).**
- City Council 2022 Meeting Schedule

- Councilor Hickok motioned to accept the 2022 meeting schedule as presented, with the noted correction as required to the September City Council meeting date (the correct date is Sept 13th in lieu of Sept 20th as previously shown). Councilor Lennon seconded.
- **A roll call vote was taken and it passed unanimously (9 present).**
- 2022-003 Planning Board Vacancy (2-yr)
 - Councilor Lennon motioned to declare a vacancy to exist in the seat of Planning Board (2-yr) as presented and to further direct the City Clerk to post the vacancy publicly for a minimum of 30 days in accordance with the City Charter. Councilor Mandeville seconded.
 - **A roll call vote was taken and it passed unanimously (9 present).**
- 2022-004 Library Board of Trustees Vacancy (2-yr)
 - Councilor Lennon motioned to declare a vacancy to exist in the seat of Library Board of Trustees (2-yr) as presented and to further direct the City Clerk to post the vacancy publicly for a minimum of 30 days in accordance with the City Charter. Councilor Mandeville seconded.
 - **A roll call vote was taken and it passed unanimously (9 present).**
- 2022-005 Housing Authority Vacancy (2-yr)
 - Councilor Frey motioned to declare a vacancy to exist in the seat of Housing Authority (2-yr) as presented and to further direct the City Clerk to post the vacancy publicly for a minimum of 30 days in accordance with the City Charter. Councilor Lennon seconded.
 - **A roll call vote was taken and it passed unanimously (9 present).**
- Councilor Lennon made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Hickok seconded.
 - Councilor Stanganelli asked that he be allowed to introduce a resolution for consideration by the Council prior to adjournment. President Wheeler noted that he was not inclined to allow introduction of new items not previously included on the publicly posted agenda at the risk of violating the Open Meeting Law, and that under Roberts Rules of Order, Councilor Lennon's motion was a privileged one and needed to be disposed of before any additional items can be discussed.
 - **A roll call was taken on the motion to adjourn and it passed 8-YES 1-NO (Stanganelli)**
- The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



January 7, 2021