



# AMESBURY

CITY HALL  
62 Friend Street  
Amesbury, MA 01913

## MEETING NOTICE

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### CITY COUNCIL MEETING

BOARD OR COMMITTEE

AMESBURY CITY CLERK

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**Place of Meeting: City Hall Auditorium**

**Day, Date and Time: Tuesday, December 9, 2014**

#### Topics for Discussion / Agenda:

City Council Agenda  
Tuesday, December 9, 2014  
City Hall Auditorium  
7:00 p.m.

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance** – Councilor Lavoie
3. **Roll Call**
4. **Act on minutes** – November 18, 2014
5. **Mayoral Appointments** – None at this time.
6. **Licenses & Permits – FYI**  
See Attached list of annual renewals
7. **Correspondence**
  - a. President/Vice President Communications
  - b. Communication from Elected Officials, Boards and Commissions
8. **Public Comment**
9. **Council Response to Public Comment**
10. **Public Hearings:**

**2014-107** – An ordinance requesting the Municipal Council vote to amend the provisions of the Amesbury Zoning Bylaws to allow for the limited use of maintaining chickens as pets and for egg production in residential areas. – Councilors Kelcourse, McMilleon, Sherwood and Ferguson Sponsor

**Summary:** – The purpose of this ordinance is to balance the desire of residents to own backyard chickens while protecting abutting neighbors from noise, odor, damage or threats to health and public safety.

**2014-124** An order to authorize the Mayor to exercise Amesbury's right of first refusal under M.G.L. Chapter 61A and to execute the Purchase and Sale for Assessor's Map 38, Lot 1 and Lot 1A, and further to raise and appropriate, transfer, or borrow all necessary funds. - Mayor sponsor

**Summary** – The Mayor is requesting that the City Council vote to exercise the City's right of first refusal pursuant to G.L. c.61A, §14 to purchase certain property on Whitehall Road; to raise and appropriate, transfer or borrow the sum of \$400,000.00 to acquire said property; and to authorize the Mayor to execute any and all documents to acquire said property.

**2014-125** 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.

**Summary** – On an annual basis, the City Council must vote on the issue of selecting a residential factor which will determine the percentage of the burden to be borne by each class of property.

**2014-126** An Order to request the City Council vote to increase the exemption amount of qualified applicants.

**Summary** – On an annual basis, the City Council must vote to decide if the City of Amesbury shall increase the exemption amount of qualified applicants under the provisions of M.G. L.

**2014-127** An Order to authorize the Mayor to accept and expend a grant in the amount of \$5,520 from the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

**Summary** – The Massachusetts Cultural Council is allocating \$5,520 from the FY 2015 Local Cultural Council Funds to the Amesbury Cultural Council's local fund.

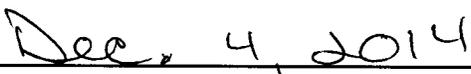
**2014-132** An Order to establish bylaws for the purposes of defining and governing the operation, organization and authority of the Board of Trustees of War Memorials.

**Summary** – The Board of Trustees of War Memorials was established by Town Meeting by virtue of acceptance of M.G.L. C. 41 §105, but the article did not establish detailed bylaws defining and governing the operation, organization and authority of the Board. The proposed bylaws address issues related to membership, duties, authority, and operation of the Board for the purposes of providing stronger, clearer and more localized guidance to the Trustees.

11. **First Readings – None at this time**

12. **Adjourn**

  
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**Date**