

Swearing in Ceremony
Monday, January 4, 2010
Amesbury High School Auditorium

Peter Hoyt, Master of Ceremonies:

- Welcomed audience to the seventh inauguration for the city known as the Town of Amesbury
- Mentioned that the ceremony is being held in newly renovated Francis E. Lawlor Auditorium at the High School.
- The purpose of tonight's ceremony is to swear in our elected leaders to their new terms. The offices being sworn in tonight are for the Housing Authority, Planning Board, Library Trustees, School Committee, Municipal Council and Mayor.
- Welcomed the Amesbury Police Honor Guard for the posting of the colors.
- Pledge of Allegiance

The Amesbury High School Jazz Band played the National Anthem

Reverend Michael John, Pastor of the Market Street Baptist Church led the Invocation

Peter Hoyt thanked Reverend John for prayers and the Amesbury High School Jazz Band and Tom Horan for their musical selections. He welcomed Bonnijo Kitchin, Town Clerk, to administer the oath of office to our elected officials.

Bonnijo Kitchin, Town Clerk administered the Oath of Office to Albert R. Landry, Housing Authority; David K. Oxton, Jane A. Ward, Peter J. Sheridan, David E. Pressley, Philip B. Merrill, Library Trustees; Karen E. Solstad, Howard G. Dalton, David A. Dragonas, Theodore T. Semesnyei, Planning Board; Ann Connolly King, Gale A. Hanshaw. Thomas E. McGee, School Committee; Anne R. Ferguson, Allen R. Neale, James Kelcourse, Robert L. Gilday, Mary A. Chatigny, Stephen J. Dunford, Robert W. Lavoie, Joseph W. McMilleon, Derek T. Kimball, Municipal Council; Thatcher W. Kezer, III, Mayor.

Mayor Kezer gave his Inaugural Address.

Peter Hoyt thanked our current elected officials for attending this evening and congratulated those sworn in. He then invited the audience to the Cafeteria for a reception organized by Rosemary Werner and the Carriagetown Ladies. He thanked the Carriagetown Ladies for the refreshments and Greenery Designs for the Flowers. He announced the public was welcome to stay for the Municipal Council Organizational Meeting.

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Bonnijo Kitchin called the January 4, 2010 Municipal Council Meeting to order at 7:28 p.m.

Roll Call: Councilor Chatigny, Councilor Gilday, Councilor Kelcourse, Councilor Neale, Councilor Ferguson, Councilor Dunford, Councilor Lavoie, Councilor McMilleon, Councilor Kimball

Nominations/Elect Officers

- Municipal Council President

Councilor Gilday moved to nominate Robert W. Lavoie for Council President, Councilor McMilleon seconded.

Councilor Chatigny nominated Anne R. Ferguson, Councilor Dunford seconded.

Councilor Ferguson appreciates the nomination but declined the nomination.

Councilor Neale moved to close the nominations. Councilor Dunford seconded. Unanimous

Roll Call Vote for Councilor Robert W. Lavoie, Council President – Unanimous (9 Members).

Bonnijo Kitchin congratulated President Lavoie and turned the meeting over to him.

President Lavoie thanked his fellow councilors for their confidence. He asked for nominations for Vice President.

Councilor Gilday moved to nominate Councilor Joseph W. McMilleon. Councilor Dunford seconded.

Councilor Neale moved to close nominations. Councilor Dunford seconded. Voted Unanimous.

Vote Unanimous for Councilor McMilleon, Vice President.

2010-002 Adopt 7th Session Rules and Procedures

Councilor Neale moved to adopt the Municipal Council 7th Session Rules and Procedures amended June 9, 2009 as submitted. Councilor Chatigny seconded. Voted Unanimous (9 Members)

2010-003 Adopt 2010 Municipal Council Meeting Schedule

Councilor Ferguson moved to accept the 2010 Municipal Council Meeting Schedule as submitted. Councilor Kimball seconded. Voted Unanimous (9 Members)

President Lavoie would like to entertain a motion to recognize and thank the two outgoing Councilors, President Benson and Councilor Sherwood. Be it resolved by the Amesbury Municipal Council that we deeply appreciate the ten years of service of Councilor Benson and the two years of Councilor Sherwood. Roger served as Council President for the last two years very ably during very difficult times. Councilor Benson and Councilor Sherwood did a great job. By acclamation if people would adopt that resolution he would be honored. Councilor Neale seconded. Voted Unanimous. President Lavoie presented outgoing President Benson with a plaque.

Council Neale moved to adjourn. Councilor McMilleon seconded. Voted Unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnijo Kitchin, CMMC
Town Clerk