

Amesbury Special City Council Meeting Minutes
Friday, June 28, 2013
6 p.m. Costello Transportation Center

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Councilor McMilleon led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call: Councilor McMilleon, Councilor Neale, Councilor Gilday, Councilor Kelcourse, Councilor Kimball, Councilor Lavoie, Councilor McClure, and Councilor Ferguson

Absent: Councilor Scorzoni

2013-068 – An order to provide for salary increases

Summary: The purpose of this ordinance is to increase the annual salary for City Councilors from \$3,000 per year to \$7,500 per year except that the Council President's annual salary shall always be \$2,000 higher than the salary of the other City Councilors.

Councilor Ferguson would like to entertain a motion.

Councilor Lavoie moved that the Council table **2013-068**, as recommended by the Finance Committee to increase the annual salary for City Councilors from \$3,000 to \$5,200 per year and that the Council President's annual salary be \$6,500 per year, indefinitely. Councilor Neale seconded.

Councilor Kimball said he would have voted yes, he understands the timing is not good; he would prefer to do an up or down vote, but respects the will of the Council.

Councilor Kelcourse said he would've voted no on this; and respects the will of the Council to table this.

Councilor McMilleon stated he is against the increase, particularly for the Mayor; he also respects the will of the Council.

Councilor Neale withdrew his support for the pay raise because he recognized the widely held perception, and it changed his opinion.

Councilor Gilday said he initially was not for the increases, and put forth an amendment (\$5,200 per year for City Councilors and \$6,500 for Council President). He would have voted for the increases; he agrees to table this.

Councilor Lavoie stated this was brought up at the right time and the right place. He made the motion to table; and he does not think it is worth dividing the community.

Councilor McClure said that the raises are the wrong thing to do and the timing is terrible. She would like to take an up or down vote.

Councilor Ferguson said she filed the bills completely by herself. She did that before the budget. She stated that the Council did not cut the Schools budget; there was an addition of \$115,000. She supports tabling the measure.

A roll call vote was taken. It was voted unanimous.

2013-069 – An ordinance to establish an increased annual salary for the Mayor
Summary: the purpose of this ordinance is to increase the annual salary for the Mayor from \$80,000 per year to \$97,000 per year.

Councilor Lavoie moved to table **2013-069**, as recommended by the Finance Committee to increase the annual salary for the Mayor from \$80,000 to \$90,000 per year, indefinitely. Councilor Neale seconded. A roll call vote was taken. It was voted unanimous.

There was a discussion of when some upcoming meetings would be held.

Councilor Lavoie motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 p.m. Councilor Gilday seconded, and it was voted unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawne Warren
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