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An Ordinance to amend City Code, Chapter 118 “Meetings”

Summary: These revisions are intended to bring the Chapter 118 of the City Code into conformity with the City Council’s new meeting schedule adopted in May of 2022. The revisions proposed also include replacement of outdated references of “*Municipal Council*” with “*City Council*” (as adopted in the City Charter amendments approved by in November of 2011), and finally these revisions remove additional outdated language.

Be it Ordained by the City Council of the City of Amesbury assembled, and by the authority of the same as follows:

That City Code, Chapter 118, “Meetings”, is hereby amended as follows:

1. The title of Article I is hereby deleted and replaced with the words “*City Council Meetings*”.
2. § 118-1 is hereby deleted and replaced with the following text:

§ 118-1. Regular meetings.

The City Council shall hold regular meetings on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 7:00 PM at the City Hall; provided, however that the City Council President may cancel or suspend meetings during the months of July and/or August in accordance with Section 3-5(c) of the City Charter.

- A. *If a regular meeting date falls on a solemn or legal holiday, the City Council President shall reschedule such meeting to the Tuesday of the following week.*

B. *If a regular meeting date falls on an Election Day, the City Council President shall reschedule such meeting to the Tuesday of the following week.*

3. § 118-2 is hereby deleted and replaced with the following text:

§ 118-2. Committee meetings.

The City Council shall reserve Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday evenings during the third week of each month for City Council Committee meetings as needed; provided, however, that the City Council President may cancel or suspend such meetings during the months of July and/or August.

4. § 118-3 is hereby deleted in its entirety.

5. The title of Article II is hereby deleted and replaced with the words “*City Council Proceedings*”.

6. § 118-4 is hereby amended by deleting two instances of the words “*Municipal Council*” and replacing both deleted instances with the words “*City Council*”.

7. § 118-5 is hereby amended by deleting two instances of the words “*Municipal Council*” and replacing both deleted instances with the words “*City Council*”.

8. § 118-6 is hereby amended as follows:

a. By deleting the words “*Municipal Council*” in the first sentence and replacing the deleted text with the words “*City Council*”.

b. By deleting the words “*Municipal Council’s rules*” in the first sentence and replacing the deleted text with the words “*City Council’s rules*”.

9. § 118-8 is hereby amended by deleting the words “*Town of Amesbury Charter*” and replacing the deleted text with the words “*City of Amesbury Charter*”.

10. § 118-10 is hereby amended by deleting two instances of the words “*Municipal Council*” and replacing both deleted instances with the words “*City Council*”.

11. § 118-11(C) is hereby amended as follows:

a. By deleting the words “*Clerk of the Municipal Council*” and replacing the deleted text with the words “*Clerk of the City Council*”.

12. This ordinance shall become effective upon its passage.