

City Council Minutes
Tuesday, February 10, 2015
City Hall Auditorium
7:00 p.m.

President McMilleon called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilor Sherwood.

Roll call was taken.

Members present: Councilor Lavoie, Councilor McClure, Councilor Sherwood, Councilor Sickorez, Councilor Bartley, Councilor Ferguson, Councilor Bezanson, Councilor McMilleon
Member absent: Councilor Moavenzadeh had an excused absence.

Councilor Sherwood made a motion to accept the minutes from January 13, 2015. Councilor Sickorez seconded. It was voted unanimous (8 present).

Correspondence, President/Vice President Communications, Communication from Elected Officials, Boards and Commissions:

Councilor McMilleon gave a special acknowledgement to the DPW, Fire and Police during the various storms and thanked them for their tremendous efforts.

Councilor Ferguson thanked them as well, and also private contractors and citizens who have helped out.

2015-014 - Declare Vacancy, Library Board of Trustees, unexpired term to expire in 2015
Councilor McMilleon entertained a motion to declare the vacancy. Councilor Ferguson made a motion to declare a vacancy on the Library Board of Trustees with an unexpired term to expire in 2015. Councilor McClure seconded. It was voted unanimous (8).
Councilor Ferguson made a motion to schedule a joint meeting on March 10, 2015, with the Library Board of Trustees. Councilor Sherwood seconded. It was voted unanimous.

Councilor McMilleon asked that the Council send a letter out to the family of Mr. Estella.

There were no Mayoral Appointments.

A list of licenses and permits was given to the Council for review.

Councilor McMilleon opened the public comment.

James Thivierge, 8 School St., thanked the DPW for their work on the sidewalks. He commented on the need for affordable housing, tax burden, and CDBG grant.

Councilor McMilleon closed the public comment.

There was no Council response to the public comment.

There were no public hearings.

The following were first readings:

2015-015 An Order to request that the City Council vote to appropriate \$6,000 from Free Cash for the *FIRST* robotics program at Amesbury High School.

Councilor Ferguson made a motion to send 2015-015 to the Finance Committee meeting, for a recommendation, to be held on February 24, 2015, and to the City Council meeting to be held on March 10, 2015, for a public hearing. Councilor Bartley seconded. It was voted unanimous (8).

2015-016 An Order to request that the City Council vote to appropriate \$35,000 from Free Cash to supplement the Fiscal Year 2015 Operating Budget for the Amesbury Public Schools.

Councilor Ferguson made a motion to send 2015-016 to the Finance Committee meeting, for a recommendation, to be held on February 24, 2015, in which the Superintendent is asked to attend; and to the City Council meeting to be held on March 10, 2015, for a public hearing. Councilor Sickorez seconded. It was voted unanimous (8).

2015-017 An Order to request that the City Council vote to appropriate \$50,000 from Free Cash in order to pay a past-due bill owed to National Grid by the Amesbury Public Schools.

Councilor Ferguson made a motion to send 2015-017 to the Finance Committee meeting, for a recommendation, to be held on February 24, 2015, in which the Superintendent (and those she feels appropriate) are asked to attend; and to the City Council meeting to be held on March 10, 2015, for a public hearing. Councilor McClure seconded. It was voted unanimous (8).

2015-018 An Order to authorize the Mayor to accept and expend a grant in the amount of \$50,000 from the Massachusetts Marketing Partnership.

Councilor Ferguson made a motion to send 2015-018 to the Finance Committee meeting, for a recommendation, to be held on February 24, 2015, and to the City Council meeting to be held on March 10, 2015, for a public hearing. Councilor McClure seconded. It was voted unanimous (8).

Councilor McClure said there will be a budget workshop after the regularly scheduled Finance Committee meeting on February 24, 2015.

Councilor Lavoie said that the PBI meeting will be held at 6 p.m. on February 24, 2015.

Chuck Benevento was asked to attend the Finance Committee Meeting on February 24, 2015.

Councilor McMilleon entertained a motion to adjourn at 7:25 p.m. Councilor Ferguson moved the motion. Councilor Sickorez seconded. It was voted unanimous.

There will be no Ordinance Committee Meeting this month.

Councilor McMilleon asked Sharon to have Michelle Robinson attend the Finance Committee and probably for the City Council Meeting on March 10.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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