



AMESBURY

CITY HALL
62 Friend Street
Amesbury, MA 01913

Special City Council Meeting
Minutes
Tuesday, July 28, 2015
City Hall Auditorium
6:30 p.m.

Council President McMilleon called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilor Lavoie.

Roll call was taken and the following were present: Councilor Lavoie, Councilor McClure, Councilor Sherwood, Councilor Sickorez, Councilor Bartley, Councilor Ferguson, and Councilor McMilleon. Councilor Moavenzadeh and Councilor Bezanson were absent.

There were no President/Vice President communications, communication from elected officials, boards and commissions, or Council communications, announcements and committee reports.

First Readings:

2015-061 – An Order that the Amesbury City Council hereby takes the following actions as individually cited below for the purpose of collectively approving a Tax Increment Financing incentive for DesignWerkes as described herein and further described in the attachments which are incorporated herein by reference.

William Scott presented.

Councilor McClure moved to send **2015-061** to the Finance Committee Meeting on July 28, 2015, at 7 p.m.; and for a public hearing at the Special City Council meeting on August 6, 2015, at 7 p.m. Councilor Sickorez seconded. It was voted unanimous (7 present).

Council President McMilleon asked Bonnijo Kitchin, City Clerk, to give an update on the Preliminary Election.

Councilor Lavoie moved to amend **2015-050** to allow the September 15, 2015, Preliminary Election which we have been told only moments ago which will affect only District 3 to authorize and direct the City Clerk to seek all necessary approvals to hold only the Preliminary Election at the City Hall, 62 Friend Street and that to the extent under the Charter such an amendment to be acted on tonight would require and Emergency Preamble that we adopt the necessary findings because we literally, until 5 tonight, did not know that information. All other elections will revert back to the High School at 5 Highland Street, Amesbury, MA. Councilor McClure seconded. It was voted unanimous (7 present).

Mayoral Appointment:

2015-060 – Appointment of Ken Berkenbush as Fire Chief.

Ken Berkenbush gave an overview of his prior experiences. He said that while Exeter was a wonderful place to be, this was one of two departments that he would leave for.

The Council welcomed the new Chief.

Councilor Ferguson moved to accept the appointment of Ken Berkenbush as Fire Chief, **2015-060**. Councilor Sickorez seconded. It was voted unanimous (7 present).

Councilor Sherwood moved to adjourn at 6:55 p.m. Councilor Sickorez seconded. It was voted unanimous (7 present).

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawne Warren
Office of the City Clerk
Administrative Assistant