



**LACONIA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 11, 2013
CITY HALL – CONFERENCE ROOM 200A
7:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Michael Seymour called the meeting to order at the above date and time.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG:

Councilor Ava Doyle led the Salute to the Flag.

ROLL CALL:

Deputy City Clerk Allen called the roll with the following Councilors present: Councilor Doyle, Lahey, Lipman, Baer, Hamel and Bolduc. Also present City Manager Scott Myers and Finance Director Donna Woodaman.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

- Regular and Non-Public Minutes of January 28, 2013

*Councilor Bolduc moved to approve the regular and non-public minutes of January 28, 2013. Seconded by Councilor Hamel. **Motion passed unanimously.***

CONSENT AND ACTION CALENDAR:

1. Request by Wilkins-Smith Post to Raise Funds at Memorial Park for Kelly Miller Circus (attached)

The above action was tabled.

CITIZEN COMMENTS FOR MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

Mayor Seymour discussed the sale of the former Laconia Police Department building and invited Bill Binnie, President of Binnie Media, to address the Council. Mr. Binnie explained that Binnie Media manages several radio and media stations; the WLNH station, currently located in Gilford, will be moving into the former Laconia Police Department building. This will also serve as a WBIN Lakes Region office and will participate in newscasts. It is expected to sign the final documents in the next few weeks and Mr. Binnie offered to answer any questions the Council may have.

Councilor Bolduc asked how much the renovation will cost and how many people it will employ. Mr. Binnie replied that he will be purchasing the property for \$1.00 and spending \$300,000 to \$400,000 to renovate it and eradicate mold and asbestos. An additional \$1 to \$1.5 million will be invested in the form of news and radio equipment. The hope is to employ 25 part and full time employees and they are

hopeful to have a news office opening in 2014. In 2015 and 2016 there are expectations to be interviewing Presidential candidates in the facility.

Councilor Lipman asked for explanation of the WBIN relationship with the Boston Globe. Mr. Binnie explained that WBIN currently has an evening newscast. Most people get their news from WMUR which is owned by a corporation outside of New Hampshire and none of the profits stay in New Hampshire. A majority of the news that is broadcast is crime related and has little to do with the local community and the hope is to change that over the next several years with a collective network of various communities in the State.

Mr. Binnie stated that his organization believes in giving back to the communities and that is what WLNH has done. In the radio group in Portland, Maine, \$360,000 was raised for the Barbara Bush Children's Hospital and \$110,000 for the Make a Wish Foundation; similar initiatives would be rolled out with this venture throughout New Hampshire. Mr. Binnie would also like to give back jobs to the community and encourage people to stay in New Hampshire and build families here.

Councilor Lipman asked what attracted Binnie Media to this site. Mr. Binnie explained that early on it was realized that stations need to be relocated back to their target markets and in the search for a facility to house WLNH began with a conversation with City Manager Myers.

Mr. Binnie commented that the best lesson he ever learned was that patience is important in building a business and this cannot happen overnight and be well crafted. Mr. Binnie thanked the Council for their future patience with this process.

Councilor Hamel thanked Mr. Binnie for investing in the City.

Mayor Seymour reiterated that not only is the radio station relocating to the City, but the parent company is New Hampshire based this has great value for reinvestment in the State.

Councilor Bolduc thanked City Manager Myers for making this deal happen.

INTERVIEWS:

- **Highway Safety Committee** (1 vacancy)
 1. David Stamps - seeking reappointment as a full member for a 3-year term expiring 2016

Mr. Stamps expressed that he has been on the Highway Safety Committee for one term and he enjoys it. Tasks of this committee include reviewing various safety grants. Mr. Stamps has attended the Citizens Police Academy and is a member of the Lakes Region CERT team. He enjoys his work with the Highway Safety Committee and would like to continue.

Mr. Stamps also encouraged the Council to consider the concept of term limits for some of the positions available. Councilor Baer replied that if there are not new volunteers coming forward then there would be extensive vacancies. Mr. Stamps stated that he has done extensive study of non-profits, which can be comparable to this, and if there is comfort and familiarity in these groups it can be discouraging to new comers as well as disallow for change.

- **Putnam Fund** (1 vacancy)
 1. Richard Landry - seeking reappointment as a full member for a 5-year term expiring 2018

Mr. Landry has served one term on the Putnam Fund and has enjoyed it. Mr. Landry has learned a lot and looks forward to learning more.

Mr. Landry reminded everyone that on March 22nd the Ronan Tynan Concert will be held at Sacred Heart beginning at 7:30 p.m.

- **Trustees of the Trust Fund** (*1 vacancy*)

1. Karl Reitz - seeking reappointment as a full member for a 3-year term expiring 2016

Mr. Reitz has served two terms as a Trustee of the Trust Funds and he is currently the Chairman. Mr. Reitz has learned that there are diverse and interesting goals of the various groups associated with the Trust Funds. Currently they are working diligently with the Putnam Fund to allow the community to enjoy more programming and ensure the future integrity of the Fund.

- **Library Trustees** (*2 alternate vacancies; 2 full member vacancies*)

1. Glenn Smith - seeking reappointment as an alternate for a 1-year term expiring 2014

Mr. Smith is currently an alternate and would like to become a full member. Mr. Smith is proud to be a member and feels the library is a wonderful asset of the community.

2. John Moriarty - seeking reappointment as a full member for a 3-year term expiring 2016

Mr. Moriarty acknowledged that the Library Trustees has been a very stable board within the City. A long standing member of the Trustees, Daylon Brock, will not be applying for reappointment and Mr. Moriarty thanked him for his service.

Mr. Moriarty commented on the changes that have taken place since he has been a member and the new initiatives that have been brought forward by new members, including the Gail to Goss 5K race that will take place this spring, have broadened the outlook for the library.

- **Parks and Recreation Commission:** (*2 vacancies*)

1. Rodney Roy - seeking reappointment as a full member for a 3-year term expiring 2016

Mr. Roy thanked the Council for allowing him the last three years on the Commission. In that time they have been able to institute user fees, brought the circus into the City and cleaned up Wyatt Park and got it moving in the right direction according to the residents. Mr. Roy would like to continue to see some of the other projects coming forward completed, including Bobotas Park which has been the “forgotten park” and it looks like it will turn out as beautiful as other parks in the City.

2. Jeffrey Pattison - seeking reappointment as a full member for a 3-year term expiring 2016

Mr. Pattison has been on the Commission for 12 years. In the last several years they have dealt with significant issues previously mentioned by Mr. Roy and one that is coming front and center is the Robbie Mills baseball field and the use by the Laconia Muskrats, the Weirs Community Park and upgrades to Memorial Field. The Commission is reasonable with how they approach issues and he hopes to be part of the continued success they have encountered.

Councilor Lipman asked for any details regarding the upcoming all-star program with the New England Collegiate Baseball league. Mr. Pattison replied that there has been a meeting with Noah Crane and the Laconia Muskrats were selected as the host location for this game on a date to be determined. As a

result additional investments into the facility are planned; this includes the completion of the “Green Monster” and additional bleachers behind home plate. This event will bring all-star players from all over New England, which has expanded by three teams this year.

Councilor Lipman asked if there is an estimate on attendance for the event. Mr. Pattison replied that attendance is low at this time at around 400 averages when some other teams are bringing in 1,200 a game. This is something that they have been working on with marketing and added features to the facility to encourage attendance.

COMMUNICATIONS: NONE

PUBLIC HEARING: NONE

PRESENTATIONS:

1. Bestway Disposal/Casella Waste – Recycling Options

City Manager Myers explained that this is a presentation being made at the request of the Council following the recommendation of the Public Works Committee.

Archie St. Hilaire, former President of Bestway Disposal, addressed the Council. Mr. St. Hilaire was joined by Liza Casella and Tobin Trautz; together this group makes up the Municipal Services Team for Casella Waste which has recently acquired Bestway Disposal and will be providing the services for the City. Mr. St. Hilaire stated that they are not here to sway the Council one way or the other but to give options at a time when many decisions need to be made.

Mr. St. Hilaire reviewed a prepared presentation for the Council (see Attachment #1). This presentation included three scenarios for the Council to review; the current waste stream overview, an Automated Waste Collection, and a Pay-As-You-Throw (PAYT) Waste Collection Scenario.

With the PAYT system there is an average of 40% increase in recycling and is the best economic alternative because it removes a line item from the budget. With the Automated Collection the containers are used as a limiting device and they can be used in a hybrid system with a container for trash and one for recycling. The Automated Collection comes with an initial investment cost of approximately \$500,000 for the containers and they have a useful life of 25 years and the purchase has been bonded in other communities.

Mr. St. Hilaire encouraged recycling every week with a limiting program of any kind. Recycling material tends to be bulky and is difficult to store at times, especially when there is increased participation. The Automated Collection system can partner with the Casella Zero-Sort Recycling System. This system is safer, cleaner and more convenient for the residents. The majority of the waste collection industry is moving services to this type of system. The majority of communities use 64 gallon containers but it is encouraged to use smaller 35 gallon containers for an alternative. These containers have a 10 year warranty for replacement or parts.

Councilor Hamel asked if all of the size containers can be used with recycling. Mr. St. Hilaire replied that it can and with towns that use the automated recycling with PAYT it is less limiting. In Scarborough, Maine, there is an automated truck with a split body that collects both materials and dumps at the same facility. Without dumping at the same facility a split body truck is not an option. Councilor Hamel asked

if dumping everything at the Transfer Station is a possibility. City Manager Myers replied that this would involve handling the material multiple times and would not be cost effective.

Ms. Casella added that these encourage recycling because the smaller container size is used for trash and a larger container is used for recycling. During the initial switch over it can be difficult but the transition happens.

Councilor Lahey asked if there are problems with people putting trash in recycling. Ms. Casella replied that if you look at the waste stream today it consists of organic food waste, recycling material, and film. If you can remove the organic food waste and recycling material the film and grit would be left; at this time there is not a developed technology to remove the organic food waste so removing the recycling is the most effective option. The recycling programs are successful with education of the residents and municipal officials.

Ms. Casella explained that Casella Waste operated five (5) Zero-Sort Recycling facilities throughout New England. The facility operates like a large machine that accepts the material and sorts it with the use of technology including optical cameras and magnetic plates. The sorted material is then sent to recycling mills which will accept the material with less than a 2% contamination rate so it was important to Casella to use the highest level of technology to ensure accuracy.

Mr. St. Hilaire explained that in the Automated Collection System there is a camera on the collection vehicle that looks into the container before collection to help assist with identifying unacceptable material. Ms. Casella added that there is an identification chip in the container that allows the collector to report back to the municipality.

Councilor Hamel asked which system is the better economically. Ms. Casella replied that with PAYT results in diversion rates in excess of 40%. There has been increased diversion with the Automated Collection system as well.

Councilor Lipman asked what the initial investment would need to be to save 40%. Mr. St. Hilaire replied that with a PAYT decision there is no initial cost for material but there would need to be an increase in collection of recycling and would result in an increased cost of approximately \$100,000. Councilor Lipman asked to confirm that in order to break even the City would need to achieve a minimum of 25% increase in recycling. Mr. St. Hilaire replied that the program will be self funded but the budget line will be reduced for the disposal costs. Ms. Casella added that this is also using an assumption of decreased disposal cost by means of increased recycling which has the potential to show revenue from recycling payback in the longrun.

Councilor Lipman asked if there are programs that involve sharing the volatility of the recycling market. Ms. Casella replied that there are different structures for every community based on the willingness of the community to accept the risks involved. There are examples of offerings to other communities including flat rate pay backs and sliding scale pay backs for the material that can be offered to the Council to assist in determining the better scenario for the City.

Councilor Baer asked if there will be an increase in charges from the hauler if there are increased amounts of material recycled and additional collections required. Mr. St. Hilaire confirmed this is accurate. Councilor Baer asked how much recycling tonnage would be needed to see a revenue gain by the City. Ms. Casella replied that there is no specific amount that can be identified because it is dependent on the structured plan. Councilor Baer commented that the City receives no pay back on

recyclables at this time. Mr. St. Hilaire replied that this is how the contract is structured and if a new system is implemented a new structure can be calculated.

Councilor Hamel confirmed that with a new contract there could be revenue sharing with the recyclables. Ms. Casella replied that it would be dependent on the City's desire to do so.

Councilor Hamel asked what percentage increase there would be to purchase carts and implement an Automated Collection system. Mr. St. Hilaire replied that regardless of who actually purchases the containers it would be reflected as a cost to the City. This could potentially be reflected in the contracted rate for collection if the length of the contract is sufficient. Councilor Hamel asked if the charge back for the containers would be prorated over the lifetime of the contract. Mr. St. Hilaire replied that it would.

Councilor Hamel asked how the repairs to containers would be made. Mr. St. Hilaire replied that it could be done by a representative of Casella from the Belmont location and parts could be supplied to Public Works for minor repairs such as wheels. This would be specified in the contract as well.

Councilor Lipman commented that looking at the proposal it does not make sense for the City. With the system the way it is today and instituting the PAYT system it is the only way immediate savings can be seen because an investment is needed that would wipe out all of the savings which is not what the City is looking for. Mr. St. Hilaire replied that he has never seen a community that has a PAYT system with every other week recycling collection because it would create issues with piles of recycling being stored. Councilor Lipman replied that those in the community that are participating are doing this now with their own trash bags and the City has achieved 15% recycling and with PAYT more households would recycle; the 15% that are recycling now are storing their recycling for two weeks and it is not an issue for them.

Councilor Lipman stated that the City has a choice to either make cuts in other areas or make a change in the trash collection program and that the proposed plans that require large investments are not what the City needs. Mr. St. Hilaire replied that he has given both options to help with the decision. Councilor Lipman countered that the information on Automated Collection is not helpful because it defeats the purpose.

Councilor Lahey asked if there is a PAYT system what the decrease would be in disposal cost. Mr. St. Hilaire replied that it would be approximately \$93,000 because there would be less trash.

Councilor Lipman stated that he would envision backing the savings out of the Tax Cap calculation to allow for a savings in the tax rate for the taxpayers.

Councilor Lahey asked if the rate we are paying Penacook for disposal would be \$93,000 less because we would have income from the bags. Mr. St. Hilaire explained that this would be a savings because of increased recycling from the desire not to purchase bags.

Ms. Casella commented that there is a need for education with the PAYT and it should be a focus of the relationship with the City. Councilor Lipman replied that if we need to pay for additional collection the City is not seeing any savings and would not be acceptable.

Councilor Hamel asked if the community of Saco, Maine, that was used as an example realistically saw an increase on collected recyclables. Mr. St. Hilaire corrected that Old Orchard Beach was the community and they implemented a system that would limit the amount collected to two containers per

household and they would base the number off of the number of electrical meters on the property. This community only saw a 2% increase in recycling. Councilor Hamel replied that limiting doesn't encourage recycling because they can put the recyclable materials in the container anyway and it would not be effective. Mr. St. Hilaire replied that there is no way to force recycling.

Public Works Director Paul Moynihan stated that to institute a recycling collection rate increase from 15% to 45% would require a weekly collection. Councilor Lipman replied that this is a waste of time if there is no savings. Director Moynihan replied that the material that is going in the trash now needs to be collected but in a different way and the material itself will still be out for collection and it isn't possible to collect the expected amount of recycling with an every other week collection schedule. Councilor Lipman added that the collection truck will still be completing the same work but at more households with every other week and it should not have to come down to an additional collection and result in no savings to the City.

Councilor Hamel asked of the recycling truck would not be able to complete the route each day with one dump and that is the issue. Mr. St. Hilaire replied that the additional recyclables would result in the truck needing to empty three (3) times rather than once. Councilor Lipman countered that this would be offset by the decrease in the amount of trash collected from the increase in recycling. Mr. St. Hilaire replied that regardless of the weight of the bag the truck would still have to stop at every house and collect.

Councilor Lipman stated that although Bestway Disposal has provided a good service with collection the Council has not been provided with ways to reduce cost but with a way to increase revenue for hauler. Mayor Seymour replied that the Council is being given options at their own request to accomplish savings. Councilor Lipman replied that by increasing the cost of collection there will be no savings and nothing is being accomplished.

Mayor Seymour thanked Mr. St. Hilaire and Ms. Casella for taking the time to present options to the Council.

MAYOR'S REPORT: NONE

CITIZEN REQUESTS TO COMMENT ON CURRENT AGENDA ITEMS: NONE

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. **FINANCE: (Lipman, Hamel, Baer)**
 - a) WOW Trail Fund
 - b) Special Item Budget Requests Procedural Review
 - c) Huot Center

Councilor Lipman referred the Council to a request to schedule a public hearing for a Resolution Relative to Authorizing Bond and Notes of the City for Capital Projects in the Amount of \$1,000,000 which pertains to the Huot Career Technical Center. This funding was approved in concept by the Council in 2012 and has been a catalyst to encourage public donations for the project. This process would finalize the funding.

City Manager Myers stated that the public hearing is listed to be scheduled under New Business but if the Council would like the public hearing can be scheduled at this time.

Councilor Lipman moved to schedule a public hearing for a Resolution Relative to Authorizing Bond and Notes of the City for Capital Projects in the Amount of \$1,000,000 on February 25, 2013 during the regular Council meeting. Seconded by Councilor Hamel. **Motion passed unanimously.**

2. PUBLIC SAFETY: (Baer, Doyle, Lahey)

- a) Fair St./Court St. traffic problems and accidents

No report on any item in committee

3. GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS & ORDINANCES: (Doyle, Bolduc, Lahey)

- a) Energy Committee
- b) Vending and Licensing Fees
- c) Chapt. 119, Building Construction regarding signed architectural plans for residential units

No report on any item in committee

4. PUBLIC WORKS: (Bolduc, Baer, Lahey)

- a) Ordinance Amending Chapter 221, Vehicles and Traffic/Parking on Sublawns
- b) Proposed ordinance regarding vehicles over 18,000 lbs. and engines idling between the hours of midnight and 6:00 a.m.
- c) Proposed ordinance regarding large vehicles parked on City streets and sidewalks
- d) Recycling Proposals

No report on any item in committee

5. LAND & BUILDINGS: (Hamel, Lipman ,Bolduc)

- a) Repair & maintenance of City Buildings
- b) Former Laconia Police Department Building

No report on any item in committee

LIAISON REPORTS: NONE

MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Myers reviewed the Recycling Report (see Attachment #2), Financial & Operational Trends (see Attachment #3), Project Updates (see Attachment #4) and Goals & Objectives (see Attachment #5).

Councilor Bolduc asked where the additional building permits were taken out for. City Manager Myers replied that it is for the Beaver Pond development on Rollercoaster Road.

City Manager Myers complimented the employees of the Public Works Department for their hard work and dedication over this past weekend during the snow storm. They worked all weekend to clear the streets and the sidewalks that were necessary for school children.

Councilor Bolduc commented that he received a complaint that Union Avenue from Lakeport Square did not have the sidewalks cleared. City Manager Myers explained that unfortunately this was a very significant event and the focus over the weekend was to clear the sidewalks for school routes before Monday morning and the cleanup of the remaining areas will continue throughout this week.

City Manager Myers also complimented the Police and Fire Departments for their preparedness for the snow storm as well. There were no major events during the storm and the residents were mindful of the warnings to stay indoors and out of the storm.

City Manager Myers discussed some areas of the finances that have projected surplus as of January 31. These areas include \$69,719 in County tax, \$110,000 in workers compensation, \$70,000 in health insurance, and \$72,000 in solid waste from a rebate in property taxes from the incinerator; the total projected surplus is \$321,719.

Councilor Lipman asked if department line item savings can be projected at this time. City Manager Myers replied that he and Finance Director Woodaman are looking at the trends on a monthly basis and taking into consideration encumbered expenses through discussions with department heads. The department heads have been very diligent when it comes to looking into areas to save and they are very aware of the upcoming difficulties for the budget.

Councilor Lipman asked if a projection of \$400,000 in carry forwards could be anticipated for planning for the upcoming budget. Finance Director Woodaman replied that she looks at the line items for each department's budget and it is early to make that projection. The information given with the surplus figures could also change because there could be unanticipated changes.

City Manager Myers commented that the City has been using approximately \$1 million from the Fund Balance every year for the budget and the current balance is around \$5.2 million. We are locked into using the same amount as last year or we will be deficit financing the budget and that is not recommended therefore we need to continue to have some funding flow into the Fund Balance. City Manager Myers and Finance Director Myers discussed the need to be careful with the recommendations that are made to carry forward funding because these are one time options and cannot be a guaranteed sources in future years.

Councilor Lipman commented that this reinforces the earlier discussion that we need to find a way to realize savings in the recycling program. City Manager Myers replied that what was heard this evening is similar to what Ann Saltmarsh presented a few weeks ago.

City Manager Myers commented that there has been encouragement to increase revenues within the City. One way has been with boat registrations which has the potential to increase revenues by changing behaviors and keeping the funds in the City, either by registering at boat agents or with the City directly.

Councilor Bolduc asked how the remote recycling locations are factored into the recycling information. City Manager Myers replied that the material from the remote locations is weighed and half of the tonnage is being estimated as being diverted from the trash disposal. The entire amount is not being used because it has the potential to be from businesses or residents from outside of the City.

Councilor Lipman stated that what we heard this evening was a way to provide additional recycling material to the hauler that will then market it and sell it; this would provide no savings to the City. Looking at the logical side there has been an increase in recycling some weeks and there has been no additional charge because we are paying on a flat rate and if for some reason we hit 30% next week the rate would not change. City Manager Myers replied that there are people that can carry the material for two weeks and that is not a problem but the increase participation is and we need to find a way to make it happen.

Mayor Seymour commented that we hear a lot about the increase in recycling in other communities but we have not seen real numbers or seen a way to implement it. The perception is that recycling would immediately result in savings and we don't know that answer. Councilor Lipman replied that it would be different in each community because of the way it would be structured.

Councilor Baer stated that as a single person she goes to drop off her recycling every week. If someone did not want to store the recyclables for two weeks they could use the drop off every week or get a larger bin. City Manager Myers replied that the larger bins are available through Public Works and they are designed to hold the recyclables for a two week period.

Councilor Hamel commented that it wasn't made clear that the size of the trucks is smaller for recyclables. If we were to go to a PAYT system they would need a larger truck. City Manager Myers replied that they use the most efficient vehicle they can. Councilor Hamel countered that Mr. St. Hilaire stated that they do not have the capacity to pick up with the current vehicle because they would have to dump multiple times. Councilor Hamel stated that the Council needs to make a decision within the next month and he doesn't see how there are any other options except PAYT.

Councilor Lipman replied that we wouldn't save with the program presented this evening. Councilor Hamel stated that if we do not purchase the containers and collect every other week we would realize savings.

Councilor Doyle stated that she is not ready to make the step to PAYT and she would like to see a mandatory recycling program first. Councilor Lipman replied that the Council is going to be faced with the decision to make other cuts if we don't move forward. Councilor Hamel added that we have had meetings, discussions, forums and we are just delaying.

Councilor Doyle commented that this is about the people she represents and they don't want to pay for the trash bags. Mayor Seymour agreed that he has heard similar comments because people feel it is double taxing but if the amount saved would be returned to the taxpayer in the form of property tax relief if isn't and that needs to be realized efficiently.

City Manager Myers replied that he will meet with staff and bring back two options for the Council.

Mayor Seymour agreed that we need to deal with this soon because we are throwing money away.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. First Reading of Resolutions Adopting the Weirs TIF District and Request to Schedule a Public Hearing for February 25, 2013 During the Regular Council Meeting

Planning Director Shanna Saunders offered to answer any questions the Council may have.

Councilor Lipman confirmed that there are not differences in this TIF proposal than previous proposals for other areas. Director Saunders replied that it is not and pointed out a correction to section VII of the report presented and asked the Council to note the correct information in section II-B.

Councilor Baer noted that under section III, Proposed Development Activities of the TIF District, the purchasing of the Weirs Pier and the Weirs Drive In for additional parking are listed and asked if the purchase of property needs to be transferred to a public or non-profit organization. Director Saunders

replied that these are concept items and if they need to be removed the group could be amicable to that.

Councilor Lipman commented that these actions would spur other economic development growth of the area and would have positive effects. City Manager Myers added that this is not a complete list but includes some of these items for consideration and the projects would come back to the Council before being completed.

*Councilor Doyle moved a Resolution Adopting the Development Program and Financing Plan for Weirs TIF District, Laconia, New Hampshire. Seconded by Councilor Bolduc. **Motion passed unanimously.***

*Councilor Doyle moved a Resolution Designating the Tax Increment Financing Districts. Seconded by Councilor Bolduc. **Motion passed unanimously.***

*Councilor Hamel moved to schedule a public hearing regarding Resolutions Adopting the Weirs TIF District. Seconded by Councilor Bolduc. **Motion passed unanimously.***

2. Laconia Professional Firefighters IAFF, Local 1153, Fact Finding Report (previously provided to the Council in non-public session)

City Manager Myers advised that this is an additional step in contract negotiations with the Laconia Professional Firefighters union. At this time the City Manager has discussed the information contained in the report with the Council during a non-public session. If both parties were to accept the Fact Finders Report it would be the basis for a new collective bargaining agreement and could not be amended. This is a confidential document until it is approved by both parties and cautioned the Council not to discuss specific sections of the report.

City Manager Myers made the recommendation to the Council to reject the Fact Finders Report based on cost items contained in the report.

*Councilor Lahey moved to reject the Fact Finders Report. Seconded by Councilor Bolduc. **Motion passed unanimously.***

3. First Reading of a Resolution Relative to Authorizing Bond and Notes of the City for Capital Projects in the Amount of \$1,000,000 and Request to Schedule a Public Hearing for February 25, 2013 During the Regular Council Meeting

Mayor Seymour indicated this item was taken up under Finance Committee Report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Milfoil Treatment Funding Request
2. WOW Trail
3. Master Plan
4. EPA Update
5. Sewer & Water Master Plan
6. Single Stream Recycling/Concord Co-Op/Solid Waste Disposal Cost Reduction
7. Strategic Planning/Goal Setting

NOMINATIONS, APPOINTMENTS & ELECTIONS:

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilor Baer stated that there will be a hearing tomorrow at 1:00 p.m. in Room 103 at the State House there will be a hearing regarding restoring a registration section of the DMV to the area. Councilor Baer encouraged the public to attend and support this bill.

Councilor Bolduc reported that the apartment building on the corner of Sheridan and School Streets has been torn down.

Councilor Bolduc also advised that on February 19 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. there will be an open house at the freight station in Lakeport.

Councilor Doyle reminded everyone that there is a Sled Dog Derby in two weeks and because of the snow it is going to be taking place this year.

Mayor Seymour commented that the Council needs to look at scheduling the budget hearings for the departments in the month of April. There are five (5) Mondays and the nights not currently scheduled for Council meetings could be utilized for the budget hearings.

NON - PUBLIC SESSION:

Councilor Lahey moved to enter into non-public session according to RSA 91-A:3, II: (d) Consideration of the acquisition, sale or lease of real or personal property which, if discussed in public, would likely benefit a party or parties whose interests are adverse to those of the general community. Seconded by Councilor Bolduc.

On a roll call vote of the Council it was entered into non-public session at 9:05 p.m.

*Councilor Bolduc moved to come out of non-public session at 9:15 p.m. Seconded by Councilor Hamel. **Motion passed unanimously.***

*Councilor Hamel moved to seal the minutes of the non-public session for 60 days. Seconded by Councilor Bolduc. **Motion passed unanimously.***

ADJOURNMENT:

*Councilor Hamel moved to adjourn at 9:16 p.m. Seconded by Councilor Bolduc. **Motion passed unanimously.***

Respectfully Submitted:

Mary A. Reynolds
City Clerk