



**LACONIA CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
AUGUST 22, 2011  
CITY HALL – CONFERENCE ROOM 200A  
7:00 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

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

**SALUTE TO THE FLAG:**

Councilor Henry Lipman led the Salute to the Flag.

**ROLL CALL:**

City Clerk Reynolds called the roll with the following Councilors present: Councilor Doyle, Lahey, Lipman, Baer, Hamel and Bolduc. Also present City Manager

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:**

- **Minutes and non-public minutes for the August 8, 2011 Council meeting**

Councilor Bolduc moved to approve the regular and non-public minutes of August 8, 2011. Seconded by Councilor Doyle. **Motion passed unanimously.**

**CONSENT AND ACTION CALENDAR:     NONE**

**CITIZEN COMMENTS FOR MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA:**

Representative Bob Kingsbury addressed the Council requesting information regarding the need of ward redistricting. City Manager Myers reviewed the process with Rep. Kingsbury and advised that we are seeking permission to have a ballot question in conjunction with the Presidential Primary in early 2012.

**INTERVIEWS:**

1. **Suzanne Perley – seeking reappointment to Zoning Board of Adjustment**

Ms. Perley is currently the Vice Chair to the Zoning Board of Adjustment and would like to seek another term.

**NOMINATIONS, APPOINTMENTS & ELECTIONS:**

- **Conservation Commission & Lakes Region Planning Commission:**

**1. Dean Anson – seeking reappointment to Conservation Commission and appointment to Lakes Region Planning Commission**

Councilor Lahey moved to appoint Dean Anson to the Conservation Commission and Lakes Region Planning Commission. Seconded by Councilor Bolduc. **Motion passed unanimously.**

**2. Marnie Blaisdell Schultz – seeking reappointment**

Councilor Lahey moved to appoint Marnie Blaisdell Schultz to the Conservation Commission. Seconded by Councilor Bolduc. **Motion passed unanimously.**

• **Zoning Board of Adjustment:**

**1. Steven Bogert – seeking reappointment**

Councilor Bolduc moved to appoint Steven Bogert to the Zoning Board of Adjustment. Seconded by Councilor Doyle. **Motion passed unanimously.**

**2. Suzanne Perley – seeking reappointment**

Councilor Bolduc moved to appoint Suzanne Perley to the Zoning Board of Adjustment. Seconded by Councilor Lahey. **Motion passed unanimously.**

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

**1. Request from Belknap Mill Society for letter of support for an LCHIP application**

City Manager Myers explained that this would consist of no financial commitment on the City's behalf and would only be a letter of support.

Councilor Lahey moved to approve the request from the Belknap Mill Society and to authorize the Mayor to sign on behalf of the City. Seconded by Councilor Bolduc.

Councilor Bolduc asked if all members of the Council need to sign the request. City Manager Myers advised that it is not necessary but if the Council would like to have all signatures it can be arranged to have the Councilors come in to sign.

Councilor Lahey amended his motion to authorize the Mayor and Council to sign the request. Seconded by Councilor Bolduc.

Councilor Lipman asked if the time frame to produce the letter for signatures is sufficient. City Manager Myers advised it can be ready tomorrow morning.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**2. Request from Cultural Arts Center of the Lakes Region, Inc. for letter of support for an LCHIP application**

Councilor Lahey moved to approve the request from the Cultural Art Center of the Lakes Region, Inc for a letter of support for an LCHIP application. Seconded by Councilor Bolduc. **Motion passed unanimously.**

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

- **Public hearing regarding a request from MetroCast Cablevision for renewal of the cable TV franchise agreement**

Mayor Seymour opened the Public Hearing at 7:08 p.m. noting the posting in the Laconia Daily Sun on Thursday, August 11, 2011. Mayor Seymour read the posting for the audience present. Mayor Seymour invited any members of the public that would like to speak to come forward at this time.

Tom Tardif addressed the Council and expressed his opposition to having a cable franchise agreement and the taxes associated. Mr. Tardif read a prepared statement. (See Attachment #1).

**PRESENTATIONS:        NONE**

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

Mayor Seymour noted the passing of Robert Holbrook with a the reading of the many accomplishments of Mr. Holbrook over the last several decades, including his various services to the City.

Councilor Baer reviewed a column she had written for the Laconia Daily Sun on May 2008. This column sited the opinion of role models in the community and this included Bob and Helen Holbrook. Councilor Baer read her column for the Council.

Councilor Bolduc commented that Mr. Holbrook had been moved to the Tilton Veterans Home recently and his presence had a positive impact on the atmosphere. Mr. Holbrook could be heard playing his piano, singing and entertaining his fellow residents and was very welcomed.

Councilor Lipman commented that Mr. and Mrs. Holbrook represent the good in Laconia.

Mayor Seymour reminded everyone that Multicultural Market Day will be held on September 17, 2011 and the Public Forum on the Pay-As-You-Throw program will be held at the Laconia Middle School on September 14, 2011. In addition, Executive Councilor Ray Burton will be making his annual tour of the Laconia Airport on September 25, 2011.

Mayor Seymour also noted that there is an art exhibit at the office of David Bownes on Canal Street which are preserved images of people in Downtown.

**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

**No report on any item in committee.**

**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
- d) Proposed charter amendment regarding election of Library Trustees
- e) Redistricting

**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) Oak & North Main St. Intersection
- c) Proposed ordinance regarding vehicles over 18,000 lbs. and engines idling between the hours of midnight and 6:00 a.m.
- d) Proposed ordinance regarding large vehicles parked on City streets and sidewalks

**No report on any item in committee.**

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

- a) Repair & maintenance of City Buildings

**No report on any item in committee.**

**LIAISON REPORTS:      NONE**

**MANAGER'S REPORT:**

City Manager Myers reported that there is a surplus of \$54,314 for Motorcycle Week, which will be placed in the Motorcycle Week Special Revenue Fund.

A section of the pipe system for the Winnepesaukee River Basin Project did fail over the weekend; there have been concerns on the impact it may have on Paugus Bay and additional testing has already begun and there are no concerns at this time.

Councilor Hamel asked how the pipe broke. City Manager Myers advised that it is located in a high use area but there are no further details at this point.

Councilor Lipman asked who is responsible for the pipe. City Manager Myers replied that they are conducting research at this time to determine who owns the pipe. Councilor Hamel noted that the ownership needs to be clarified and referenced some problems that occurred after the Weirs Beach boardwalk was washed away by flooding and the City was responsible for securing the pipe that ran

along the boardwalk. City Manager Myers replied that the advisory committee will be looking at this topic during there meetins and responsibility will be identified and clarified.

Councilor Lipman commented that the matter going through the system needs to be taken into consideration, such as water run off which is not being sent into the sewer system in the community. The City does separate the sewer waste from the storm water and that should be factored in. City Manage Myers replied that the advisory board is aware of this information and is looking into it. Councilor Baer clarified that regardless of what the advisory board comes up with, the Department of Environmental Services (DES) needs to approve the actions. City Manager Myers agreed with this statement but did speculate that the DES is expected to move in a direction requested by the advisory committee.

City Manager Myers reveiwed the success of the goal setting session held with the Belknap County Economic Development Council (BCEDC). A follow up meeting will be scheduled within the next few weeks.

City Manager Myers informed the Council that he will continue to serve on the Local Government Center and the NH Municipal Association as an appointed official.

Councilor Hamel asked for a balance in the Motorcycle Week Special Revenue Fund. Acting Finance Director Donna Woodaman advised the balance is approximately \$140,000. Councilor Hamel asked if there is any update on the possible purchase of a generator for the Weirs Fire Station from this fund. City Manager Myers reviewed the Resolution which established the Fund and advised that he will need to do more research to determine if the generator is a justifiable expense that the fund can be used for.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. Schedule public hearing on September 12<sup>th</sup> regarding a request from the property owners of Phoenician Way to impose a betterment assessment**

Councilor Doyle moved to hold a public hearing on September 12, 2011 during the regular Council meeting regarding a request from the property owners of Phoenician Way to impose a betterment assessment. Seconded by Councilor Bolduc . **Motion passed unanimously.**

**2. Schedule a Finance Committee Meeting regarding Sanitary Sewer Fund rates.**

Councilor Lipman moved to hold a Finance Committee meeting regarding Sanitary Sewer Fund rates for September 12, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. Seconded by Councilor Bolduc. **Motion passed unanimously.**

**3. Schedule a Government Operations and Ordinances Committee meeting regarding the proposed Charter Amendment regarding Library Trustees and redistricting.**

City Manager Myers stated that we will not be ready to discuss the redistricting until after the next Council meeting.

Councilor Lahey moved to hold a Government Operations and Ordinances Committee meeting regarding the proposed Charter Amendment regarding Library Trustees on September 12, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. Seconded by Councilor Bolduc. **Motion passed unanimously.**

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. Council membership on the CIP Committee
2. Milfoil Treatment Funding Request
3. WOW Trail
4. Master Plan
5. EPA Update
6. Sewer & Water Master Plan
7. Single Stream Recycling/Concord Co-Op

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

Councilor Lipman confirmed there will be a Public Hearing regarding the Huot Tehcnical Center at the next meeting on September 12, 2011.

**NON - PUBLIC SESSION:**            **NONE**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Councilor Bolduc moved to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. Seconded by Councilor Lahey. **Motion passed unanimously.**

A True Record Attest:

Mary A. Reynolds  
City Clerk