



**LACONIA CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY - OCTOBER 11, 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 Armand Bolduc 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 Scott Myers and Acting Finance Director Donna Woodaman.

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:**

- **Minutes for the September 26, 2011 Council meeting**

Councilor Bolduc moved to approve the minutes for the September 26, 2011 Council meeting. Seconded by Councilor Hamel. **Motion passed unanimously.**

**CONSENT AND ACTION CALENDAR:     NONE**

**CITIZEN COMMENTS FOR MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA:     NONE**

**INTERVIEWS: NONE**

**COMMUNICATIONS:     NONE**

**PUBLIC HEARING:     NONE**

**PRESENTATIONS:     NONE**

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

Mayor Seymour commented that the community wide tolerance event held at Lakes Region Community College was well attended and was very successful. Mayor Seymour thanked Carol Pierce and the Laconia School District for their participation in the event.

**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) (Report on item e from meetings of 10/4 & 10/11)**

- 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

Councilor Doyle explained that the Committee has met and would like to bring an acceptable recommendation to the Council.

Councilor Doyle moved to amend Article one, Section 1:02 of the Laconia City Charter as follows:

WARD 1: Beginning at a point on the easterly shore of Lake Winnisquam at the Meredith town line; then proceeding southerly along the shore of Lake Winnisquam to a point off the cul-de-sac 175 feet south of the unnamed brook labeled "H" at Ahern Park;

then proceeding along the center line of the Ahern Park access road first easterly, then northerly, and then easterly to a fork in the road located approximately 450 feet south of the Powell Building;

then proceeding on the center line of the northerly fork of the paved road in the State of New Hampshire Department of Corrections Lakes Region Facility first northeasterly, then northerly past the east side of the Powell Building, then easterly to Right Way Path;

then proceeding across Right Way Path along the center line of the unnamed road in the Corrections Facility first northeasterly and then southeasterly to Main Street;

then proceeding southerly along the center line of Main Street to ~~Lexington Drive~~ **Old North Main St;**

**then proceeding southerly along the center line of Old North Main St to the intersection of Main St;**

**then proceeding northerly along the center line of Main St to Lexington Drive;**

then proceeding westerly along the center line of Lexington Drive to the intersection of Lynnewood Road;

then proceeding southerly along the center line of Lynnewood Road to the intersection of Blueberry Lane;

then proceeding easterly along the center line of Blueberry Lane to the intersection of Main Street;

then proceeding southerly along the center line of Main Street to the intersection of Pleasant Street **Lewis St;**

**then proceeding easterly along the center line of Lewis St to the western shoreline of Lake Opechee**

~~then proceeding southerly along the center line of Pleasant Street to the intersection of Folsom Street;~~

~~then proceeding easterly along the center line of Folsom Street to the intersection of Main Street;~~

~~then proceeding northerly along the center line of Main Street to the intersection of Busiel Street;~~

~~then proceeding easterly along the center line of Busiel Street to the western shore of Lake Opechee;~~

then proceeding northerly along the shore of Lake Opechee to a point off the easterly projection of the unnamed drive to units 6 and 7 of Mallard Cove;

then proceeding northerly along the center line of the same unnamed drive of Mallard Cove to the intersection of Elm Street;

then proceeding northwesterly along the center line of Elm Street to the intersection of Parade Road;

then proceeding northerly along the center line of Parade Road to the intersection of Outerbridge Drive;

then proceeding easterly along the center line of Outerbridge Drive to the intersection of Davidson Drive;

then proceeding first easterly and then northerly along the center line of Davidson Drive to the intersection of Admirals Lane, then proceeding northerly along the center line of Admirals Lane to the intersection of Race Point Road, then proceeding northerly along the center line of Race Point Road to the intersection of Fox Crossing Lane, then proceeding northerly along the center line of Fox Crossing Lane to the intersection of Oakleigh Drive;

then proceeding southwesterly along the center line of Oakleigh Drive to the intersection of Long Bay Drive; then proceeding northerly along the center line of Long Bay Drive to the intersection of Teddington Way; then proceeding easterly along the center line of Teddington Way to the end of the drive; then proceeding along the projection of the Teddington Way center line to the center line of the railroad tracks;

then proceeding northerly along the center line of the railroad tracks to the northerly shore of Pickerel Cove;

then proceeding northerly along the westerly shore of Paugus Bay to the intersection of Endicott Street North;

then proceeding easterly along the center line of Endicott Street North over the bridge and easterly along the center line of Endicott Street East to the intersection of Pendleton Road;

then proceeding northerly along the center line of Pendleton Road to the intersection of Ashley Drive;

then proceeding along the center line of Ashley Drive to the intersection of Regis Road;

then proceeding northerly along the center line of Regis Road to the intersection of Pendleton Road;

then proceeding northwesterly along the center line of Pendleton Road to the intersection of Pendleton Beach Road;

then proceeding northeasterly to the center line end of Pendleton Beach Road;

then proceeding easterly to the shoreline of Lake Winnepesaukee;

then proceeding northwesterly along the shoreline of Lake Winnepesaukee to the Meredith town line;

then proceeding southwesterly along the Meredith town line to the point of beginning.

**and**

WARD 3: Beginning on the shore of Lake Winnisquam at a point off the cul-de-sac 175 feet south of the unnamed brook labeled "H" at Ahern Park;

then proceeding southerly along the easterly shoreline of Lake Winnisquam to the center line end of Gale Avenue;

then proceeding easterly along the center line of Gale Avenue to the intersection of Pleasant Street;

then proceeding southerly along the center line of Pleasant Street to the intersection of Harvard Street, then proceeding easterly along the center line of Harvard Street to the intersection of Main Street, then proceeding southerly along the center line of Main Street to the intersection of Union Avenue;

then proceeding northeasterly along the center line of Union Avenue to the intersection of Arch Street;

then proceeding along the center line of Arch Street to the east bank of the Winnepesaukee River;

then proceeding northerly along the east bank of the Winnepesaukee River to the intersection of Church Street;

then proceeding westerly along the center line of Church Street over the bridge to the west bank of the Winnepesaukee River;

then proceeding northerly along the west bank of the Winnepesaukee River to the westerly shore line of Lake Opechee; then proceeding northerly along the westerly shoreline of Lake Opechee to a point off the center line extension of Busiel Street;

**then proceeding northerly along the westerly shoreline of Lake Opechee to the center line of Lewis St;**

**then proceeding westerly along the center line of Lewis St to Main St;**

~~then proceeding westerly along the center line of Busiel Street to the intersection of Main Street;~~

~~then proceeding southerly along the center line of Main Street to the intersection of Folsom Street;~~

~~then proceeding westerly along the center line of Folsom Street to the intersection of Pleasant Street;~~

~~then proceeding northerly along the center line of Pleasant Street to the intersection of Main Street;~~

then proceeding northerly along the center line of Main Street to the intersection of Blueberry Lane;

then proceeding westerly along the center line of Blueberry Lane to the intersection of Lynnewood Road;

then proceeding northerly along the center line of Lynnewood Road to the intersection of Lexington Drive;

then proceeding easterly along the center line of Lexington Drive to the intersection of Main Street;

**then proceeding southerly along Main St to the intersection with Old North Main St;**

**then proceeding northerly along the center line of Old North Main St to the intersection of Main St;**

then proceeding northerly along the center line of Main Street to an unnamed secondary road approximately 600 feet north of Right Way Path;

then proceeding westerly along the unnamed road through the Department of Corrections facility to the point of beginning.

Seconded by Councilor Lahey. **Motion passed unanimously.**

**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 the construction value is at \$10.4 million for the period ending September 30. This is up from last year but still down from two years ago for the same time period. Councilor Lipman asked if this was commercial or residential change. City Manager Myers replied that is mostly smaller projects and renovations.

The Wyatt Park forum is being held tomorrow evening at the Laconia Community Center at 6:30 p.m.

City Manager Myers announced that the first edition of the Laconia Links was distributed last week and has received favorable reviews. City staff was thanked for their submissions. If anyone would like to be added to the distribution list they can send an email to [info@city.laconia.nh.us](mailto:info@city.laconia.nh.us).

Within the next few weeks, City Manager Myers will be bringing a restructuring flow for the Department of Public Works to the Council that will concentrate on the needs of the sanitary sewer aspect. This is being done within the current budget and will not require any additional staffing.

A follow-up meeting was held with the staff and the business owners in the Weirs area regarding Motorcycle Week. Discussions included proposed changes to the current policies and a report will be presented to the Council in the next few weeks.

City Manager Myers requested a non-public session following the regular Council meeting this evening.

Councilor Lahey commented that the newsletter was very good and commended City Manager Myers for bringing it to fruition.

Councilor Lipman asked for a status update on the project at Oak and Main St. City Manager Myers replied that there is a target date of November 10 for completion. Councilor Lipman asked if there are any other projects that can be updated at this time. City Manager Myers commented that he will have a full report at the next meeting, but could confirmed that the Lakeport project is scheduled to be done on October 28.

Councilor Lipman asked if there are any updates on collective bargaining negotiations that could be shared. City Manager Myers replied that there is no update at this time.

Councilor Hamel asked to have the traffic light planned for Oak and Main Street looked at again. It is Councilor Hamel's understanding that it will have a left turn on a green arrow only and this intersection should be the same as the Lakeport Square intersection, which is turn on green arrow and yield on solid green. City Manager Myers replied that he is not sure why it was decided to make it a turn on the green arrow only but will look into it and forward the information.

Councilor Hamel asked when the work on the traffic signals at Main and Court Streets is going to begin. City Manager Myers replied that they have recently accepted a bid that encompassed a new technology that will allow for a single camera system and no trenches will need to be dug. This project will begin very shortly.

Councilor Hamel asked if a base coat can be done on the Oak and Main Street project if the weather gets cold before the project is completed. City Manager Myers advised that the project is scheduled to be completed November 10 and it should not be a problem; if it is not done on time the contractor will be consulted.

Councilor Lipman asked City Manager Myers to research a prior group called the Lakes Region Clean Water Association that was formed around the same time as the Winnepesaukee River Basin Project establishment. The thought is that the group may have information and leads that would ease the efforts of the advisory group that is working on the project upgrades.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1. Laconia Police Department request for State & Community Highway Safety Grant in the amount of \$4,500**

Councilor Hamel moved to apply for the State & community Highway Safety Grant in the amount of \$4,500. Seconded by Councilor Bolduc. **Motion passed unanimously.**

**2. Schedule Public Hearing for 10/24/11 during the regular Council Meeting regarding proposed Charter Amendments for Library Trustees & Redistricting**

Councilor Lipman moved to schedule Public Hearing for 10/24/11 during the regular Council Meeting regarding proposed Charter Amendments for Library Trustees & Redistricting. Seconded by Councilor Bolduc. **Motion passed unanimously.**

**3. Authorize City Manager to sign Municipal Agreement for Weirs Roundabout**

Councilor Bolduc moved to authorize the City Manager to sign the Municipal Agreement for the Weirs Roundabout. Seconded by Councilor Doyle.

Councilor Hamel referred to Section II of the agreement and asked who will be responsible for the maintenance after the project is completed. City Manager Myers explained that the State will be responsible for the road way and the City will be responsible for the sidewalks and green space. The Laconia Water Works is going to be installing a water supply to the green space, which is anticipated to become an Adopt-a-Spot. Councilor Hamel feels the agreement is vague in regards to this.

**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

**NOMINATIONS, APPOINTMENTS & ELECTIONS:**

- **Marina Schultz requesting appointment as Selectman in Ward 6 to fill a vacant term to expire in 2013**

Councilor Hamel moved to appoint Marina Schultz as a Selectman in Ward 6 to fill a vacant term to expire in 2013. Seconded by Councilor Bolduc. **Motion passed unanimously.**

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

Councilor Lipman requested to have Strategic Planning added to Unfinished Business and to add to number seven to include Solid Waste Disposal Cost Reduction. City Manager Myers advised that he has been working with the Department of Public Works regarding the solid waste disposal and will continue to concentrate on that area.

Mayor Seymour asked for an update on the Strategic Planning/Goals. City Manager Myers replied that staff has been given the goals and objectives and will now complete narratives on how their department can assist in achieving those goals as well as any items they see as a road block. At this time they are looking to schedule a final meeting on October 28 but have not received confirmation.

Councilor Hamel commented that there is an issue with abandoned telephone poles on various streets throughout the City. This was a problem several years ago and the City had to go to the extreme of not signing the contract with Public Service of New Hampshire until the issue was resolved. City Manager Myers explained that he has looked at one area identified and begun the process of determining who the next responsible party is to contact because it may not be Public Service because other utilities use the poles as well.

Councilor Bolduc asked to have the vacant lot at Church Street by Busy Corner cleaned up. It is overgrown and messy.

Councilor Doyle moved to removed items d & e removed from the agenda for the Government Operations & Ordinances Committee. Seconded by Councilor Bolduc. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Councilor Hamel reminded everyone in Ward 5 that the days to recycle are Tuesday and Friday and encouraged everyone to recycle as much as possible. By recycling the disposal cost can be impacted and will impact the taxes.

Councilor Baer asked if there was a decrease in tonnage due to the economy. City Manager Myers replied that because we are still in a seasonal flux, that cannot be determined at this time but he will look at the trends for the last few years and make a determination.

Councilor Lipman asked for a report at the next meeting on the trending of welfare assistance for the year to date. City Manager Myers replied that the current tracking shows the first quarter of this year with a gross relief of \$21,000, compared to an annual total of \$41,000 for the prior fiscal year. It is clear that the amount of relief granted is up already. City Manager Myers will continue to monitor the trends and compare to the last few prior fiscal years and have a more inclusive report. Councilor Lipman asked for the same type of comparison for tax receipts on a collection level.

**NON - PUBLIC SESSION:**

Councilor Doyle moved to go into non-public session according to RSA 91-A:3, II: (a) The dismissal, promotion or compensation of any public employee, or the investigation of any charges against him, unless the employee affected (1) has a right to a meeting and (2) requests that the meeting be open, in which case the request shall be granted and(b) The hiring of any person as a public employee. Seconded by Councilor Bolduc.

On a roll call vote of the Council it was entered into non-public session at 7:38 p.m.

Councilor Lahey moved to come out of non-public session at 8:08 p.m. Seconded by Councilor Bolduc.

Councilor Hamel moved to seal the minutes of this non-public session for one week. Seconded by Councilor Lahey. **Motion passed unanimously.**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Councilor Bolduc moved to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. Seconded by Councilor Hamel. **Motion passed unanimously.**

A True Record Attest:

Mary A. Reynolds  
City Clerk