



**LACONIA CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
OCTOBER 25, 2010  
CITY HALL – CONFERENCE ROOM 200A  
7:30 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 Cote called the roll with the following Councilors present: Councilor Doyle, Lipman, Baer, Hamel and Bolduc.

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:**

- **Regular and non-public minutes of October 12, 2010**

Councilor Bolduc moved to accept the regular and non-public minutes of October 12, 2010. Seconded by Councilor Doyle. **Motion passed unanimously.**

**CONSENT AND ACTION CALENDAR:**

**1. Temporary Traffic Order 2010-09 /Edwards St. Christmas Party**

This is the same traffic order that was approved last year. The only changes are the date and a request last year by the Council to add paragraph 3 concerning the removal of snow by the Public Works Department if conditions warrant.

Councilor Hamel moved to approve Temporary Traffic Order 2010-09 Edwards St. Christmas Party. Seconded by Councilor Bolduc. **Motion passed unanimously.**

**2. Temporary Traffic Order 2010-10/Holiday Parade and request to waive vendor fees**

This is the same traffic order that was approved last year. The only change is the date.

Councilor Lipman moved to approve Temporary Traffic Order 2010-10 Holiday Parade as well as waive the vendor fees. Seconded by Councilor Bolduc. **Motion passed unanimously.**

**3. Non-Public Minutes eligible to be unsealed: 8/11/08, 8/10/09, 9/14/09 and 9/28/09**

Councilor Bolduc moved to unseal the non-public minutes of 8/11/08, 8/10/09, 9/14/09 and 9/28/09. Seconded by Councilor Hamel. **Motion passed unanimously.**

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

**INTERVIEWS: NONE**

**COMMUNICATIONS: NONE**

**PRESENTATIONS: NONE**

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

Mayor Seymour reminded everyone that there will be a Public Forum on Thursday, October 28, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. at the Laconia Middle School to discuss the Lakes Region Facility.

With regard to Councilor Baer's suggestion from the 10/12/10 meeting, Mayor Seymour encouraged the Committee Chairs to look at the items pending in their respective committees and to prioritize and revisit them.

**CITIZEN REQUESTS TO COMMENT ON CURRENT AGENDA ITEMS: NONE**

**PUBLIC HEARING: NONE**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

**NO REPORT**

2. **PUBLIC SAFETY: ( Baer, Doyle, Lahey)**
  - a) Fair St./Court St. traffic problems and accidents

**NO REPORT**

3. **GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS & ORDINANCES: (Doyle, Bolduc, Lahey)**
  - a) Energy Committee
  - b) Amendment to Zoning ordinance re Drug Treatment Facilities

**NO REPORT**

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
- e) Inventory of Public Works Equipment

**NO REPORT**

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

- a) Repair & maintenance of City Buildings

**NO REPORT**

**LIAISON REPORTS:**

Councilor Baer noted the Laconia Historical Society has a wonderful exhibit that started this evening at the Laconia Public Library which depicts the history of the Laconia Police Department. There are many interesting pictures and articles on display.

**MANAGER'S REPORT:**

City Manager Cabanel reviewed the taxpayer appointments held with Vision Appraisal in regard to the proposed revaluation. A total of 356 meetings were held; 45 commercial and 331 residential. At this time Vision Appraisal is reviewing all of the information with hope of having everything completed by the end of the month. The City Assessor has filed for an extension of our MS-1 until November 15 and it has been granted. City Manager Cabanel briefly explained the calculation of the second issue tax bill, and encouraged everyone to familiarize themselves with it.

City Manager Cabanel reported that Duncan Webb, the consultant hired to examine the Colonial Theatre, will be holding meetings from November 10 through November 12 from 9:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Anyone who has suggestions, opinions or questions is encouraged to contact the City Manager's Office to schedule a half hour meeting.

The "Seven to Save" meeting was held at Gunstock Mountain Resort last week, and the City was highly represented. It was very exciting for process we are going through with the Colonial Theatre, with several people being very generous with their time. At this point, City Manager Cabanel is looking into several grant opportunities.

A meeting was held of the Town and City Managers for those communities in the Winnepesaukee River Basin Project (WRBP). They have discussed the apportionment of votes and other avenues for conducting business, but not formal decision has been made at this time. City Manager Cabanel has also spoken with the Department of Environmental Services (DES) in regard to changing the form of government of the WRBP, and they did not give her a good feeling in regard to their willingness. City Manager Cabanel has also been in contact with Executive Councilor Ray Burton with regard to this issue, and he has agreed to attend a meeting with the City Manager after the upcoming election.

City Manager Cabanel reported that a meeting is being held at the State House on November 4 at 11:00 a.m. to discuss the future of Ahern State Park. It is believed they will also be discussing other State land on Lake Opechee. City Manager Cabanel distributed the legislation establishing Ahern State Park to the

Councilors. Councilor Lipman urged the Manager and Council to seek legal advice with regard to this matter; it was the consensus of the Councilors to do so.

City Manager Cabanel has been looking into Health Insurance options with Primex; the idea is to possibly offer employees a “cafeteria” plan which would allow them to tailor their insurance to their needs and possibly lower the City’s expenses. Cost containment is the ultimate goal when it comes to health insurance. Councilor Baer asked if Primex has given any indication of the pricing for the upcoming year. City Manager Cabanel explained that because we are self insured, the price depends on our claims. We should have an estimate in December.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. Revisions to Welfare Guidelines**

Councilor Lipman moved to except the changes to the Welfare Guidelines as presented. Seconded by Councilor Baer. **Motion passed unanimously.**

**2. Request to replace Weirs Beach Bathhouse Roof**

Parks and Recreation Director Kevin Dunleavy reviewed the proposal for replacement of the roof at the Weirs Beach Bathhouse, making the recommendation to change from a shingle roof to a commercial metal roof.

Councilor Hamel moved to replace the roof on the Weirs Beach Bathhouse with a commercial metal roof at a cost of no more than \$20,000 to be used from the Land and Buildings Non-Capital Reserve Fund. To reduce cost, the Parks and Recreation Department will look into removal of the existing shingles with departmental labor. Seconded by Councilor Bolduc. **Motion passed unanimously.**

**3. Request to replace some windows at Weirs Fire Station**

Mayor Seymour referred this item to the Land and Buildings Committee for review.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**1. An Ordinance Amending Chapter 235 Zoning/§235-44.1 Small Wind Energy Systems/Second Reading**

Councilor Lipman moved a second reading of An Ordinance Amending Chapter 235 Zoning/§235-44.1 Small Wind Energy Systems, noting a penalty will be assessed to those in violation under section VIII. Seconded by Councilor Hamel. **Motion passed unanimously.**

2. WOW Trail
3. Master Plan
4. EPA Update
5. Sewer & Water Master Plan
6. Single Stream Recycling/Concord Co-Op

**NOMINATIONS, APPOINTMENTS & ELECTIONS: NONE**

**COUNCIL COMMENTS: NONE**

**NON - PUBLIC SESSION: NONE**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 8:33 p.m. Councilor Bolduc motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Councilor Baer. **Motion passed unanimously.**

A True Record Attest:

Mary A. Cote  
City Clerk