



**LACONIA CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
NOVEMBER 22, 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 Matthew Lahey led the Salute to the Flag.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:**

- **Regular minutes of November 8, 2010**

Councilor Bolduc moved to accept the regular minutes of November 8, 2010. Seconded by Councilor Hamel. **Motion passed unanimously.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Request by National Multiple Sclerosis Society to fundraise at Opechee Cove and parking lot on May 14, 2011**

Councilor Hamel moved to approve the request by the National Multiple Sclerosis Society to fundraise at Opechee Cove and parking lot on May 14, 2011. Seconded by Councilor Lahey. **Motion passed unanimously.**

**CONSENT AND ACTION CALENDAR:     NONE**

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

**INTERVIEWS:     NONE**

**COMMUNICATIONS:     NONE**

**PRESENTATIONS:**

- **Presentation from WOW Committee - \$5,000 for Trail Maintenance**

Diane Hanley from the WOW Committee presented the Council with a check for \$5,000 for Trail Maintenance, emphasizing the commitment by the WOW Committee to continue to support the Trail Maintenance Fund for years to come.

Ms. Hanley also requested the Council appoint two members to the WOW Trail Maintenance Committee.

Councilor Lipman moved to appoint Kevin Dunleavy and Luke Powell to the WOW Trail Maintenance Seconded by Councilor Baer. **Motion passed unanimously.**

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

Mayor Seymour requested to schedule two work sessions for January; the first to review the items the Council would like to bring to local delegation this year and the second to invite the local delegation to attend and discuss these items.

The Council work session will be held on January 10, 2011 during the regular Council Meeting.

The Belknap County Delegation will be invited to attend the Council Meeting on January 24, 2011 to discuss the items established at the meeting on January 10, 2011.

**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 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) Amendment to Zoning ordinance re Drug Treatment Facilities
  - c) **Service on more than one board or commission**
  - d) **Proposed amendments to Chpts. 161 and 173 regarding Pawnbrokers**

Councilor Doyle reported on the meeting held this evening at 6:30 p.m. regarding items “c” and “d”. The Committee voted to move both items forward to the City Council for approval.

Councilor Bolduc moved an Ordinance Amending Chapter 173, Pawnbrokers as presented. Seconded by Councilor Lahey. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Councilor Bolduc moved a first reading of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 161, Licensing. Seconded by Councilor Lahey. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Councilor Baer moved an Ordinance Amending Chapter 5, Administration of Government. Seconded by Councilor Bolduc. **Motion passed unanimously.**

The application for City Boards and Commissions will be amended to indicate which positions are considered a conflict of interest, as well as the City Ward the candidate resides.

**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 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 Cabanel reported that a Tax Rate has not been set by the Department of Revenue Administration (DRA) yet, but an estimated rate would be \$19.78 per thousand. This is an increase of approximately 10%, which is equal to the percentage of decrease in values. It is expected to have a 2010 Tax Rate this week.

The feasibility interviews for the Colonial Theatre were conducted with Duncan Webb, and the City falls within “varying degrees” of feasibility. The next step is for Mr. Webb to prepare the feasibility study for the City which will establish the conditions that make the project feasible. To assist with this process, Mr. Webb has requested the City Manager gather information related to the tourist population of the City. Marie Bradley has placed a call to a professor at Plymouth State University requesting the information he has gathered. A preliminary report is expected around December 3, 2010, and Mr. Webb will be coming in to meet with City Manager Cabanel on December 13, 2010. At some time in January, a Town Hall Meeting will be held to inform the public of the findings and gather additional input.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**2. Federal Homeland Security Grant for Lakes Region General Hospital/Councilor Lipman**

City Manager Cabanel reviewed the Federal Homeland Security Grant. It is required that the funds for two portable ventilators be distributed to a municipality and not the Hospital directly. Franklin Regional Hospital will also be receiving two portable ventilators and the Franklin City Council has approved the acceptance of the grant. Each ventilator is estimated at \$12,000-\$15,000.

Councilor Hamel moved to accept the Federal Homeland Security Grant for Lakes Region General Hospital and to authorize the City Manager to sign on behalf of the City. Seconded by Councilor Baer. **Motion passed with five Councilor in favor and Councilor Lipman abstaining.**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- 1. Proposed ordinance amendment to Chapter 161, Licensing concerning pawnbrokers**
- 2. Proposed ordinance amendment to Chapter 173, Pawnbrokers**
- 3. Proposed ordinance amendment to Chapter 5, Administration relative to service on more than one board or commission**
4. WOW Trail
5. Master Plan
6. EPA Update
7. Sewer & Water Master Plan
8. Single Stream Recycling/Concord Co-Op

**NOMINATIONS, APPOINTMENTS & ELECTIONS:                    NONE**

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

Councilor Hamel recommended having a representative from the Laconia Fire Department come to a Council Meeting and demonstrate how to use the AED's that have been placed in the City buildings.

Councilor Baer expressed her happiness with the announced reopening of Walter's Market on Court Street. She had the pleasure of stopping into the store last week and meeting the new owners. The hope is to have the store open on December 1, 2010.

Councilor Baer also acknowledged that the Christmas Parade will be held on Sunday, November 28 and many of the Councilors will be walking in the Parade. She encouraged residents to come out and enjoy the afternoon.

Councilor Baer referenced an editorial in a local paper last Friday which expressed the need for the City to appeal the decision made by the NH Supreme Court regarding the City of Manchester Tax Cap. Councilor Baer noted that the City cannot appeal a decision that the City was not a party to; it was also noted that the Council has worked very well within the rules of the Tax Rate Cap and will continue to do so.

Councilor Bolduc noted that today marks the 47<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

Councilor Bolduc also advised that the Christmas Village will be open at the Laconia Community Center beginning on December 2 and December 3 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and again on December 4 and December 5 from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. In addition to these hours, all elderly persons in the community are welcome to attend a special walk through on Saturday, December 4 at 10:00 a.m.; all persons in the community with handicap disabilities are invited to attend on Sunday, December 5 at 10:00 a.m. This is the 35<sup>th</sup> year of the Christmas Village.

Councilor Doyle thanked the Laconia Fire Department for lighting the tree in Veteran's Square, as well as the Public Works Department for changing the seasonal flags in the Weirs. The Public Works Department has been helpful with changing the flags at each change in seasons, and the little touch helps to brighten the community.

Mayor Seymour thanked the Main Street program and Metrocast Cablevision for hanging the lights on the trees on Main Street, as well as the added lights on the poles. It really adds spirit to the Downtown area.

**NON - PUBLIC SESSION: NONE**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 8:22 p.m. Councilor Bolduc moved to adjourn. Seconded by Councilor Hamel. **Motion passed unanimously.**

A True Record Attest:

Mary A. Reynolds  
City Clerk