



**LACONIA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 22, 2014
CITY HALL – CONFERENCE ROOM 200A
7:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Pro Tem Armand Bolduc 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 Anders called the roll with the following Councilors present: Councilor Baer, Hamel, Doyle and acting Mayor Bolduc. Also, City Manager Scott Myers and Finance Director Donna Woodaman.

Councilor Bownes was absent.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

1. Regular meeting minutes of December 8, 2014

*Councilor Hamel moved to adopt the minutes of December 8, 2014. Seconded by Councilor Baer. **The motion passed unanimously.***

AWARDS/PROCLAMATIONS:

This agenda item was delayed to later in the agenda as the recipient of the award had not yet arrived.

CONSENT AND ACTION CALENDAR: NONE

CITIZEN COMMENTS FOR MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

Mayor Pro Tem Bolduc stated this is the when anyone present could offer comment on any item not on the agenda.

Denis Lantz of 59-65 Weirs Blvd wished everyone a Merry Christmas. He stated that Laconia is number two in terms of crime rate. He feels there are enough prisons in the area. What the Council does affects the community. It is necessary for body cameras. Interactions between

public and police are often misrepresented. There needs to be a method to show what is going on. A lot of police investigators say there need to be informants but he believes that is part of the problem and not the solution. He handed out a report from last month and noted that it has become a statistic. Behind those statistics are names and people affected by the Police Department. The Council has control over the fiscal budget. He discussed Amy Lafond and Stephan Vlatski murder cases. He feels there is a problem with not addressing the issue of where drugs are coming from. The career criminals remain on the outside and he asked who the prisons are built for. He had been a Private Investigator and a fact finder and knows of cases where innocent people get locked away. He suggested a citizens' committee look over and evaluate reports.

AWARDS/PROCLAMATIONS:

Mayor Pro Tem Bolduc stated 27 years ago the City Council established the Debra Bieniarz Memorial Award for outstanding services for children and youth in the Lakes Region in memory of Police Officer Debra Bieniarz. Each year a committee comprised of one City Councilor, one member of the Laconia Police Department and one member of the School Board select an individual for the award based on nominations from members of the community. The award winner is based on involvement with the youth of the area. The recipient has been a trustee and Vice President and President of the Lakes Region Scholarship foundation, the founder of Laconia Education Endowment, a Kiwanis Club member and has been involved with the high school and a Board member and volunteer with the Salvation Army. She has made a tremendous positive impact on children and is dedicated to continuing to make a difference. The Debra Bieniarz Award went to Kathy Calvin. She graciously accepted the award and said she does a lot for the community because she enjoys the community. She loves living in a small community and will do what she can to help.

INTERVIEWS: NONE

COMMUNICATIONS: NONE

PUBLIC HEARING:

1. Public Hearing: Progress update on The Stafford House CDBG energy improvement project

Mayor Pro Tem Bolduc stated notice of this Public Hearing was made in the Laconia Daily Sun, at City Hall, the Laconia Community Center, the Gale Memorial Library and the Offices of the Laconia School District. He called the public hearing to order at 7:14 pm.

Dick Weaver, the Executive Director of Laconia Housing Authority noted they are overseeing the work at the Stafford House. Most of the improvements can't be seen. Councilor Hamel asked what else needed to be done and was told that all the energy work had been done. They are waiting for spring to make the entryway on the parking lot side for ADA accessibility, which will conclude the project.

Mayor Pro Tem Bolduc closed the public hearing at 7:17 pm.

2. Public Hearing re: Acceptance of Linny Lane as a City Street

Mayor Pro Tem Bolduc stated notice of this Public Hearing was made in the Laconia Daily Sun, at City Hall, the Laconia Community Center, the Gale Memorial Library and the Offices of the Laconia School District. He called the public hearing to order at 7:18 pm.

Kevin Morrissette of 518 Shore Drive is the developer of Linny Lane. The street has been constructed to City standards and has been before Council twice and recently before the Planning Board. The residents that live there are looking forward to the City services.

Mayor Pro Tem Bolduc closed the public hearing at 7:19

PRESENTATIONS:

MAYOR'S REPORT: NONE

CITIZEN REQUESTS TO COMMENT ON CURRENT AGENDA ITEMS:

Mayor Pro Tem Bolduc stated this is time when anyone present would like to offer comment on any item not on the agenda.

There were no comments.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. FINANCE: (Lipman, Hamel, Baer)

- a. WOW Trail Fund
- b. Downtown TIF Financing

No report on any item in committee

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

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

No report on any item in committee

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

- a. Energy Committee
- b. Vending and Licensing Fees
- c. Chapter. 119, Building Construction regarding signed architectural plans for residential units
- d. Ordinance Amending Chapter 221, Vehicles and Traffic/Parking on Sublawns

No report on any item in committee

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

- a. Review of Department of Public Works Road Cuts Policy and Manhole Construction/Paving Procedures

No report on any item in committee

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

- a. Repair & maintenance of City Buildings

Councilor Hamel noted Thursday there was a Land & Buildings Committee meeting and Committee members went over the bids for the Fire Station. North Branch Construction from Concord will be awarded the bid. They are waiting on permits and paper work and the bond to be finalized. There will be a meeting every month and the Committee will report on progress.

LIAISON REPORTS:

Councilor Baer stated she is the liaison to the Police Department and there was a Police Commission meeting last Thursday. She would like to congratulate the Police Department for all they do besides protecting citizens. Officer Michelle Cardinal of the Laconia Police Department was named as the top DARE officer of the state. The Police Department will be out Christmas Eve delivering gifts to children in Laconia. Councilor Baer noted that not only do the Police give their hearts and lives to our community, she is proud of all Police Departments in the country.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

1. Monthly Economic Development Report

City Manager Myers noted that some of the Economic Development statistics coming from the State have been slow in the last few months so this report is not in the agenda packets. He thanked the Council for the holiday luncheon for employees and thanked his assistant Nancy Brown for putting that together. Deputy Fire Chief Shawn Riley who oversees the City's emergency medical service program, both here and in other departments in the region, received the Employee Recognition award.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Acceptance of Linny Lane as a City Street

*Motion made by Councilor Lipman to accept Linny Lane as a City Street. Seconded by Councilor Baer. **The motion passed unanimously.***

Councilor Hamel asked City Manager Myers to let the Planning Board know that he would like protection to the City and contractors to be in place and the amendment looked at fully. City Manager Myers will be happy to share those thoughts and noted that the Planning Board has had vigorous discussions on this topic. He noted that currently it provides for all cash escrow plus an additional 30%. There is a public hearing scheduled for the January 6 Planning Board meeting. Councilor Hamel would like the cash and bond part looked at.

2. Non-Capital Reserve Fund Request

*Motion made by Councilor Lipman to request the funds from the non-capital reserve be transferred. Seconded by Councilor Hamel. **The motion passed unanimously.***

3. Restoring Lots 95 through 102 on Cedar St. to their pre-merger status

City Manager Myers explained the request. There are a number of small lots with small frontage. Once the unmerging is done, the property owner will merge the property into one lot so there will be a total of two lots. City Manager Myers recommended approval.

*Motion made by Councilor Hamel to restore lots 95 through 102 on Cedar St. to their pre-merger status. Seconded by Councilor Baer. **The motion passed unanimously.***

4. Proposed Ordinance Amending Chapter 161, Licensing

City Manager Myers explained the proposal. If a vendor owes money to the Motorcycle Week Association then the Licensing Board will not issue a vendor license. Councilor Lipman asked if there is a legal matter that the City could enforce a balance to the Association, and City Manager Myers said it could be challenged. Councilor Lipman asked about the nature of the fees and Charlie St Clair said the money owed is for the trademark, and advertising in the magazine.

*Motion made by Councilor Baer to amend Chapter 161 in licensing that any applicant with an outstanding balance due to the City or the Laconia Motorcycle Week Association shall not receive an approved license until all balances paid in full. Seconded by Councilor Hamel. **The motion passed unanimously.***

5. Council review and determination whether or not to unseal the non-public minutes of October 14, 2014

City Manager Myers explained the agenda contains two requests for the Council's consideration; one is to unseal two sets of non-public minutes of October 27, 2014 and the other is to unseal two sets of non-public minutes of October 14, 2014. City Manager Myers explained all four sets of minutes have been sealed by the Council. He has reviewed these minutes with legal counsel and the Council is well within their rights to go into nonpublic session and seal minutes.

*Motion made by Councilor Hamel to leave the October 14, 2014 non-public minutes, sets one and two, sealed until October 2016. Seconded by Councilor Lipman. **The motion passed unanimously.***

6. Council review and determination whether or not to unseal the non-public minutes of October 27, 2014

*Motion made by Councilor Hamel to unseal the October 27, 2014 non-public minutes, sets one and two. Seconded by Councilor Baer. **The motion passed unanimously.***

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: NONE

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilor Hamel wished a Merry Christmas to all and asked City Manager Myers to get a progress report on the rezoning of the Commercial Resort zone.

Mayor Pro Tem Bolduc wished everyone a Happy New Year.

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.
- (b) The hiring of any person as a public employee.
- (c) Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of the body or agency itself, unless such person requests an open meeting.
- (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.
- (e) Consideration or negotiation of pending claims or litigation which has been threatened in writing or filed against the body or agency or any subdivision thereof, or against any member thereof because of his membership in such body or agency, until the claim or litigation has been fully adjudicated or otherwise settled.
- (i) Consideration of matters relating to the preparation for and the carrying out of emergency functions including training to carry out such functions, developed by local or state safety officials that are directly intended to thwart a deliberate act that is intended to result in widespread or severe damage to property or widespread injury or loss of life.

ADJOURNMENT:

*Motion made by Councilor Hamel to adjourn at 7:42 pm. Seconded by Councilor Lipman. **The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:42pm.***

Respectfully Submitted,

Kalena Graham
Acting Recording Secretary