

CITY OF LACONIA - CITY COUNCIL MEETING
May 13, 2019
6:00 P.M.

5/13/2019 - Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

3. RECORDING SECRETARY

Cheryl Hebert, City Clerk

4. ROLL CALL

Mayor Engler noted four (4) Councilors were in attendance at the start of the meeting and a quorum was established.

Councilor Hosmer arrived at 6:04 pm. Councilor Lipman arrived to the meeting at 6:09 pm.

5. STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

Scott Myers, City Manager

Glenn Smith, Finance Director

6. Department Budget Presentation

School District -

Malcolm Murray, Chair of the School Board - Mr. Murray introduced the School Board Members and Christine Blouin, Business Administrator

Christine Blouin - Fiscal Year 2020 Proposed Budget was submitted in to the record. The budget was started from a zero-based budget meaning the budget is built from the ground up. There were 13 initiatives presented to the school board but to stay within the tax cap compliant budget only four of the initiatives were accepted. C. Blouin point out that they are entering into year three of a five-year teacher contract. Therefore they will be requesting \$275,000 from the Education Stabilization Trust Fund and \$100,000 from the Special Education Trust Fund. The total appropriations (General Fund, Food Service, and Grants) being requested is \$40,009,235. C. Blouin explained the different parts of the budget and what the numbers represent. Discussion included staffing changes, insurance rates, and maintenance projects.

Peter Johnson - Facilities Director - spoke in regards to the Performance Contracting. A handout was submitted in to the record explaining a contract from Siemens which shows the school district guaranteed an annual savings of \$189,407.

Dave Levesque - Principal from Pleasant Street School representing all three elementary schools spoke in regards to what the three schools are requesting, including roof and paving repairs, interior painting, security system, etc. The elementary schools are also requesting to add a school based Social Worker position at each elementary school. The District is requesting \$30,000 from local fund and has secured \$90,000 from external funding sources for a total cost of \$120,000 to meet the need of all schools in the provision of one full-time position per building.

Amy Hinds - spoke in regards to the Court Involved Students and gave the Council a breakdown on how it affects the budget.

Kelley O'Brien - Assistant Principal at Laconia Middle School - asking for an increase of one Social Studies teacher.

Mike Frederickson - Principal at Laconia High School - asking for an increase of one Science teacher.

Mayor Engler thanked the School District on how thorough the presentation was tonight.

7. Any other business that may come before the Council

8. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Council and hearing no objection, Mayor Engler adjourned the meeting at 6:57 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Cheryl Hebert, City Clerk

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