

CITY OF LACONIA - CITY COUNCIL BUDGET MEETING

June 10, 2019

6:00 P.M.

6/10/2019 - Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. RECORDING SECRETARY

Cheryl Hebert, City Clerk

3. ROLL CALL

City Clerk Hebert took the roll with the following Councilor's in attendance: Bruce Cheney, Andrew Hosmer, David Bownes, Mark Haynes, Bob Hamel, and Andrew Hosmer

Not present: Henry Lipman

Mayor Engler noted six (5) Councilor were in attendance and a quorum has been established.

4. STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

Scott Myers, City Manager

Glenn Smith, Finance Director

5. Department Budget Presentations

1. Parks, Recreation, & Facilities - Director Amy Lovisek

Director Lovisek thanked the two Parks and Recreation Commissioners that showed up tonight, Rodney Roy and Deanna Guyer, as well as Head of Facilities, Tim Ford.

Director Lovisek spoke about the different events that take place throughout the City by using the parks and athletic fields. The Laconia Parks and Recreation Department has 20 parks, 9 cemeteries, five beaches, 15 athletic fields, thirteen courts, nine playgrounds, nine City buildings, and 27 extra areas that are not parks. She also explained that there are 28.5 acres being mowed weekly and the treatment process. Director Lovisek updated the Council on seasonal employees and that as of this meeting there has not been any lifeguard applicants. Discussion was had on what has been done in order to advertise for seasonal employees as well as the comparison to surrounding areas.

Some of the Capital Improvement requests are the Bartlett Beach Drainage Improvements (\$60,000), Playground Revitalization (\$15,000), Dump Truck with Crew Cab (\$50,000), and a pick up truck with a plow (\$40,000).

The recreation department provided 60 different types of programs for all ages and abilities during the 2018-2019 year. Director Lovisek spoke of some programs that she would like to add such as a pickle ball program, a middle school aged summer camp, and an ultimate frisbee program.

There has been a request for a \$5,000 increase in the Grounds Maintenance line item due to the cost of the organic material that is being used.

Discussion was had regarding the clover on the athletic fields and how it is being corrected.

Councilor Hamel brought up the Police Department and the condition of the rugs. Councilor Hamel would like to suggest to take no more than \$23,000 from the Capital Reserve account to replace the carpet in only the areas that are needed.

Councilor Bownes spoke of the huge milfoil build up where the Canal Street Canal empties into the Winnepesaukee River. Who is responsible for this? Director Lovisek notified NH DES of this problem. City Manager Myers stated this will be addressed.

Councilor Hamel congratulated Amy Lovisek on her promotion to Director and stated it is well deserved.

6. Any other business that may come before the Council

7. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Council and hearing no objection, Mayor Engler adjourned the meeting at 6:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Cheryl Hebert, City Clerk

MINUTES OF THIS MEETING WERE APPROVED BY COUNCIL ON JUNE 24, 2019