

Minutes were approved by the Laconia City Council on 1/12/2026.

**LACONIA CITY COUNCIL  
2026 INAUGURAL CEREMONIES  
Belknap Mill - Third Floor January 5, 2026, 6:00 pm  
MINUTES**

I. New Mayor and City Councilors are seated, accompanied by the Laconia Police Department Color Guard.

II. Welcome: Comments from the Master of Ceremonies: Belknap County Sheriff William Wright

III. Salute to the Flag

IV. Invocation: Reverend Andy Akers

V. Comments: Guest Speaker - Governor Kelly Ayotte

VI. Introduction of 2026-2027 Mayor and City Council Members:

Mike Bordes, Mayor

Ward 1: Jon A. Hildreth Ward 2: Robert Soucy Ward 3: Eric Hoffman

Ward 4: Mark Haynes Ward 5: Steven Bogert Ward 6: Mike Conant

VII. Presentation to Mayor Charlie St. Clair

VIII. Comments: Mayor Charlie St. Clair

IX. Presentations to Councilor Bruce Cheney and Councilor Tony Felch

X. Comments: Councilor Tony Felch

XI. Ceremonial Swearing in of 2026/2027 City Councilors: City Clerk Katie Gargano

XII. Ceremonial Swearing in of Mayor Mike Bordes: City Clerk Katie Gargano

XIII. Inaugural Address by Mayor Mike Bordes

XIV. Mayor Mike Bordes opens Regular Meeting: at 6:28 PM

a. Roll call

City Clerk Gargano called the roll of the following city councilors: Councilor Hildreth, Councilor Soucy, Councilor Hoffman, Councilor Haynes, Councilor Bogert and Councilor Conant.

All 6 councilors were present and a quorum was established.

b. Meeting called to order

c. Nomination and vote on Mayor Pro Tem

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Councilor Hildreth made a motion to nominate Councilor Haynes to serve as the Mayor Pro Tem, the motion was seconded by Councilor Soucy. **Discussion:** None.

The motion **passed with all in favor.** 6-0

d. Announcement of Committee/Liaison Assignments Finance Committee

Mayor Bordes announced the names of the City Councilors to sit on the following subcommittees and to serve as City Council liaisons:

Finance Committee: Councilors Soucy, Bogert and Hoffman

Government Operations and Ordinances Committee: Councilors Hoffman, Bogert and Conant

Land & Buildings Committee: Councilors Hildreth, Bogert and Conant

Public Safety Committee: Councilors Soucy, Haynes and Conant

Public Works Committee: Councilors Soucy, Haynes and Bogert

Appointments Committee: Councilors Soucy, Hildreth and Conant

**Liaisons:**

Belknap EDC - Councilor Bogert

Capital Improvement Projects: Councilor Hoffman

Heritage Commission: Councilor Haynes

Human Relations Committee: Councilor Conant

Lakes Region Public Access: Councilor Hildreth

Library: Councilor Bogert

Parks & Rec: Councilor Hildreth

Planning Board: Councilor Conant

Police Commission: Councilor Soucy

Laconia Motorcycle Week Association - Councilor Hildreth

Water Commission: Councilor Conant

Pumpkin Festival: Councilor Soucy

XV. Adjournment

Councilor Soucy made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilor Conant. **Discussion:** None.

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The meeting was adjourned at 6:33 PM.

XVI. Benediction: Reverend Andy Akers

XVII. Reception

Respectfully Submitted,

Katie Gargano, City Clerk