

CITY OF LACONIA - CITY COUNCIL MEETING
September 14, 2020
7:00 P.M.

9/14/2020 - Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

As Mayor of the Laconia City Council, due to the COVID-19/Coronavirus crisis and in accordance with Governor Sununu's Emergency Order #12 pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04, this Board is authorized to meet electronically.

Please note that there is no physical location to observe and listen to the meeting, which was authorized pursuant to the Governor's Emergency Order. However, in accordance with the Emergency Order, this is to confirm that we are:

a) Providing public access to the meeting by telephone, with additional access possibilities by video or other electronic means;

We are utilizing the Zoom platform for this electronic meeting. All Members have the ability to communicate during this meeting through the Zoom platform, and the public has access to watch the live YouTube video at <https://www.youtube.com/laconianh>, listen to this meeting through dialing the following phone # 1-646-558-8656 or participate by the Zoom app: Webinar ID: 823 6027 0804 password 652596

b) Providing public notice of the necessary information for accessing the meeting;

We previously gave notice to the public of how to access the meeting using Zoom, and instructions are provided on the City of Laconia's website at: www.laconianh.gov.

c) Providing a mechanism for the public to alert the public body during the meeting if there are problems with access;

If anybody has a problem, please call 524-3877 x 249 or email at: cityclerk@laconianh.gov

d) Adjourning the meeting if the public is unable to access the meeting.

In the event the public is unable to access the meeting, we will adjourn the meeting and have it rescheduled at that time.

Please note that all votes that are taken during this meeting shall be done by Roll Call vote.

Let's start the meeting by taking a Roll Call attendance. When each member states their presence, also please state whether there is anyone in the room with you during this meeting, which is required under the Right-to-Know law.

2. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Councilor Cheney lead the Salute to the Flag.

3. RECORDING SECRETARY

Cheryl Hebert, City Clerk

4. ROLL CALL

City Clerk Hebert took a roll call vote:

Councilor Cheney YES, (physically present)

Councilor Soucy YES, Is anyone in the room with you? NO

Councilor Lipman YES, Is anyone in the room with you? NO

Councilor Haynes YES, (physically present)

Councilor Hamel Not present

Councilor Felch, YES, Is anyone in the room with you? NO

Mayor Hosmer noted five Councilors were present and a quorum has been established.

5. **STAFF IN ATTENDANCE**

Scott Myers, City Manager

Glenn Smith, Finance Director

6. **COUNCIL PROCLAMATION**

7. **ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

7.A. **Regular meeting minutes of August 24, 2020**

Minutes of the meeting were distributed to the City Council on Friday, August 28, 2020. With no corrections or changes submitted to the Clerk, the minutes will be accepted as distributed.

8. **CONSENT & ACTION ITEMS**

8.A. **Acceptance of a Liquor Enforcement Grant in an amount up to \$748.35 to perform joint alcohol enforcement of the local liquor establishments**

Mayor Hosmer explained the background to this item.

Councilor Cheney moved to approve the acceptance of the Liquor Enforcement Grant in an amount up to \$748.35, seconded by Councilor Haynes;

City Clerk Hebert took a roll call vote:

Councilor Cheney YES

Councilor Soucy YES

Councilor Lipman YES

Councilor Haynes YES

Councilor Felch YES

The motion passed with all in favor.

9. **CITIZEN COMMENTS FOR MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

No comments from the public were made.

10. **INTERVIEWS**

10.A. **Bradley Fitzgerald - Seeking appointment as a regular general public member of the Building Code Board of Appeals to a five-year term expiring at the end of March, 2025**

Unable to attend tonight and the interview will be rescheduled at a later time.

10.B. **James Rogato - Seeking reappointment as a regular member of the Licensing Board to a three-year term expiring at the end of March, 2023**

James Rogato was interviewed.

10.C. **Chris Condodemetraky - Seeking reappointment as a regular member of the Downtown TIF District Advisory Board to a three-year term expiring at the end of August, 2023**

Chris Condodemetraky was interviewed.

City Manager Myers explained the purpose of a TIF District and who can be apart of a TIF Board.

10.D. **Charlie St. Clair - Seeking reappointment as a regular member of the Planning Board to a three-year term expiring at the end of June, 2023**

Charlie St. Clair was interviewed.

10.E. **Jewel Fox - Seeking reappointment as a regular member of the Planning Board to a three-year term expiring at the end of June, 2023**

Jewel Fox was interviewed.

10.F. **Gail Ober - Seeking reappointment as a regular member of the Zoning Board of Adjustment to a three-year term expiring at the end of August, 2023**

Gail Ober was interviewed.

10.G. **Steven Bogert - Seeking reappointment as a regular member of the Zoning Board of Adjustment to a three-year term expiring at the end of August, 2023**

Steven Bogert was interviewed.

10.H. **Dean Anson, II - Seeking reappointment as a regular member of the Conservation Commission to a three-year term expiring at the end of August, 2023**

Dean Anson, II was not present.

10.I. **Dean Anson, II - Seeking reappointment as a regular member of the Lakes Region Planning Commission to a four-year term expiring at the end of June, 2023**

Dean Anson, II was not present.

11. **NOMINATIONS, APPOINTMENTS & ELECTIONS**

12. **COMMUNICATIONS**

13. **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

13.A. **Public hearing for Ordinance 221-37 relative to the conversion of three of the two-hour parking spaces on Union Ave in front of 781 Union Ave to 15-minute parking spaces**

Notice of this public hearing was made available in the August 27, 2020 edition of the Laconia Daily Sun, and posted at Laconia City Hall, Laconia Public Library, Community Center, and SAU.

Mayor Hosmer opened the public hearing at 7:36 pm

Hearing no comments from the public, Mayor Hosmer closed the public hearing at 7:37 pm.

13.B. **Public Hearing for Resolution 2020-14 relative to authorizing bonds and notes of**

the City to refund the outstanding balance of a 2015 bond in the amount of \$6,077,093

Notice of this public hearing was made available in the August 27, 2020 edition of the Laconia Daily Sun, and posted at Laconia City Hall, Laconia Public Library, Community Center, and SAU.

Mayor Hosmer opened the public hearing at 7:38 pm.

Hearing no comments from the public, Mayor Hosmer closed the public hearing at 7:39 pm.

13.C. Public Hearing for Resolution 2020-15 relative to authorizing bonds and notes of the city to refund the outstanding balance of a 2018 bond in the amount of \$630,000

Notice of this public hearing was made available in the August 27, 2020 edition of the Laconia Daily Sun, and posted at Laconia City Hall, Laconia Public Library, Community Center, and SAU.

Mayor Hosmer opened the public hearing at 7:40 pm.

Hearing no comments from the public, Mayor Hosmer closed the public hearing at 7:41 pm.

13.D. Public Hearing for Resolution 2020-16 relative to authorizing bonds and notes of the City to refund the outstanding balance of a 2018 bond in the amount of \$2,000,000

Notice of this public hearing was made available in the August 27, 2020 edition of the Laconia Daily Sun, and posted at Laconia City Hall, Laconia Public Library, Community Center, and SAU.

Mayor Hosmer opened the public hearing at 7:42 pm.

Hearing no comments from the public, Mayor Hosmer closed the public hearing at 7:43 pm.

13.E. Public Hearing regarding a proposed application to the Community Development Finance Authority for up to \$420,363 in Community Development Block Grant COVID19 monies to fund requests from seven public service providers

City Manager Myers explained the background to this Community Development Block Grant.

Notice of this public hearing was made available in the August 27, 2020 edition of the Laconia Daily Sun, and posted at Laconia City Hall, Laconia Public Library, Community Center, and SAU.

Donna Lane read into the record

"An informational packet was provided prior to this public hearing.

Community Development Block Grant funds are available to municipalities through the NH Community Development Finance Authority. Up to \$500,000 annually is available for economic development projects, up to \$500,000 for public facility, up to \$500,000 for housing projects, and up to \$500,000 for emergency activities. Up to \$25,000 is available per planning study grant. All projects must directly benefit a majority of low- and moderate-income persons. Community Development Block Grant-COVID (CDBG-CV) funds were authorized under the CARES ACT. Up to \$500,000 in CDBG-CV funding is available to municipalities. Funding is available to municipalities for new services; or a quantifiable increase in the level of a service above that which has been provided during the 12 months prior to application, both which must be attributed to the COVID-19 pandemic. CDBG-CV funding is also available to nonprofit public service organizations, as sub applicants to the municipality, for activities associated with preparing for, responding to, or recovering from the COVID-19 pandemic. Activities must serve primarily low and moderate income persons.

This is an application for CDBG-CV Public Service. Eligible expenses for the municipality include, but not limited to, increased welfare costs, increased homeless housing costs, and new services provided by the municipality attributed to the COVID-19 pandemic. Eligible nonprofit public service expenses include costs preparing for, responding to, or recovering from the COVID-19 pandemic including, but limited to, child care services, food banks, senior services, services for persons with disabilities, legal services, resident services, youth services, transportation services, health, mental health and substance abuse services, financial literacy, foreclosure and home buyer counseling, homeless services, education outside of school building, tutoring, furniture, equipment, and additional services providers."

Mayor Hosmer opened the public hearing at 7:52 pm.

Hearing no comments from the public, Mayor Hosmer closed the public hearing at 7:53 pm.

14. **PRESENTATIONS**

15. **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Hosmer recognized the opening of the the Laconia Schools with a modified program and extended his thanks to everyone that has been involved. Mayor Hosmer acknowledged the five alarm fire that happened last week on Dyer Street and would like to recognize the Fire Department for everything they did.

16. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

16.A. **FINANCE (Lipman (Chair), Hamel, Cheney)**

Councilor Lipman reminded everyone that there is a Finance Committee meeting tonight, immediately following the regular Council Meeting.

16.A.i. **WOW Trail Funding**

16.A.ii. **Downtown TIF Financing**

16.B. **PUBLIC SAFETY (Cheney (Chair), Soucy, Lipman)**

Councilor Soucy expressed concerned with some of the crosswalks throughout the City. Councilor Soucy would like to see more of the sidewalks become more visible for safety reasons.

Councilor Cheney stated he will try to get a Public Safety Committee meeting in the near future to speak of the crosswalks.

Councilor Cheney updated the Council in regards to the Traffic Division. The positions have been filled but now they need to go through the Academy, so it will still be some time before the positions are in full swing.

16.C. **GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS & ORDINANCES (Soucy (Chair), Felch, Cheney)**

16.C.i. **Review of Chapter 167, Noise and Chapter 161 Licensing as it pertains to outdoor sound equipment and loudspeakers**

16.C.ii. **Ordinance Amending Chapter 221, Vehicles and Traffic/Parking on Sublawns**

16.C.iii. **Procedural review of grant applications**

16.C.iv. **Regulation of Short Term Residential Rental Businesses**

16.C.v. **Proposed Historic Overlay District**

16.C.vi. **Scenic Road Motorcycle Noise Petition**

16.D. **LANDS & BUILDINGS (Hamel (Chair), Haynes, Felch)**

16.D.i. **Downtown parking garage**

16.D.ii. **Repair & maintenance of City buildings**

16.D.iii. **Perley Pond Maintenance**

16.D.iv. **Plan for the DPW Compound**

16.D.v. **Continuation of the discussion regarding parking in the Lakeport area**

16.E. **PUBLIC WORKS (Haynes (Chair), Felch, Soucy)**

Councilor Haynes stated the Public Works Committee met in regards to moving the City from a manual to an automated solid waste pick up system. It was stated the only drawback to going to this system is people do not like change. Councilor Haynes explained the committee feels like there is substantial savings to the City and that this should be moved forward to the Council.

Councilor Haynes moved to send this item to the Finance Committee, seconded by Councilor Cheney;

Councilor Haynes stated that DPW Director Anderson made it very clear that this will take a year to implement.

Councilor Lipman asked for someone to explain how this fits into the City's existing contract.

City Manager Myers explained the existing contract expires October 1, 2020 and then would be extended for one year with a four month notification. The timing of this is to do a June 1, 2021 extension backing that up on going out and trying to fine tune the numbers with an RFP completed in May of 2021.

Mayor Hosmer called the question.

City Clerk Hebert took a roll call vote:

Councilor Cheney YES

Councilor Soucy YES

Councilor Lipman YES

Councilor Haynes YES

Councilor Felch YES

the motion passed with all in favor.

Councilor Haynes stated the the Public Works committee discussed the proposed changes to Chapter 201-15, Streets and Sidewalks, Article II and 2016-16 Excavation, Driveway, paving and digging permits and the benefits the proposed changes would be to the City. Public Works is proposing to change the ordinance to include fees that the City can use to repair pavement issues

associated with these cuts on any City street and right of way. The proposal includes implementing a street damage charge and a pavement life reduction factor to the current fee structure for excavating within the City right of way.

16.E.i. **Retaining Wall Policy**

16.E.ii. **Proposed changes to Chapter 2015-15, Streets and Sidewalks, Article II. Protection of Streets and 201-16 Excavation, Driveway, paving and digging permits**

17. **LIAISON REPORTS**

Councilor Haynes spoke of the Heritage Committee and how busy they have been with many requests for demolition permits.

18. **CITIZENS REQUESTS TO COMMENT ON CURRENT AGENDA ITEMS**

No comments from the public were made.

19. **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

19.A. **Financial and Operational Trends Report**

City Manager Myers reviewed the report.

City Manager Myers explained that he is looking into the possibility of using the Huot Center's culinary arts building to host in-person meetings of the Council as it lends itself to social distancing. The School Board has been meeting there recently. The Council meeting would still be available by Zoom, but this would allow the option for members of the public to attend in person and allow the entire Council to be present. It would also no longer be required to have a roll call vote for every motion. It is being looked into as to whether the meetings could also be broadcast

Councilor Haynes asked if there has been an overwhelming concern from the Citizens with the current format.

City Manager Myers doesn't necessarily think it has been a concern with the residents as they have still had the option to watch through Youtube as well as participate via Zoom.

Councilor Lipman stated that he would like to have in person meetings going forward but the current Council chambers does not provide the proper safety procedures that need to be put in place at the current time.

Councilor Cheney agrees with Councilor Lipman but also wants to make sure that all the technical needs are met so that on day one everything is right and not experimental.

City Manager Myers stated he will move forward with working with the school in regards to using the Huot Center and using the live Youtube and Zoom format along with in person. The City Manager will report back to the Council by Friday with a decision whether or not to move forward at the Huot Center.

Councilor Cheney suggests the City Manager and Mayor make this decision.

Councilor Lipman would like to make sure if we are opening our meetings to the public that the safety precautions are being met in regards to COVID screenings and mentioned maybe even doing temperature checks.

20. **NEW BUSINESS**

20.A. **Request to unseal non-public meeting minutes for July 22, 2019, November 12, 2019, and November 25, 2019 ahead of their scheduled time**

Councilor Cheney moved to approve the early unsealing of non-public meeting minutes ahead of their scheduled time from July 22, 2019, November 12, 2019, and November 25, 2019, seconded by Councilor Soucy;

City Clerk Hebert took a roll call vote:

Councilor Cheney YES

Councilor Soucy YES

Councilor Lipman YES

Councilor Haynes YES

Councilor Felch YES

the motion passed with all in favor.

20.B. **Update on the City's purchase of the Diocese parcels**

Mayor Hosmer explained a purchase and sales agreement has already been entered into to purchase the rectory and school building on the St. Joseph's campus, mainly for acquiring surface parking. A closing should be held at the end of September or beginning of October. The City will most likely be looking to sell the rectory building. For the school building the City will go out for an Expression of Interest to see what a good fit would be for the use of that property.

City Manager Myers did a walk through of the buildings and there was nothing that was of concern.

Councilor Haynes moved to authorized the City Manager to sign the closing documents for the purchase of the Diocese parcels on behalf of the City of Laconia, seconded by Councilor Cheney;

City Clerk Hebert took a roll call vote

Councilor Cheney YES

Councilor Soucy YES

Councilor Lipman YES

Councilor Haynes YES

Councilor Felch YES

the motion passed with all in favor.

20.C. **Temporary Traffic Order 2020-07 - Belknap Mill Society - Riverside Duck Derby, October 17, 2020 - Request to reserve parking and to waive fees associated with the event**

Councilor Haynes moved to approve Temporary Traffic Order 2020-07 from Belknap Mill Society to reserve parking spaces in connection with the Riverside Duck Derby, and to waive fees associated

with the event, seconded by Councilor Cheney:

City Clerk Hebert took a roll call vote:

Councilor Cheney YES

Councilor Soucy YES

Councilor Lipman YES

Councilor Haynes YES

Councilor Felch YES

the motion passed with all in favor.

20.D. Update from Laconia Parks & Recreation regarding the Skate Park Meeting that was held September 1, 2020 at the Laconia Community Center, as well as options that were discussed for the park

Parks Director, Amy Lovisek reported that approximately 13 people attended the recent Skate Park meeting. It was discussed to move the Skate Park to Opechee Park where the old park house used to be. This location was chosen as it is visible by authorities and not close to a residential neighborhood. American Ramp Company will be working in Bangor, Maine and has proposed to give the City a 40% discount on Phase 1. At the meeting it was also stated that a group of teens and adults have started a 501(c)(3) to raise at least some of the money needed in order to move forward with phase 2.

City Manager Myers explained that no one expects a 501(c)(3) to be able to raise \$100,000. But we do think \$100,000 could accomplish three of the elements to begin with. It will cost \$7,500 to design the park. If there is consensus from the Council, we could bring to the next Council meeting a request to transfer \$100,000 out of the Non-Capital Reserve Fund to allow for the design and phase 1 of the Skate Park.

Councilor Haynes stated this item was really high up on the CIP requests.

Councilor Cheney likes the idea of saving 40%.

Councilor Lipman thinks public discussion needs to be had before deciding on a location.

There is a consensus from the Council to move forward with this item at the next meeting.

Councilor Lipman asked what is wrong with the current location of the skate park.

City Manager Myers explained that one concern is that it is too small and another is limited parking.

Councilor Felch mentioned that he has recently visited the Burlington, Vermont Skate Park and spoke with some people. It is in a remote location, it is well used, and the kids watch out for the park. Councilor Felch took some pictures and will get those to Director Lovisek.

20.E. Transfer of \$160,000 from the Non-Capital Reserve Fund Account

Councilor Cheney moved to approve the transfer of \$160,000 from the Non-Capital Reserve Fund Account, seconded by Councilor Haynes;

Councilor Cheney explained this is a reduction of expenditure by about \$21,000 and he also thinks the Force Options Simulator is critical considering everything that has been happening across the Country.

City Clerk Hebert took a roll call vote:

Councilor Cheney YES

Councilor Soucy YES

Councilor Lipman YES

Councilor Haynes YES

Councilor Felch YES

the motion passed with all in favor.

20.F. **New Hampshire Municipal Association Legislative Policies**

Mayor Hosmer read the background to this item.

Councilor Cheney moved the approval of the 2021-2022 NHMA Legislative Policies as presented, seconded by Councilor Haynes;

City Clerk Hebert took a roll call vote:

Councilor Cheney YES

Councilor Soucy YES

Councilor Lipman YES

Councilor Haynes YES

Councilor Felch YES

the motion passed with all in favor.

Mayor Hosmer explained there is an addendum to the agenda having to do with the Laconia Airport Authority.

Councilor Cheney moved to suspend the rules to allow for the airport item, seconded by Councilor Haynes;

City Clerk Hebert took a roll call vote;

Councilor Cheney YES

Councilor Soucy YES

Councilor Lipman YES

Councilor Haynes YES

Councilor Felch YES

the motion passed with all in favor.

Mayor Hosmer explained the background to the Airport item. The staff report was attached as part of the record.

Councilor Haynes moved to authorize Andrew Hosmer, City of Laconia Mayor, to sign Grant SBG-09-16-2020, Airfield Pavement Maintenance and Marking Project, between Laconia Municipal Airport and the New Hampshire Department of Transportation, Bureau of Aeronautics, seconded by Councilor Cheney;

City Clerk Hebert took a roll call vote:

Councilor Cheney YES

Councilor Soucy YES

Councilor Lipman YES

Councilor Haynes YES

Councilor Felch YES;

the motion passed with all in favor.

21. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

21.A. **Second reading of Ordinance 221-37 pertaining to the conversion of three of the two-hour parking spaces on Union Ave in front of 781 Union Ave to 15-minute parking spaces**

Councilor Cheney moved to waive a reading of this Ordinance in its entirety and to read by title only, seconded by Councilor Haynes;

City Clerk Hebert took a roll call vote:

Councilor Cheney YES

Councilor Soucy YES

Councilor Lipman YES

Councilor Haynes YES

Councilor Felch YES

the motion passed with all in favor.

Councilor Cheney moved a second reading of Ordinance 221-37 pertaining to the conversion of three of the two-hour parking spaces on Union Ave in front of 781 Union Ave to 15-minute parking spaces, seconded by Councilor Haynes;

City Clerk Hebert took a roll call vote:

Councilor Cheney YES

Councilor Soucy YES

Councilor Lipman YES

Councilor Haynes YES

Councilor Felch YES

the motion passed with all in favor.

Councilor Haynes move to approve Ordinance 221-37 pertaining to the conversion of three of the two-hour parking spaces on Union Ave in front of 781 Union Ave to 15-minute parking spaces, seconded by Councilor Cheney;

City Clerk Hebert took a roll call vote:

Councilor Cheney YES

Councilor Soucy YES

Councilor Lipman YES

Councilor Haynes YES

Councilor Felch YES

the motion passed with all in favor.

21.B. **Second reading and approval of Resolution 2020-14 relative to authorizing bonds and notes of the City to refund the outstanding balance of a 2015 bond in the amount of \$6,077,093**

Councilor Cheney moved to waive a reading of this resolution in its entirety and to read by title only, seconded by Councilor Haynes:

City Clerk Hebert took a roll call vote:

Councilor Cheney YES

Councilor Soucy YES

Councilor Lipman YES

Councilor Haynes YES

Councilor Felch YES

the motion passed with all in favor.

Councilor Haynes moved a second reading of Resolution 2020-14, relative to authorizing bonds and notes of the City to refund the outstanding balance of a 2015 bond in the amount of \$6,077,093, seconded by Councilor Cheney;

City Clerk Hebert took a roll call vote:

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Councilor Lipman YES

Councilor Haynes YES

Councilor Felch YES

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21.C. **Second reading and approval of Resolution 2020-15 relative to authorizing bonds and notes of the city to refund the outstanding balance of a 2018 bond in the amount of \$630,000**

Councilor Cheney moved to waive a reading of this resolution in its entirety and to read by title only, seconded by Councilor Haynes;

City Clerk Hebert took a roll call vote:

Councilor Cheney YES

Councilor Soucy YES

Councilor Lipman YES

Councilor Haynes YES

Councilor Felch YES

the motion passed with all in favor.

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City Clerk Hebert took a roll call vote:

Councilor Cheney YES

Councilor Soucy YES

Councilor Lipman YES

Councilor Haynes YES

Councilor Felch YES

the motion passed with all in favor.

21.E. **A proposed application to the Community Development Finance Authority for up to \$420,363 in Community Development Block Grant**

Councilor Haynes moved to approve the proposed application on the proposed project - Community Development Block Grant COVID-19 projects in the amount of \$420,363, seconded by Councilor Cheney;

City Clerk Hebert took a roll call vote:

Councilor Cheney YES

Councilor Soucy YES

Councilor Lipman YES

Councilor Haynes YES

Councilor Felch YES

the motion passed with all in favor.

Councilor Lipman wanted to make sure that everything has been covered for this vote.

City Manager Myers explained this is to just approve the application and stated that Donna Lane stayed on with the meeting with the Council and signed off right after this vote was approved, so that leads him to believe that she is satisfied.

22. **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilor Cheney had a request from the Hillcroft Road Association to have the Council consider the return of some property that was taken for tax reasons several years ago. This property is a beach on Paugus Cove. There was a beach that the homeowners maintained and it was taken for unpaid tax reasons. They would like to take this property back and put it back on the tax rolls. Councilor Cheney is asking that this be forwarded to the Land and Buildings Committee for review.

City Manager Myers stated this is already being worked on administratively. All of the legalities need to be worked through for transferring the deed back to the homeowners association. This will be brought to the Council within the next month or so.

Councilor Cheney explained the homeowners association is willing to pay taxes and maintain the property and asks that the City Manager work on getting this back on the tax rolls.

Councilor Cheney asked when the Colonial Theatre management group will be decided on.

City Manager Myers stated the contract is being worked on and he is hoping to have it to Council at the next Council meeting.

23. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

23.A. **Master Plan**

23.B. **Milfoil Treatment funding requests**

23.C. **Sewer & Water Master Plan**

23.D. **Single Stream Recycling/Concord Co-op/Solid Waste disposal cost reductions**

23.E. **Strategic Planning/Goal Setting**

23.F. **WOW Trail**

23.G. **Weirs Beach Restoration Project**

23.H. **Fair St/Court St traffic problems and accidents**

24. **Any other business that may come before the Council**

25. **NON-PUBLIC SESSION (According to RSA 91-A:3, II)**

26. **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to come before the Council and hearing no objection, Mayor Hosmer adjourned the meeting at 9:27 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Hebert, City Clerk

MINUTES OF THIS MEETING WERE APPROVED BY COUNCIL ON SEPTEMBER 28, 2020