



**LACONIA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 24, 2011
CITY HALL – CONFERENCE ROOM 200A
7:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Seymour 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:

City Clerk Reynolds called the roll with the following Councilors present: Councilor Doyle, Lahey, Lipman, Baer, Hamel and Bolduc. Also present City Manager Scott Myers and Finance Director Donna Woodaman.

PRESENTATION:

Mayor Seymour presented Carol Pierce with a commendation from Governor John Lynch for her service to the community through the Laconia Public Relations Committee and her role in the success of the Multicultural Market Day event.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

- **Minutes for the October 11, 2011 Council meeting**

Councilor Bolduc moved to approve the minutes for the October 11, 2011 Council meeting. Seconded by Councilor Hamel. **Motion passed unanimously.**

CONSENT AND ACTION CALENDAR:

- **Requests to raise funds on City property**
 - a) **Faith Alive Christian Fellowship – Memorial Park Softball Field October 29 and 30, 2011 (Council has approved similar request in past)**
 - b) **Weirs Action Committee – Endicott Rock parking lot June 10 thru 18, 2012 (Council has approved similar request in past)**

Councilor Bolduc moved to approve the above requests as presented. Seconded by Councilor Doyle. **Motion passed unanimously.**

CITIZEN COMMENTS FOR MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

INTERVIEWS:

- **Conservation Commission**
 - a) **Michael Foote requesting appointment as a full member**

Mr. Foote was not in attendance.

- b) **Martha Jane Connelly requesting appointment as a full member**

The Council reviewed Ms. Connelly's application for appointment and qualifications. With no questions from the Council, Mayor Seymour thanked Ms. Connelly for her application and advised her that the Council will vote on the appointment at the next Council meeting.

- **Heritage Commission**
 - a) **Catherine Tokarz as a full member**

Mrs. Tokarz has withdrawn her application.

COMMUNICATIONS: NONE

PUBLIC HEARING:

- **Continuance of Phoenician Way**

Mayor Seymour resumed the public hearing at 7:10 p.m.

Notice of this public hearing regarding Phoenician Way Betterment Assessment was posted at City Hall, the Library, the Community Center, the Transfer Station and notices were available at the City Clerk's office. Notices to property owners were sent via certified mail.

The City Council has occasion to view the road earlier this evening. At the conclusion of the location viewing, the public hearing was recessed.

With no members of the public choosing to speak, Mayor Seymour closed the public hearing at 7:11 p.m.

Councilor Lahey discussed the balance of the public interest in the layout against the rights of the affected landowners. This included making the following points:

- In this case the existing drive is being dedicated as a City street and no land is being taken
- The public interest provides for access by public vehicles
- There is no financial burden on the taxpayer for completing the construction due to the Betterment Assessment.
- Future maintenance will be light due to the road improvements being completed to City standards through the Betterment Assessment.
- This was always intended to become a public street so there is no special interest being provided.

Councilor Lahey moved that there is an “occasion” to layout Phoenician Way, located about 1.25 miles north of the Transfer Station site off of Meredith Center Road, with a length of 1085’ by 22’ wide as a public, class V road, and further authorize the City Manager to take the steps necessary to file the required documents with the City Clerk’s office to finalize the layout as soon as possible. Seconded by Councilor Doyle. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Councilor Lahey moved to authorize the City Manager to take the steps necessary to assess the betterment assessments against the property on Phoenician way. The amount of the assessment per lot shall be \$10,355.99 prorated over a period of 10 years (\$1,035.60 annually), pursuant to the vote of the Council taken on September 26, 2011. Seconded by Councilor Doyle. **Motion passed unanimously.**

- **Proposed amendment to the City Charter – Redistricting**

Mayor Seymour opened the public hearing at 7:15 p.m.

City Manager Myers reviewed the timeline of events leading up to this public hearing.

Councilor Lahey addressed the public in attendance to explain how the census designates blocks for redistricting and how the Council came to choose the proposed lines.

Mayor Seymour invited members of the public to address the Council.

Nancy Leroy (1388 Old North Main Street) addressed the Council. Mrs. Leroy expressed that she feels there was no public input on this matter and it would be a mistake to proceed as planned. If the City is going to complete redistricting then it should be done right and all wards should be adjusted accordingly so there are defining lines that make more sense. Councilor Lahey assured Mrs. Leroy that this change would affect the least number of voters and other wards did not require change because the deviation was within 3%.

Newbold Leroy (1388 Old North Main Street) addressed the Council and expressed concern with the separation of the neighborhood on Old North Main Street into separate wards. Councilor Lahey explained this area has had this problem many times because of the way the census has the blocks drawn and the blocks cannot be changed.

Mrs. Leroy asked if it is possible to redo the entire City. Councilor Doyle replied that it is not because we are under time restrictions. Mrs. Leroy asked why no one was told this was being done so they could help. City Manager Myers acknowledged that a delay was caused because the maps needed to be programmed to a GIS format. All meetings have been posted in appropriate places, including reporting from the local newspapers, notifying the public that the meetings on this item were being held. City Manager Myers further commented that in making the proposed changes the Council could not take into consideration polling places or moving elected officials outside of their current ward. When the Government Operations and Ordinances Committee looked at the possible changes they took into consideration the number of residents that would be affected by the change and the proposed ward lines will affect the fewest. City Manager Myers also clarified that the election officials that are elected at the Municipal Election in November will remain in office until the expiration of their term as allowed in the City Charter.

Councilor Lahey explained that with the way the population has grown it makes it difficult to adjust everything and make it even. Mrs. Leroy replied that the workers at the polling places spend a lot of

time sending people to the correct polling location as the lines are drawn now and the proposed plan is going to make it more difficult for voters. This is an opportunity to redraw the lines and make them easier to follow and puts people in a ward that they should be in. Mrs. Leroy stated that this needs to be done and it needs to be done right.

Councilor Lipman asked what the feasibility would be, in consideration of deadline, of bringing another proposal that would encompass the opinions brought forward. City Manager Myers replied that we are under time restraints to meet the need to have a ballot presented in conjunction with the Presidential Primary election. If the Council chooses to review another option it would result in a special election with the possibility of a lower turn out.

With no further comments, Mayor Seymour closed the public hearing at 7:27 p.m.

Mayor Seymour requested direction on action from the Council.

Councilor Lahey reiterated that the Government Operations and Ordinances Committee did take the time to look at the options and the one presented is the best option that impacts the fewest number of people. In looking at the census blocks, it was not possible to split other areas of the ward one and ward three without affecting more people than necessary.

Councilor Lahey moved to direct the City Clerk to place the proposed charter amendment regarding changes to ward boundary lines for the purpose of redistricting as presented on a Special Election ballot on a date to be determined. Seconded by Councilor Doyle.

Councilor Lipman commented that the input of the Leroy's is respected but with the restrictions the Council is facing it is necessary to move forward.

Motion passed unanimously.

- **Proposed amendment to the City Charter – Library Trustees**

Mayor Seymour opened the public hearing at 7:29 p.m.

Mayor Seymour explained the process to date.

Councilor Lahey clarified that this takes the process that is currently in place and transfers it into the City Charter as required by law.

Councilor Bolduc commented that the Council appoints and does not elect. Councilor Baer replied that the process currently in place involves a nomination, a second and a vote which would be a justified election. Councilor Lahey commented that the legislation that directs the choosing of Library Trustees uses the term "elected" in reference to the Council and is the true action that is taken. Councilor Bolduc again stated he would prefer the language state "appoint". Councilor Baer replied that the terms "elect" and "appoint" are interchangeable.

Mayor Seymour opened the discussion to any members of the public that would wish to speak. With none stepping forward, Mayor Seymour closed the public hearing at 7:33 p.m.

Councilor Lahey moved to direct the City Clerk to place the proposed charter amendment regarding the addition of Article XI, Library Trustees as presented on a Special Election ballot on a date to be determined. Seconded by Councilor Doyle. **Motion passed unanimously.**

PRESENTATIONS:

- **Hazardous Mitigation Plan – Chief Ken Erickson**

Chief Erickson began by recognizing the following people who assisted in making the plan and updates: Councilor Baer, Purchasing Specialist Jonathan Gardner, Engineer Craig Borgensen, Planning Director Shanna Saunders, Deputy Chief Deb Pendergast, Susan Lavrick from the Lakes Region Partnership for Public Health, Retired Police Chief Mike Moyer, Water Department Superintendent Seth Nuttelman, Public Works Director Paul Moynihan and Eric Senical from Lakes Region Planning Commission.

Chief Erickson explained that this plan is required for the City to be eligible for reimbursement for emergency funding from natural disasters, such as hurricanes, as well as any FEMA funding. Each Councilor has been furnished a copy of the plan with the changes which identifies the accomplishments within the City that have made the City safer during major disasters. Chief Erickson reviewed a map which indicates various information, such as evacuation zones, shelters, and zones hazardous materials that could be very useful on the event of a natural disaster or major event. On an additional map, Chief Erickson reviewed the evacuation routes and locations of water dams and private wells throughout the City. The map also displayed the flood areas and high fire risk areas.

Chief Erickson explained that the Council will need to endorse the plan and the Chief will send the plan to FEMA for approval and comments.

Councilor Lipman asked if a version of this plan will be available for review on-line. Chief Erickson replied that they are waiting for FEMA approval and then it will be.

Councilor Lipman moved to adopt this version of the Hazardous Mitigation Plan as a statement of policy. Seconded by Councilor Doyle. **Motion passed unanimously.**

MAYOR’S REPORT: NONE

CITIZEN REQUESTS TO COMMENT ON CURRENT AGENDA ITEMS: NONE

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. **FINANCE: (Lipman, Hamel, Baer)**
 - a) WOW Trail Fund
 - b) Special Item Budget Requests Procedural Review
 - c) Huot Center

No report on any item in committee

2. **PUBLIC SAFETY: (Baer, Doyle, Lahey)**
 - a) Fair St./Court St. traffic problems and accidents

No report on any item in committee

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

- a) Energy Committee
- b) Vending and Licensing Fees
- c) Chapt. 119, Building Construction regarding signed architectural plans for residential units

No report on any item in committee

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

- a) Ordinance Amending Chapter 221, Vehicles and Traffic/Parking on Sublawns
- b) Oak & North Main St. Intersection
- c) Proposed ordinance regarding vehicles over 18,000 lbs. and engines idling between the hours of midnight and 6:00 a.m.
- d) Proposed ordinance regarding large vehicles parked on City streets and sidewalks

No report on any item in committee

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

- a) Repair & maintenance of City Buildings

No report on any item in committee

LIAISON REPORTS: NONE

MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Myers advised the Council that he has appointed Barbara Thomas to the Laconia Housing Authority and Lori Groleau to the Personnel Advisory Board. These are both reappointments.

A restructuring plan for the Sanitary Sewer Department was reviewed with the Council. This restructuring was done because two long time employees have retired and the Council has discussed the need to concentrate on the water quality and planning for the long term with the Winnepesaukee River Basin Project (WRBP). In brief, this does not result in the hiring of any additional employees and does not shift the funding of employees to the General Fund from the Sanitary Sewer Fund.

City Manager Myers reported that he has researched the lights at Oak and North Main Streets. The decision to make the northern left turning lane to access Oak Street from North Main Street will not be a non-protected turn, which would allow for a left turn on a green light with a yield to oncoming traffic. City Manager Myers has spoken to the staff as well as the planning and design professionals, including Tim Goldy and Chris Quinn, and the intersection is recommended to have the specified left turn be on a green arrow only and not be a non-protected turn. City Manager Myers agrees with this recommendation and feels that safety would be increased by this decision. It was also explained that if the Council chose to follow the recommendation and decided later to change it to a non-protected turn in the future the cost would be an additional \$1,000.

Councilor Bolduc asked if they have done any research on the non-protected turn on Union Avenue onto Gilford Avenue. City Manager Myers stated the counts have not been done but the general thought may have been that the left turn at this intersection was needed to avoid traffic congestion on Union Avenue.

Councilor Lipman commented that the original plan was to allow for the left turn onto Oak Street and a cross walk was presented. City Manager Myers replied that the request was made and a cross walk has been examined but because of the accelerated speed of traffic from the turn it is not advisable. Councilor Lipman replied that a different impression was given to the residents because it has been done in other areas and requested it be revisited. City Manager Myers stated he would look into it but was not making any promises. Councilor Lipman replied that representations were made regarding the cross walk. Councilor Baer and Bolduc both commented that they had not been aware a cross walk being placed.

City Manager Myers updated the Council on the Winnepesaukee River Basin Project. The advisory board has reached agreement on locations and types of meters to allow each community to determine the amount of flow into the system. The State of New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (DES) will be going out to bid and awarding a contract in the near future with an expectation of having meters in place by July 1, 2012. This will allow the communities to collect data. It will be very important for the advisory committee to agree on the formula and its structure before the meters are in place. City Manager Myers also explained that the Capital Improvements Committee (CIP) of the advisory board is working on long term investments for the WRBP.

Councilor Hamel asked if the plans CIP is also looking into funding an account for future improvements. City Manager Myers explained that there is a statute that addresses being able to build up some reserves for assets of the system that are above ground by definition of the statute. There are more assets under the ground just in the piping that are not included and there are concerns regarding the age of the piping. The CIP committee, if appropriate, is looking into the inclusion of the assets under the ground. Councilor Hamel commented that there was an issue with the recent pipe failure in Meredith in regards to the ownership of the pipe. City Manager Myers replied that there was some discrepancy and the Town of Meredith took the responsible action by addressing the situation regardless of the owner of the pipe. At the recent meeting it was decided the failed pipe was the responsibility of the State and the recommendation from the advisory board was to reimburse the Town of Meredith for their expenses. Councilor Hamel advised that this is the same situation that happen with a pipe in the Weirs and asked if this is going to be the precedent that is set, clarifying that it will be funded through the CIP. City Manager Myers replied that this is the intent and has been done in the past.

The cable franchise renewal is ongoing with several communities in the area. Jon Gardner will be presenting the Council with an update at the meeting on November 28 and requesting the second public hearing be scheduled for the meeting on December 12.

Councilor Lipman asked if surveying market rates and market forecast is part of the franchise agreement evaluation. City Manager Myers replied that by Federal Law these items, packages and pricing, cannot be negotiated with the agreement; items that are negotiated are quality, reliability, and assistance to communities in supplying public access and customer service response to issues.

Councilor Lipman commented that at the first public hearing there was comments on deregulating and asked if there has been any conversation of the kind. City Manager Myers replied that the current agreement is with Metrocast and if no agreement existed than any cable company that wants to come in and offer services can. The likelihood of this occurring is slim and City Manager Myers is not aware of any community in the State that has more than one cable service.

Councilor Lipman asked if broadband is part of the franchise agreement discussion. City Manager Myers replied that this is a cable agreement, with the understanding that many carriers offer broadband services.

Councilor Hamel asked if during the negotiations they are looking at the quality of technology that the communities have that is used to provide local access. City Manager Myers explained that this is something that is being discussed but is dependent on the length of the contract that will be agreed upon. This will be updated when Mr. Gardner presents to the Council.

Councilor Hamel asked why the City is involved with this process and why it is not a privatized process between the supplier and the subscriber. City Manager Myers indicated that this is needed for political reasons. We are negotiating for access in public buildings, schools and under serviced areas of our population with expectations of service. Councilor Hamel commented that this should be left to the market and not to the municipalities to decide.

Councilor Baer asked if we pay a franchise fee to Metrocast. Finance Director Woodaman replied that we receive funds from the franchise fee.

Councilor Lipman asked what the consequences are if an agreement is not reached. City Manager Myers replied that the only way we can choose to remove a franchisee is if they do not meet the threshold of responsibilities in the contract. If the contract expires there will be no contract in place for Metrocast to invest in the community and several steps will need to be followed.

Councilor Hamel explained that he is asking these questions because the City is paying a portion of the attorney fees for the negotiation of this contract and we are not getting anything for it. City Manager Myers explained that one deal is being negotiated for each community based on the revenue generated from the subscribers in the City. Councilor Hamel asked what the advantage is to being in the agreement because by FCC law the cable companies are required to provide local access. City Manager Myers replied that we are getting legal representation at a reduced rate. Councilor Lipman would like to see the value of signing another franchise agreement. This information will be discussed further when Mr. Gardner presents to the Council on November 28.

City Manager Myers advised the Council that Stewart Park and Belknap Landscape Company has been recognized with a 2011 Build NH Award for the work done.

The Laconia Links Newsletter continues to grow subscriber base. Those that do not subscribe can access the newsletter on the City website weekly.

The City is a finalist for the Heart and Soul Grant from the Orton Family Foundation. Representatives from the foundation will be spending Thursday in the City meeting with various community organizations and community leaders to discuss way the grant can assist the City.

City Manager Myers has received notification that the LCHIP will be coming to tour the Colonial Theatre as part of a grant process.

The Capital Improvement Plan Committee has been meeting and Finance Director Woodaman has sent budget information out to departments with instructions to have requests to her by December 1.

Councilor Hamel asked to revisit the Oak and North Main Street intersections. It was asked if the directional can be programmed to have a non-protected turn at certain times and not at others. City Manager Myers replied that if this was an option in programming then one of the professionals involved would have brought it up and may be confusing to people.

Councilor Hamel asked if the public notifications are put in the Laconia Links. City Manager Myers replied that they are as well as posted on the website.

Mayor Seymour commented that on Saturday there was a truck show for the kids with various City vehicles on display for them to explore. Parks & Recreation and City staff did a great job with the event.

Mayor Seymour welcomed Donna Woodaman as the new Finance Director.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program applications approval and authorization for City Manager to sign on behalf of the City

Chief Erickson addressed the Council and explained how the grant funds would be used. The first grant is to install a complete fire sprinkler system and smoke and fire detection system at the Central Fire Station. The total project is \$93,510 with the City share being \$4,675. The second grant is for a new fire engine to replace Engine 1. The total cost is \$415,000 and the City's share would be \$49,000.

Councilor Lipman moved to approve the applications of the assistance to Firefighters Grant Program and to authorize the City Manager to sign the application on behalf of the City. Seconded by Councilor Hamel.

Councilor Baer stated that it is nice to get grant funds, but then the City needs to come up with additional funds.

Councilor Hamel asked what the most recent truck purchased was. Chief Erickson replied that it was the 1990 pumper and it is being run as first due.

Councilor Baer congratulated the Chief on the new ambulance that was recently put into service. Chief Erickson commended Lakes Region General Healthcare for the new ambulance because it was purchased as part of the contract. Councilor Baer stated that this is a lot of money in a budget that has already been passed. Chief Erickson advised that the engine is in the CIP for the 2012 budget year and this is an opportunity to replace the truck for \$49,000 instead of \$415,000.

Councilor Lahey asked when the \$49,000 would need to be spent. Chief Erickson replied that he believes the City would have two years to make the purchase. Councilor Hamel asked if the sprinkler system grant is the same. Chief Erickson replied that he believes it is. Councilor Hamel commented that the Fire Station is coming up on the bond schedule and the funding for this could be used as part of the overall project.

Motion passed unanimously.

Councilor Hamel asked what will happen with the old ambulance that has been recently replaced because there is a need for an emergency response vehicle. Chief Erickson replied that the ambulance

will need to go back to LRGH and the plan is to make it a bariatric patient transporter. Councilor Lipman stated his understanding is that the ambulance is not going back to the hospital and is titled over to the City.

Councilor Hamel asked how often the ambulance is changed out. Chief Erickson replied that they last seven to eight years.

Councilor Lipman used this opportunity to address the issue of over time expenses commenting that there is interest on the part of the Council as to how it is being managed. City Manager Myers replied that he appreciates the direction from the Council and will concentrate on this area with the upcoming budget cycle and advised that the winter is very difficult because the demand for services is higher. Councilor Lipman explained that he is bringing the item up now so there is plenty of time to look at options.

Councilor Baer asked for the percentage of calls that are medical compared to fire. Chief Erickson replied that 68% are medical and 14% fire, with various other incidents making up the remainder. Councilor Baer asked if the ladder truck is going to medical calls. Chief Erickson replied that in almost all cases it is not.

Councilor Hamel commented that a couple years ago the overtime budget for the City was approximately \$1 million, with the Fire Department making up approximately \$700,000. Councilor Hamel asked Finance Director Woodaman if there is any deviation and what that is from last year to this year. Finance Director Woodaman replied that looking at the information provided through the end of September the numbers are very close and the City is still waiting on reimbursements from EMT trainings and Hurricane Irene.

Chief Erickson advised the Council that the department has cut emergency recalls drastically, from 16 per month to five.

Councilor Lipman reiterated that the Council does not doubt the needs, but is questioning the approach being taken with regard to over time.

Councilor Baer asked if the Fire Department has received any funding for the World Run. Chief Erickson replied that they applied and were denied, however, they were able to use some left over money from a Homeland Security grant.

Councilor Hamel stated that there needs to be a review on the operations down to the details including the scheduling. Chief Erickson replied that they have done the analysis in the last few years. City Manager Myers stated that he will take the direction of the Council into consideration and will work on it.

Councilor Lahey asked if there is a separate sick and overtime line item. Chief Erickson explained that there is Sick Time, Extra Duty and Vacation/Personal Time. Councilor Lahey asked if someone is covering someone else as a sick day which line does it come out of. Chief Erickson explained that the person taking the sick day is paid out of the regular salary and the person covering the sick day is paid out of the Sick Time line. Chief Erickson also noted that the average is four sick days per year and is very low.

2. Temporary Traffic Order Veterans Day Ceremony

Councilor Hamel moved to approve Temporary Traffic Order 2011-13 Veteran’s Day Ceremony as presented. Seconded by Councilor Bolduc. **Motion passed unanimously.**

3. VFW requesting waiver of vendor fees for Veterans Day Ceremony

Councilor Lahey moved to waive the vendor fees for the VFW for the Veterans Day Ceremony. Seconded by Councilor Lipman. **Motion passed unanimously.**

4. Appointment of Councilor representative to Huot-LHS Planning Committee

Mayor Seymour explained that with the project beginning there is a need for a liaison representative to the planning committee. Councilor Lahey has stepped up to be the liaison. With no other Councilors commenting on interest, Mayor Seymour appointed Councilor Lahey as indicated.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Council membership on the CIP Committee
2. Milfoil Treatment Funding Request
3. WOW Trail
4. Master Plan
5. EPA Update
6. Sewer & Water Master Plan
7. Single Stream Recycling/Concord Co-Op/Solid Waste Disposal Cost Reduction

City Manager Myers has developed a Recycling Initiative. This Initiative includes ordering 500 additional recycling bins, an additional remote recycling site at a location yet to be disclosed, meeting with private haulers in regards to their involvement in encouraging recycling, outreach to the owners of multi-family residents to educate them on recycling, the purchase of combination recycling/trash receptacles for the Parks, education to the public through the Laconia Links and a forum to be held in January or February in conjunction with the Conservation Commission to educate on composting.

A Recycling Challenge will be implemented to encourage the residents to recycle with each Councilor being assigned a day of the week. The following route to Councilor chart will be followed:

Remote Sites	Councilor Lahey
Monday	Councilor Doyle
Tuesday	Councilor Lipman
Wednesday	Councilor Hamel
Thursday	Councilor Bolduc
Friday	Councilor Baer

The first day of the Recycling Challenge will be October 31. The School District will be promoting this program as well, with the Mayor offering encouragement to the students by offering to do “whatever they want”.

Councilor Hamel commented that this is a way to encourage the residents to avoid the alternative, which is a Pay As You Throw program.

8. Strategic Planning/Goal Setting

City Manager Myers advised that the Council and Department Heads will be meeting on Friday, October 28 at 2:00 p.m. for what is hoped to be the final meeting. The final draft of Strategic Planning will be available by the close of business tomorrow and all Councilors were encouraged to review the document prior to the meeting.

NOMINATIONS, APPOINTMENTS & ELECTIONS: NONE

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Mayor Seymour asked Charlie St. Clair, who joined the meeting late, if there was something he would like to discuss with the Council. Mr. St. Clair asked the Council if at the other non-protected left turns in the City, specifically Elm Street at Union Avenue and Union Avenue at Gilford Avenue, have been studied for accident statistics to determine if any have been caused by people making the non-protected left turn. Mr. St. Clair further commented that he does not agree that it would be unsafe and encourage the Council to make it a non-protected left turn.

Councilor Baer commented that at 9:30 this evening on Channel 25 there will be a presentation of the Clearwater Program that took place last week. It is an excellent program on what happen to the City 30 years ago when raw sewerage was running into the lakes and triggered the establishment of the WRBP.

Councilor Hamel asked if the non-protected left turn at Oak and North Main Street is finalized. City Manager Myers replied that it is getting close but is not finalized as of this evening. Councilor Baer commented that the project is already over budget and spending the money to make it a non-protected left turn is not necessary. Councilor Hamel disagrees. City Manager Myers advised that the recommendation of him, as well as the engineers, is to not make it a non-protected left turn and to have left turns permitted on a green arrow only.

Councilor Hamel moved to make the north bound left turn lane at the intersection of North Main and Oaks Streets a non-protected left turn with a turn on a green arrow and yield on a solid green light. Seconded by Councilor Bolduc.

City Manager Myers advised that there are many intersections within the City that are not non-protected greens.

Councilor Lipman asked if the investment is made for the additional feature it will cost an additional \$2,000. City Manager Myers confirmed.

Councilor Bolduc stated that this was the original intention of the intersection and should not have been changed.

Mayor Seymour called the question. **Motion passed with 4 in favor and Councilor Baer and Councilor Doyle opposed.**

NON - PUBLIC SESSION: NONE

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilor Bolduc moved to adjourn at 9:17 p.m. Seconded by Councilor Lahey. **Motion passed unanimously.**

A True Record Attest:

Mary A. Reynolds
City Clerk