

FINAL

**LEBANON CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES, REGULAR SESSION  
Council Chambers - City Hall  
Wednesday, August 7, 2019  
7:00 p.m.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mayor Tim McNamara, Assistant Mayor Clifton Below, Councilors Bruce Bronner, Erling Heistad, Suzanne Prentiss, Karen Liot Hill and Karen Zook

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Jim Winny

**STAFF PRESENT:** City Manager Shaun Mulholland, Finance Director Greg Colby, HR Director Gloria Leskiewicz, Library Director Sean Fleming, City Consultant Shelley Hadfield

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**Mayor McNamara called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.**

- 1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Councilor Heistad led the Council in the Pledge.
- 2. PUBLIC FORUM:** Mayor McNamara made the Public Forum announcement.
- 3. OPEN TO PUBLIC:** No one from the public came forth.
- 4. RECOGNITIONS:** None
- 5. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES: July 10, 2019 (Regular Session)**

*Councilor Prentiss MOVED to approve the July 10, 2019 (Regular Session) Minutes as written and presented in the August 8, 2019 agenda packet.*

*Seconded by Councilor Heistad.*

*\*The Vote on the MOTION passed (6-0). Councilor Hill was not present for this vote.*

**Councilor Hill arrived at 7:06 pm.**

**6. APPOINTMENTS:**

- Local River Management Advisory Committee – (Mascoma River)

*Councilor Below nominated David Rosengarten for Reappointed to the NHDES Local River Management Advisory Committee. Three-year term (08/19-08/22).*

*\*The Vote on the nomination was unanimous (7-0).*

- Lebanon Energy Advisory Committee

*Councilor Zook nominated Greg Ames for Reappointed as a regular member of the LEAC. Two-year term (8/19 – 8/21).*

*\*The Vote on the nomination was unanimous (7-0).*

**7. PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS:**

**A. AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE NO. 18**

Public Hearing for the purpose of receiving public input and taking action to amend Ordinance #18, Salary Plan, Article II Non-Affiliated Employees to add the positions of Information Technology Specialist (Grade 9), Digital Media Officer (Grade 9), Systems and Information Technology Administrator (Grade 13), and Information Technology Director (Grade 15).

Ms. Gloria Leskiewicz came before the Council representing the proposed amendment to Ordinance No. 18, noting there should be no impact to the budget.

**Mayor McNamara opened the Public Hearing. Hearing no comments from the public the Public Hearing was closed.**

There was a brief clarification on the positions listed above by Mr. Mulholland.

**ACTION:**

**1. PRESENTATION:**

***Councilor Bronner MOVED, that the Lebanon City Council recognizes the third of three presentations to amend Ordinance No. 18, Salary Plan, Article II, Non-Affiliated Employees by adding the positions of Technology Specialist (Grade 9), Digital Media Officer (Grade 9), Systems and Information Technology Administrator (Grade 13), and Information Technology Director (Grade 15).***

**2. RESOLUTION:**

**RESOLVED, for the purpose of amending Ordinance No. 18, Salary Plan, Article II, Non-Affiliated Employees.**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lebanon City Council, amends Ordinance No. 18, Salary Plan, Article II, Non-Affiliated Employees, by adding the positions of Technology Specialist (Grade 9), Digital Media Officer (Grade 9), Systems and Information Technology Administrator (Grade 13), and Information Technology Director (Grade 15).**

*Seconded by Councilor Prentiss*

*\*The Vote on Motion passed unanimously (7-0).*

Non-Affiliated Employees 2019					
Grade	Position Title	Hourly		Weekly	
		Minimum	Maximum	Minimum	Maximum
1	-	\$16.26	\$21.96	-	-
2	Custodian	\$17.24	\$23.27	-	-
	Department Secretary	-	-	-	-
3	Airport Maintenance Worker	\$18.27	\$24.67	-	-
	Custodian I	-	-	-	-
4	Library Assistant	\$19.37	\$26.15	-	-
5	-	\$20.53	\$27.71	-	-
6	-	\$21.76	\$29.37	-	-
7	Administrative Secretary	\$23.06	\$31.14	-	-
	Assessing Clerk	-	-	-	-
	Assistant City Clerk	-	-	-	-
	Assistant Human Services Director	-	-	-	-
	Communications Specialist	-	-	-	-
	Library Administrative/Technical Assistant	-	-	-	-
8	Administrative Assistant	\$24.45	\$33.01	-	-
	Benefits Coordinator/Payroll Specialist	-	-	-	-
	Deputy City Clerk	-	-	-	-
	Deputy Tax Collector	-	-	-	-
	Children's Librarian	-	-	\$978.00	\$1,320.40
	Young Adult Librarian	-	-	-	-
9	Executive Assistant	\$26.89	\$36.30	-	-
	Information Technology Librarian	-	-	-	-
	<i>Digital Media Officer</i>	-	-	-	-
	<i>Information Technology Technical Specialist</i>	-	-	-	-
	<i>Systems Librarian</i>	-	-	\$1,075.60	\$1,452.00
10	Financial Analyst	\$29.58	\$39.93	\$1,183.18	\$1,597.28
	Human Services Director	-	-	-	-
	Tax Collector	-	-	-	-
11	Deputy Library Director	-	-	\$1,302.61	\$1,758.56
12	City Clerk	-	-	\$1,380.59	\$1,863.63
	Deputy Finance Director	-	-	-	-
	Prosecuting Attorney	-	-	-	-
13	Airport Manager	-	-	\$1,463.49	\$1,975.67
	Assistant Fire Chief	-	-	-	-
	Deputy Police Chief	-	-	-	-
	Human Resources Director	-	-	-	-
	Recreation Director	-	-	-	-
	<i>Systems and Information Technology Administrator</i>	-	-	-	-
15	Deputy City Manager	-	-	\$1,644.47	\$2,219.85
	<i>Information Technology Director</i>	-	-	-	-

**B. PILOT AGREEMENT WITH REVISION ENERGY**

Public Hearing for the purpose of receiving public input and taking action to authorize the City Manager to enter into a Payment In Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) Agreement with ReVision Energy

Mr. Mulholland came forth representing the proposed agreement with ReVision Energy.

The PPA and state law require the City to address the subject of real estate taxes. Ordinarily, the real estate involved in a solar project would be privately owned and taxable. The systems that ReVision are installing qualify as “renewable generation facilities,” and while all are on City owned lands/buildings, they will be owned by ReVision Energy until the City chooses to exercise its option to purchase them. In accordance with RSA 72:73-74, the owner of a “renewable generation facility” may qualify for a

payment-in-lieu-of-taxes (“PILOT”) agreement (5% of the revenue that will be generated from the operations of the solar panels on eight different City sites).

Mr. Mulholland noted that whatever the stipulations or conditions are of this PILOT Agreement, the City has to offer similar conditions to other entities that might be in a similar situation for renewable projects.

Attached in the agenda packet is a draft PILOT agreement that the Council reviewed along with a letter from Attorney Fulton that provides further explanation.

**Mayor McNamara opened the Public Hearing. Hearing no comments from the public, the Public Hearing was closed.**

**ACTION:**

***Councilor Below MOVED, that the Lebanon City Council hereby authorizes the City Manager to enter into a payment-in-lieu-of-taxes (PILOT) agreement with Revision Energy, Inc., for a renewable generation facility consisting of solar photovoltaic systems located at eight (8) city owned sites/facilities to include City Hall, Police Station, Kilton Library, Wastewater Treatment Plant, Landfill Recycling Building, Landfill Maintenance Garage, Public Works Administrative Building, and the Public Works Maintenance Garage.***

**BE IT FURTHER MOVED, that the PILOT agreement will remain in effect until such a time that the City exercises its option to purchase the system.**

***Seconded by Councilor Prentiss.***

Councilor Below noted that under a previous statute that allowed pilots for renewable energy projects, the City did enter into two operational pilots for hydroelectric facilities on the Mascoma River and they were both at the same 5% of the revenue. This is a good precedent to use moving forward and he felt it was a reasonable compensation.

***\*The Vote on the Motion passed unanimously (7-0).***

**8. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Update: Filling Vacant City Council Seat**

Mayor McNamara informed the Council that one application was received to date to fill the City Council seat vacated by Councilor Smith. The applicant is George Sykes, a NH State Representative and former Lebanon City Councilor.

Councilor Hill spoke about the merits of Representative Sykes, specifically mentioning his expertise in the area of public safety and his continued experience serving the Red Cross in disaster relief.

Mayor McNamara said the Council’s original intent was that if there were multiple applications, they would be discussed at this meeting and a nomination and vote on a candidate(s) would take place at the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting in August. Since there is one qualified candidate, he asked the Council if someone would offer up Representative Sykes’ name for nomination.

**ACTION:**

**Councilor Heistad nominated George Sykes as a regular member of the City Council. Councilor Hill seconded the nomination.**

Councilor Sykes' term as a Ward 2 Councilor will be 8/7/2019 – 3/25/2020.

In response to Councilor Below's question regarding Mr. Sykes previous resignation, Mr. Sykes explained his previous relief work for the Red Cross in Haiti, which made it unrealistic for him to continue his work with the Lebanon City Council. Mr. Sykes felt it is now time for him to step forth again as he is compassionate about the City and loves the work being done in the City of Lebanon.

Mayor McNamara said the intent, if the nomination is approved, is to have Representative Sykes take his seat as a regular Council member at the August 21, 2019 meeting.

*\*The Vote on the nomination was approved unanimously (7-0).*

**B. Westboro Yard: No Report.**

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Presentation of Local Government Operations Greenhouse Gas Inventory**

Mr. Mark Goodwin, Mr. Jonathan Chafee (LEAC) and Ms. Cassidy Yates (Fellow, UNH Sustainability Institute and working with LEAC) came forth representing the above topic.

Mr. Goodwin presented a lengthy list of appreciative acknowledgements which were: Employees of both Evans Fuel and Liberty Utilities, City Staff (Shelley Steeves, Tad Montgomery, Ann Cormier, Marc Morgan, Rebecca Owens and many others from different departments), Johnathan Chaffee, Woody Simons, City Manager Shaun Mulholland and Cassidy Yates who is a very talented, rising senior at UNH who served as the project fellow.

In 2007, the City signed an agreement to meet or beat the Kyoto Protocol. In 2009, as part of the agreement, the City completed a baseline emissions inventory of municipal operations, establishing a "benchmark" from which reduction goals could be measured. In 2012, as part of the adoption of the Lebanon Master Plan, the City committed to the goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) 80% below 1990 levels by 2050. In 2017, the Lebanon City Council approved a resolution for the City to join the Climate Mayors Network and commit the City to the goals of the Paris Climate Accord. The City recently applied to the University of New Hampshire Sustainability Institute and was awarded a student, Cassidy Yates (Fellow) to conduct an updated operations and emissions inventory. The main objective is to assist the City in evaluating itself in the context of the GHG emission goals that it has set for itself. For more information, an attached memo from the Planning Department of more details was provided in the agenda packet.

Mr. Goodwin presented an overview of the Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Inventory that included the concept of a Global Covenants Framework, which is a common framework for any city or town to reduce emissions and adapt to climate change. He spoke about the history of the City of Lebanon's Policy Commitments associated targets, the City's Master Plan, and the 2009, 2015 and 2018 Local Government Inventory (LGO) analysis reports.

Ms. Yates presented slides on Lebanon's Local Government Operations (LGO) Protocol that included the projects methodology, data availability for inventory years 2009, 2015 and 2018 noting that for 2018,

Lebanon's LGO emissions were the equivalent of 10,938 metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub>. In comparison with other Cities in New Hampshire, Keene was at 13K metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub> and Portsmouth was over 15K metric tons.

The next steps would be to revisit the concepts if emission reduction strategies moving forward, commit to the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy, engaging in the inventories for GHG emissions, re-examine the City's targets (right now at 80% reduction in carbon emissions), and update existing efforts on planning for the City's future.

Councilors Prentiss and Hill thanked Ms. Yates, noting this was great work.

The Council discussed vehicle emissions, landfill emissions, landfill gas-to-energy, breaking down heating emissions into heating degree days, and applying for another UNH fellow next year to work on a community-wide assessment.

In response to Councilor Hill's question, Ms. Yates said that making small steps in the right direction with fleet vehicles, along with other small things (e.g. preparing a commuter survey), would be advantageous in helping to reducing Lebanon's carbon footprint.

Mr. Chaffee spoke about how helpful the Council and City Staff have been in this endeavor and noted the importance about having the public become engaged in this process.

**ACTION: No Council action was required.**

#### **B. VHB Presentation of 90% Design Plans for Downtown Lebanon Tunnel**

Mr. Greg Goodrich of Vanasse Hangen Brustlin (VHB) presented the 90% design submittal for the Downtown Tunnel Rehabilitation Project. He gave a recap of the previous meeting on May 1<sup>st</sup>, noting that there has not been a tremendous amount of change in the plans from that meeting. The 90% design was submitted on July 26, 2019 and he will be setting up a technical review meeting with DPW once they have had a chance to review the plans. The next submittal (100% design) will be September 13, 2019. There will be another City Council/Public Hearing meeting on September 18, 2019. Bidding will go out on November 11, 2019, with open bids due by December 11, 2019. Construction will begin in the spring of 2020.

Mr. Goodrich highlighted some design changes in the stair lay out so the landing pad does not conflict with the propane tanks. A temporary propane tank to feed Village Pizza will be added while excavation is being done for the trail. He also presented the changes to handicapped parking spaces and adding a sidewalk going down to the parking lot.

Councilor Heistad requested that a bike shelf be added to the stairway, as was originally planned for. Mr. Goodrich said that while this has not been added to the new stair plans, it is still on their radar and should be doable.

Assistant Mayor Below suggested widening the sidewalk that comes up in back of the River Valley Community College to 8 ft. in order to accommodate bicyclists.

Councilor Hill requested that a new sidewalk be added from the parking lot to the stairs by relocating the dumpsters, thereby creating a more direct pathway to the stairs and a more welcoming entrance.

The updated cost estimate is now \$2.59 million for the total project, which includes a 5% contingency and a 10% construction, engineering, and inspection allowance. Compared to earlier estimates, the 30% design submittal was at \$2.455 million. \$2.1 million was appropriated.

**ACTION:** No Council action was required.

**C. Review & Discussion of 2nd Quarter Budget Report & Release of Collected Public School Impact Fees. (Note: Details were included in the agenda packet.)**

**2<sup>nd</sup> QUARTER JUNE 2019 BUDGET REPORT**

Mr. Greg Colby presented the detailed 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter budget report. This report was a summary from the year-to-date expenditures and revenues activity through June 30, 2019. He did note that for the General Fund Expenditures, the City is approximately at 58.3% of the 2019 budget, noting he does not expect any cause for budgetary concerns for the rest of the year.

Mr. Mulholland informed the Council that Mr. Colby will be leaving the City, and while he has served for only a short time, he will be missed.

**RELEASE OF COLLECTED PUBLIC SCHOOL IMPACT FEES**

***Councilor Prentis Moved that the Council authorizes the disbursement of \$8,822.20 in collected Public School Impact Fees (through 6/30/19) to the Lebanon School District to be applied toward the payment of debt on the new middle school located at the intersection of Moulton Avenue and Rte. 4 consistent with the September 2010 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Lebanon and the Lebanon School District SAU 88.***

***Secoded by Assistant Mayor Below.***

***\*The Vote on the MOTION passed unanimously (7-0)***

**D. Discussion & Set Public Hearing for August 21, 2019: Ordinance #2019-11**

To amend City Code Chapter 97, Landfill Regulations, Appendix A, Fee Schedule, to change the disposal rate for Residential Construction and Demolition Debris from \$1.50 for 15 pounds to \$1.50 for 20 pounds.

Mayor McNamara said the Council will be asked to reduce the residential rate so as not to equalize it with the commercial rate at the August 21, 2019 meeting. Mr. Mulholland informed the Council that this rate has already been reduced, but the process just needs to be formalized.

**ACTION:**

***Councilor Bronner MOVED, that the Lebanon City Council hereby schedules a public hearing for Wednesday, August 21, 2019, beginning at 7:00pm in Council Chambers, City Hall, for the purpose of receiving public input and taking action on proposed Ordinance #2019-11, to amend City Code Chapter 97, Landfill Regulations.***

***Secoded by Councilor Hill.***

***\*The Vote on the Motion passed unanimously (7-0)***

**E. Presentation of First Reading and Set Public Hearing for September 4, 2019:**

Amend Ordinance #18, Salary Plan, Article II, Non-Affiliated Employees to reclassify the position of Deputy City Manager from a Grade 15 to a Grade 16; reclassify the position of Children's Librarian from a Grade 8 to a Grade 9; and add the position of Outreach Librarian as a Grade 8.

Human Resources Director Gloria Leskiewicz, Library Director Sean Fleming and Library Trustee Fran Oscadal came forth representing the requested amendment to Ordinance #18, Salary Plan, Article II, Non-Affiliated Employees.

Director Fleming informed the Council that there was an opportunity to re-examine the organization after an employee retired and another resigned. The library staff have discussed adding an Outreach Librarian many times over the last few years to make sure that the community knows what the libraries provide for services; otherwise, the money spent at the Federal/State/local levels goes to waste. The Lebanon Libraries do not do a great job marketing their services and would like dedicated funds for this position so someone can address this issue. In addition, the Outreach Librarian can serve as a liaison to the community in other ways and informed the Council how this could be done. The libraries also want to improve their efforts in connecting to outside organizations.

Mr. Fran Oscadal (Library Trustees) concurred with Director Fleming and noted that one thing that seems to be common across all libraries is that it is very hard to get the message out about what libraries really do and how much they do. People feel they have an inherent understanding and knowledge of what libraries do, but they do not. There are a number of things the Lebanon libraries do and would like to make the community more aware of them. Creating this position is a wise use of the libraries resources and would help to provide more recognition and knowledge in the community about what the libraries do.

In response to Mayor McNamara's question, Director Fleming informed the Council how this position would be budget neutral.

**ACTION:**

**1. PRESENTATION:**

***Councilor Hill MOVED, that the Lebanon City Council acknowledges the first of three presentations to amend Ordinance No. 18, Salary Plan, Article II, Non-Affiliated Employees by reclassifying the position of Deputy City Manager from a Grade 15 to a Grade 16; reclassifying the position of Children's Librarian from a Grade 8 to a Grade 9; and adding the full-time position of Outreach Librarian as a Grade 8.***

**2. SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING:**

***Councilor Hill MOVED, that the Lebanon City Council schedules a public hearing for September 4, 2019, beginning at 7:00pm, City Council Chambers, City Hall, for the purpose of receiving public input and taking action to adopt proposed amendments to Ordinance No. 18, Salary Plan, Article II, Non-Affiliated Employees, to reclassify the position of Deputy City Manager from a Grade 15 to a Grade 16; to reclassify the position of Children's Librarian from a Grade 8 to a Grade 9; and add the full-time position of Outreach Librarian as a Grade 8 as shown in the Compensation and Classification Schedule for Non-Affiliated Employees as shown on page 94 of City Council agenda packet.***

***Motions were seconded by Councilor Prentiss.***

***\*The Vote on the MOTIONS passed unanimously (7-0).***



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	Assistant Fire Chief	-	-	-	-
	Deputy Police Chief	-	-	-	-
	Human Resources Director	-	-	-	-
	Recreation Director	-	-	-	-
14	Assistant Director/Public Works	-	-	\$1,551.31	\$2,094.27
	Chief Assessor	-	-	-	-
	Library Director	-	-	-	-
15	Information Technology Director	-	-	\$1,644.47	\$2,219.85
16	Chief of Police	-	-	\$1,742.97	\$2,352.82
	Director of Planning and Zoning	-	-	-	-
	Director of Public Works	-	-	-	-
	Finance Director	-	-	-	-
	Fire Chief	-	-	-	-
	Deputy City Manager	-	-	-	-

**10. REPORTS**

**A. City Manager:**

Mayor McNamara first spoke about the results of the JELCAR Hearing on PFAS that took place at the last Council meeting noting there was a follow-up article in the Valley News with regard to the potential for considering some legal action. The headline was a little incorrect and he immediately reached out to the Valley News and they did retract and modify the headline and published a correction the next day. What he thought was a very thorough and well thought out editorial in the Valley News was followed by an Op Ed article in the Concord Monitor that mischaracterized the Council’s positions fairly significantly. He and the City Manager met and drafted a response to the Op Ed, noting this can happen as a Letter to the Editor or another potential Op Ed article that can be published. (The Council was provided the draft response in advance of this meeting.)

Councilor Heistad felt the letter accurately represented the feeling the Council had at the last meeting and felt a response to the Op Ed article was needed. The draft letter brings the (democratic process) issues up front and these are issues that should be addressed by the entire community.

Councilor Prentiss said this first pass is well done, but suggested that whether it is a Letter to the Editor or an Op Ed article, only the JELCAR process should be addressed. The Council is all in favor of safe drinking water standards at the highest level possible, but our argument is that there is a democratic process that was not followed.

The Council had further discussions on how to proceed with this letter, offered suggested edits and whether the letter should be signed by all Council members or just the Mayor.

Mayor McNamara will work on revisions to the letter and the City Manager's office will send a revised letter out to Council members for further review and comments, noting this should be done as quickly as possible.

Mr. Mulholland updated the Council on the following:

- He spoke to NHMA and they are on board with assisting the City and helping to write up documents in a significant way. He received input from other communities and entities that expressed interest in what Lebanon is doing. He suggested that legal counsel be consulted. The first action could be an Injunctive and possibly a Motion for Declaratory Judgement with regards to the process that JELCAR and NHDES used to implement their rules, noting that the present (PFAS) standards never saw the light of day in a Public Hearing anywhere in the process. The only thing that went through any type of Public Hearing was 38/ppt (PFAS levels) and after that there was never any public discussion. The estimated cost to pursue the above venue would be around \$25K.
- Mandate 28 (a) by the State: No action is needed from the Council now, but after some discussion the Council felt it would be a good idea to have legal counsel come and speak to them.
- PFAS and ground water:
  - Lebanon and the NHDES do not know the costs that would be associated with testing for PFAS. Lebanon's groundwater is safe. There are no detectable PFAS levels in the City's drinking water, noting that a grain of sand in 24 Olympic sized pools would be the equivalent of 1/ppt (one part per trillion).
  - There is one monitored well that does have a PFAS level at 57/ppt (acceptable under the old standards). When the State passes the new rules (effective on September 30, 2019) this well will be a problem, but not immediately. Mr. Mulholland reiterated that this well is not near anyone's drinking water, it's a monitored well for the landfill, so there is no direct threat to anyone within 1,000 ft. When this well is tested again in 2020 the NHDES will act on this issue at that time.
  - Allowable PFAS levels in sludge was reviewed, but the wastewater effluent levels have not been set yet so the City does not know the associated costs with this yet. We also do not know what the standards will be for the effluent coming out of the Wastewater Treatment Plant and what will be needed to address this issue and explained the process.
  - Landfill Gas-to-Energy Project: One bid has been received.
  - The Anaerobic Digester Study has been accelerated due to problems with sludge at the landfill and will now begin in 2020.
  - Streetlights: Assistant Mayor Below said Liberty Utilities finally proposed a special contract that would allow the City to go ahead and operate with the proposed LED 2 Tariff.
  - Rte. 120 Speed Limits have been sent to Council members for their review.
  - Assistant Mayor Below reported on Senate Bill 286 (SB 286), which was the bill to revamp the Municipal Aggregation Statue. The Governor has signed this bill. The real work will now begin on developing Lebanon Community Power. The City has also been approved for a \$75K Tax Credit Grant from the NH Community and Development Loan Fund and explained how this tax credit would work.

**B. Council Representatives to other bodies:** No Reports.

**11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**

**12. NON-PUBLIC SESSION:** None

**13. ADJOURNMENT:**

*Councilor Bronner MOVED for adjournment.*

*Seconded by Councilor Prentiss.*

*\*The MOTION passed (7-0).*

**The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,

Dona E. Gibson

Recording Secretary