

**Regular Meeting of the Barre City Council
Held December 29, 2015**

The Regular Meeting of the Barre City Council was called to order by Mayor Thomas Lauzon at 7:00 PM at Barre City Hall. In attendance were: From Ward II, Councilors Michael Boutin and Michael Smith; and from Ward III, Councilor Lucas Herring. Also present were City Manager Steven Mackenzie and Clerk/Treasurer Carolyn Dawes.

Absent: From Ward I, Councilors Charles Dindo and Paul Poirier; and from Ward III, Councilor Anita Chadderton.

Adjustments to the Agenda: Mayor Lauzon said he will be re-arranging items on the agenda to accommodate those in attendance.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

Council approved the following consent agenda items on motion of Councilor Herring, seconded by Councilor Smith. **Motion carried.**

- Minutes of the following meetings:
 - Regular meeting on December 15, 2015.
- Confirmation of City Warrants from week of December 21, 2015: week 2015-52.
 - Accounts Payable: \$130,945.03
 - Payroll (gross): \$103,363.89
 - Community Development Warrant – Scattered Site Grant payable to Downstreet Housing & Community Development: \$271,236.00
- City Warrants as presented: week 2015-53.
 - Accounts Payable: \$95,831.09
 - Payroll (gross): \$121,471.90
 - Special Warrant – settlement payable to OIG: \$63,834.95
- Licenses & Permits:
 - 2016 Animal License:
 - Kerri Fredette, 8 Downes Avenue, 5 ducks, 4 chickens
 - Romni Palmer & Keather Pipino, 10 Guidici Street, 6 chickens
 - Kari Powers, 105 Hill Street, 2 Rhode Island Red hens
 - Mark Atkins, 21 Camp Street, 12 chickens
 - Angela Williams, 20 Grandview Avenue, 12 chickens
 - Jacqueline Rogers, 15 Grandview Avenue, 12 poultry
 - 2016 Food Establishment License:
 - Quarry Kitchen & Spirits, 210 N. Main Street
 - Bamboo Gardens, 115 S. Main Street
 - Morse Block Delicatessen, 260 N. Main Street
 - Soup N’ Greens, 325 N. Main Street
 - Barre Technical Center, 136 N. Main Street
 - Domino’s Pizza, 322 N. Main Street
 - Chinatown, 302 N. Main Street #1
 - Mutuo, Inc., 20 Beckley Street
 - Jiffy Mart, 246 N. Main Street
 - The Alley Cat, 10 Keith Avenue
 - Two Loco Guys, 126 N. Main Street
 - The Cornerstone Pub & Kitchen, 47 N. Main Street
 - Jerry’s Sports Tavern, 30 Summer Street
 - 2016 Food Take Out License:
 - Quality Market, 155 Washington Street

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- 2016 Food Vending License:
 - Bag Ladies Express, Loreen Abraham
 - Dell's Dogs, Wendell Gauthier, 1 vehicle
- 2016 Movie Theater License:
 - Paramount Theater, 241 N. Main Street, 2 screens
- 2016 Taxicab Service Operator's License:
 - Don's Taxi, 1 vehicle
 - Payless Taxi, 2 vehicles
- 2016 Taxicab Driver's License
 - Donald Morway, Don's Taxi
 - Dale Kew, Payless Taxi
 - Ann-Marie Kew, Payless Taxi
- 2016 Entertainment License
 - Barre Elks Club, 10 Jefferson Street
 - Barre Opera House, 6 N. Main Street
 - American Legion Post #10, 320 N. Main Street
 - Quarry Kitchen & Spirits, 210 N. Main Street
- 2016 Pool Table/Video Machine License
 - The Alley Cat, 10 Keith Avenue, 1 pool table
 - Jerry's Sports Tavern, 30 Summer Street, 1 pool table

The City Clerk/Treasurer Report – Clerk Dawes reported on the following:

- Water & Sewer bills are due by December 31st.
- Information for the 2016 Annual (Town) Meeting is posted on the website, including the list of offices up for election, petition and consent forms. The Clerk read off the list of offices up for election and announced that she will be running for re-election.

Approval of Building Permits – NONE

Liquor Control – NONE

City Manager's Report – Manager Mackenzie reported on the following:

- State review of the buy-out grant applications has been completed, and the applications are being forwarded to FEMA for consideration.
- Working with Joellen Calderara on funding for interim retaining wall work in the Brook Street area.

Visitors & Communications – NONE

Old Business – NONE

New Business –

B) Jack Feccia from Scout Troop 795.

Boy Scout Jack Feccia gave a PowerPoint presentation on his Eagle Scout project, which was removing the overgrowth from the landscaping along the Rite Aid/Lenny's parking lot on North Main Street. He said 28 people worked a total of 153 hours to clear 600 feet of area. They made 16 trips to the stump dump with truckloads of debris. He thanked his fellow Scouts, friends and family for helping, and said the project helped him develop leadership and communications skills. All those in attendance thanked Mr. Feccia with a round of applause, and Mayor Lauzon said the City will be sure to maintain his good work going forward.

C) Recognition of Lorraine Brislin from Community National Bank for Support of Barre City Emergency Medical Services.

Deputy Fire Chief Joe Aldsworth said Lorraine Brislin has been a significant supporter of the City's

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emergency medical services, and has helped raise money to purchase life-saving equipment. Clerk Dawes read resolution #2015-13 honoring Ms. Brislin for her service to the City and community. Council approved the resolution on motion of Councilor Smith, seconded by Councilor Boutin. **Motion carried.**

A) Warning of First and Second Public Hearings for Charter Changes.

Clerk Dawes reviewed the timelines for charter change public hearings, and said she recommends warning the first public hearing for Thursday, January 28th and the second public hearing for Tuesday, February 2nd. There was general discussion about the proposed charter changes related to the number of BCEMS school board members and the creation of a deputy mayor position for the City. Council approved the warnings as recommended on motion of Councilor Herring, seconded by Councilor Boutin. **Motion carried.**

D) Approval of Enterprise Aly Grant Anticipation Note Extension Documents.

Clerk Dawes said the three month extension will give the City time to finalize reimbursement requests for the Enterprise Aly project expenses. Council approved the allonge on motion of Councilor Boutin, seconded by Councilor Smith. **Motion carried.**

E) Ratification of the USW Contract.

Manager Mackenzie reviewed some of the highlights from the contract including health coverage, workers' compensation language, consistency in longevity and compensation levels. Council ratified the contract on motion of Councilor Herring, seconded by Councilor Smith. **Motion carried.**

Manager Mackenzie said negotiations continue on the firefighters' contract. The Manager said they expect to be reaching out to a mediator for some assistance in the negotiations.

F) Authorization to Execute FY17 Blended Heating Oil Contract.

Mayor Lauzon said the City has been extended an opportunity to blend the FY16 and FY17 heating oil prices. Manager Mackenzie reviewed oil usage over the past couple of years, and said the City is working with both the former oil supplier Irving Oil and current supplier Dead River to coordinate deliveries.

Council authorized the Manager to execute the contract, subject to ratification by the Council, on motion of Councilor Herring, seconded by Councilor Smith. **Motion carried.**

Other)

Mayor Lauzon reviewed other items Council will be working on in the new year, including the FY17 budget, police staffing levels, street department staffing levels, funding for deferred maintenance at the auditorium, parking, and assessment of the public works garage.

Round Table:

The Mayor and Councilors wished all a Happy New Year.

Executive Session – NONE

The Council meeting adjourned at 8:23 PM on motion of Councilor Herring, seconded by Councilor Smith. **Motion carried.**

An audio recording of this meeting is available from the City Clerk.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn S. Dawes, City Clerk