

**Regular Meeting of the Barre City Council
Held August 30, 2016**

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 I, Councilor Jeffrey Tuper-Giles; 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, Councilor Paul Poirier; and from Ward III, Councilor Anita Chadderton.

Adjustments to the Agenda: NONE

Approval of Consent Agenda:

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

- Minutes of the following meetings:
 - Regular meeting on August 23, 2016
- City Warrants as presented:
 - Approval of Week 2016-35:
 - Accounts Payable: \$2,226,112.91
 - Payroll (gross): \$121,333.07
- Licenses & Permits: NONE

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

- Water/sewer bills are going in the mail tomorrow, and are due by the end of September.
- Accepting early absentee ballots for the November 8th General Election. Ballots will be available in late September. The school Act 46 Committee is holding a special location election on the same date, and those ballots won't be available until mid-October. Additional information about the Act 46 vote is available on the Act 46 page of the supervisory union website.
- There are nine properties scheduled for tax sale on September 22nd. One of the property owners has requested a Board of Abatement hearing before the sale, which has been scheduled for before the Council meeting on September 13th.
- The Board of Civil Authority will begin property tax assessment appeal hearings on September 15th and continue through October.
- The Clerk will be out of the office September 1 – 11 for surgery.

Approval of Building Permits – Council approved the following building permits on motion of Councilor Herring, seconded by Councilor Smith. **Motion carried.**

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Address</u>
Barre Historical Society	46-48 Granite Street
G. Wilson, D. Copping, W. Crowther	8 Elmore Street

Liquor Control – NONE

City Manager's Report – NONE

Visitors & Communications – NONE

Old Business –

A) Consideration of Taxi Cab Driver License Application.

Chief Tim Bombardier reviewed the discrepancies between the two different taxi cab driver license applications received from Brent Gould, and recommended Council deny the license, and not accept a new application from Mr. Gould for a year. The Chief said Council has taken similar action in the past. Mr. Gould and Pat Nixon from Green Cab addressed the Council. Mr. Gould said he had hurried through the first application, and not been careful in making sure all the information was accurate. Ms. Nixon said Green Cab submitted a complete background check and DMV record with the second application. She said Mr. Gould has been issued a taxi cab driver license from Burlington, and has been employed with Green Cab for approximately two months. There was discussion about the amount of time before a new application would be considered.

Councilor Boutin made the motion to uphold the chief's recommendation to deny the application, and not entertain a new application again until the new license year. The motion was seconded by Councilor Herring. **Motion carried.**

Mayor Lauzon said Council would consider a new application anytime between now and the new year under the condition that any license issued would not be effective until January 1, 2017, and that Mr. Gould did not have any new arrests in the interim.

New Business -

A) Forty (40) Year Service Resolutions – Jim Brown, Mike LaForest.

Union president and Barre City employee Randy Edmunds reviewed Jim Brown's and Mike LaForest's work histories with the City, and thanked them for their forty years of service and dedication to the job, the union and the citizens of Barre City. Mayor Lauzon thanked Mr. Brown and Mr. LaForest, and presented them with resolutions honoring their years of service.

B) Retirement Resolution – John Mott.

Mayor Lauzon said he is presenting this resolution to Officer John Mott at a retirement ceremony tomorrow.

D) Designate Voting Delegate for VLCT Annual Business Meeting.

Council approved Manager Mackenzie to serve as the Barre City voting delegate to the VLCT annual business meeting on motion of Councilor Boutin, seconded by Councilor Smith. **Motion carried.**

E) Approval of Loan Extension Documents for Spillway Current Expense Note.

Clerk Dawes said the City will be paying off half of the current expense note and refinancing half for another 90 days, on the hope that the FEMA reimbursement will be received by then. Council approved the loan extension on motion of Councilor Boutin, seconded by Councilor Tuper-Giles. **Motion carried.**

C) Pearl Street Pedestrian Walkway – Final Approval.

Manager Mackenzie reviewed the latest PowerPoint presentation of the walkway design. There was discussion on the entryway and lighting. Robert White from Greenman-Pedersen Inc. participated by phone.

Council approved Site Plan A on motion of Councilor Boutin, seconded by Councilor Tuper-Giles. **Motion carried.**

F) Approval of Revisions for Public Skating Fees.

Clerk Dawes said the revisions are reflective of the changes that went into effect for the municipal swimming pool this year. By rounding to whole dollars, we eliminate the need for change, and by doing away with the two-tiered price structure for residents and non-residents, we simplify administration. Council approved the fee revisions as presented on motion of Councilor Boutin, seconded by Councilor

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Herring. **Motion carried.**

G) Authorization to Accept CDBG-DR Match Grant for Harrington Ave Buy-outs.

Manager Mackenzie said the grant will cover the 25% local share of the FEMA buyout grants for the Gunner's Brook flood mitigation project. Council accepted the grant on motion of Councilor Boutin, seconded by Councilor Smith. **Motion carried.**

Round Table – NONE

Executive Session –

Councilor Boutin made the motion to find that premature general public knowledge of contract issues would clearly place the City of Barre at a substantial disadvantage should the discussion be public. The motion was seconded by Councilor Herring. **Motion carried.**

Council went into executive session at 8:07 PM to discuss contract issues under the provisions of 1 VSA sec. 313 on motion of Councilor Herring, seconded by Councilor Smith. **Motion carried.**

Manager Mackenzie was invited into the executive session.

Council came out of executive session at 9:08 PM on motion of Councilor Herring, seconded by Councilor Smith. **Motion carried.**

No action taken.

The Council meeting adjourned at 9:08 PM on motion of Councilor Boutin, seconded by Councilor Tuper-Giles. **Motion carried.**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn S. Dawes, City Clerk