

**Regular Meeting of the Barre City Council
Held April 12, 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 Paul Poirier; from Ward II, Councilor Michael Smith; and from Ward III, Councilors Anita Chadderton and Lucas Herring. Also present were City Manager Steven Mackenzie and Clerk/Treasurer Carolyn Dawes.

Absent: From Ward I, Councilor Charles Dindo; and from Ward II, Councilor Michael Boutin.

Adjustments to the Agenda: NONE.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

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

- Minutes of the following meetings:
 - Regular meeting on April 5, 2016
 - Special Meeting on April 7, 2016
- City Warrants as presented: week 2016-15.
 - Accounts Payable: \$232,789.81
 - Payroll (gross): \$105,478.54
- Licenses & Permits:
 - Food establishment Licenses:
 - Espresso Bueno, 276 N. Main St.
 - Entertainment Licenses:
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 - Elks Club, expansion of current license to include Flag Day ceremony in City Hall Park, June 14th.

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

- House Government Operations committee has passed the charter change related to the number of City school board members. It now goes to the full house. The bill is H.884.

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>
Blue Sky Properties LLC	48 W. Patterson St.
Fecteau Residential Inc.	10 Jacques St.

Liquor Control – Council approved the following liquor licenses on motion of Councilor Chadderton, seconded by Councilor Smith. **Motion carried.**

<u>Establishment</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>License</u>
Gusto's (includes outside consumption)	28 Prospect St.	1 st class
Central Market	50 Summer St.	2 nd class

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

- City has submitted an application for a \$100,000 ecosystem restoration grant for work associated with the Gunner Brook project.
- Enterprise Aly injections will begin next week. A few parking spaces will be blocked off temporarily each day.

To be approved at 04-19-16 Barre City Council Meeting

- Attended a meeting with the Washington County Railroad and VTRANS to discuss the bike path along railroad property.
- The repair contractor has been contacted to look over the work needed on several traffic signals.

Councilor Poirier asked if Councilor Dindo will remain on the Bike Path Committee after stepping down from the Council the end of May. Mayor Lauzon said the hope and expectation is that he will.

Visitors & Communications –

Resident John LaPage thanked Councilor Herring for holding last night's meeting on the draft animal ordinance. Mr. LaPage said the meeting was productive with compromise on both sides, and a revised draft will be presented at next week's meeting.

Old Business –

A) Authorization of B.O.R. Ceiling paint contract with Dunham Brothers.

Mayor Lauzon said this item will be deferred to next week.

B) Amendments to Building Permit Policy.

Clerk Dawes recommended Council approve amendments to the policy adopted at last week's meet so that the policy reflects all the fees collected through the Permitting, Planning and Inspection Services Department. The Clerk presented a proposed draft of the revisions. Council approved the revised Permitting, Planning & Inspection Services Fees Policy on motion of Councilor Herring, seconded by Councilor Smith. **Motion carried.**

New Business –

A) Civic Center Promoter Update.

Civic Center Promoter Renee Proteau spoke about her first few weeks on the job. Ms. Proteau said she has established a Facebook page for the Civic Center and listed recent events. She spoke of upcoming events and those expressing interest in the facilities, and said she met with the Barre Partnership and City merchants.

There was discussion on developing collateral materials and a marketing packet. Civic Center Committee chair Brad Ormsby said it's a strong start, and the goal is to stay focused.

B) Ratification of Planning Commission Chair Appearance of 1/7/16 DRB Hearing.

Councilor Herring made the following motion:

The Barre City Council hereby adopts and ratifies the participation of Barre City Planning Commission Chairperson, Jackie Calder, with reference to her participation before the Development Review Board hearing of January 7, 2016 concerning the application of Champlain Oil Company and so adopts and ratifies such participation with the same effect as if the Council (prior to January 7, 2016) had authorized her to participate as a spokesperson for the City of Barre at the said hearing of January 7, 2016.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Smith. **Motion carried.**

C) Approval of Enterprise Alley CDBG-DR Grant.

Manager Mackenzie reviewed the history of the \$1.3M grant and the amendments to be included. Council approved the grant agreement Resolution #2016-02, approved the First Amendment of the Grant Agreement, and authorized the Manager to sign the amendment on behalf of the City, on motion of Councilor Smith, seconded by Councilor Herring. **Motion carried.**

D) Approval of Mowing Bids.

Council approved awarding the roadside mowing bid to lone bidder Donnel Dexter on motion of Councilor Herring, seconded by Councilor Smith. **Motion carried.**

E) Approval of ECS Enterprise Alley Project – Basement Sealing Contract.

Council approved the contract with ECS on motion of Councilor Smith, seconded by Councilor Herring. **Motion carried.**

F) Approval of Resolution 2016-01 Relating to Retirement Benefits for the City of Barre Non-Union Employees.

Council approved Resolution #2016-01 on motion of Councilor Herring, seconded by Councilor Smith. **Motion carried.**

G) Approval of Stipulation Agreement of Redetermination of Equalized Education Property Value and Coefficient of Dispersion.

Clerk Dawes said the stipulation is related to the City's request for an appeal of the grand list due to NEMRC errors in calculating TIF increment. The problem has been fixed and the resulting changes did not alter the CLA or coefficient of dispersion. Council approved the stipulation and authorized the Mayor to sign on behalf of the City on motion of Councilor Herring, seconded by Councilor Smith. **Motion carried.**

Round Table –

Councilor Poirier said the Barre City and Barre Town legislators are holding a joint listening session on marijuana legalization on April 18th, from 6:00 – 8:00 PM in the Milne Room at the Aldrich Library.

Councilor Herring said there will be a first reading next week of the draft animal & fowl ordinance revisions. He said the Heritage Festival held a successful coin drop this past Saturday.

Mayor Lauzon thanked the community for its show of support at last Saturday's memorial service for Drew Bernier.

Executive Session – NONE

The Council meeting adjourned at 7:52 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