

**Special Meeting of the Barre City Council
Held April 19, 2016**

The Special Meeting of the Barre City Council was called to order by Mayor Thomas Lauzon at 6:30 PM at Barre City Hall. In attendance were: From Ward I, Councilors Charles Dindo and Paul Poirier; from Ward II, Councilors Michael Boutin (arrived 6:32 PM) and Michael Smith; and from Ward III, Councilors Anita Chadderton and Lucas Herring (arrived 6:40 PM). Also present were City Manager Steven Mackenzie and City employee Jim Brown.

Absent: NONE

Executive Session –

Councilor Dindo made the motion to find that premature general public knowledge of a union grievance to be discussed would clearly place the City of Barre at a substantial disadvantage should the discussion be public. The motion was seconded by Councilor Smith. **Motion carried.**

Council went into executive session at 6:31 PM to discuss a union grievance under the provisions of 1 VSA sec. 313 on motion of Councilor Smith, seconded by Councilor Dindo. **Motion carried.**

Manager Mackenzie and Mr. Brown were invited into the executive session.

Council came out of executive session at 6:55 PM on motion of Councilor Herring, seconded by Councilor Dindo. **Motion carried.**

Council voted in favor of finding for the union on motion of Councilor Poirier, seconded by Councilor Herring. **Motion carried.**

The Council meeting adjourned at 6:56 PM.

There is no audio recording of the special meeting.

**Regular Meeting of the Barre City Council
Held April 19, 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, Councilors Charles Dindo and Paul Poirier; from Ward II, Councilors Michael Boutin and 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: NONE

Adjustments to the Agenda: Mayor Lauzon said he will be adjusting the agenda to accommodate those in attendance.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

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

- Minutes of the following meetings:
 - Regular meeting on April 12, 2016

- City Warrants as presented: week 2016-16.
 - Accounts Payable: \$430,225.19
 - Payroll (gross): \$129,442.82
- Licenses & Permits:
 - Animal Licenses:
 - Serena Wells, 15 Grant Avenue, 6 chickens.
 - Food Vending Licenses:
 - The Ice Cream Man – Mr. Ding-a-Ling, ice cream truck, pre-packaged treats.
 - Entertainment Licenses:
 - Thunder Road annual car show on N. Main St., Saturday, April 30th from 7:00 AM – 12:30 PM, followed by parade to Thunder Road.

Clerk Dawes said she received a taxi cab driver license application from Lydia Race with Don's Taxi. The Clerk said Ms. Race applied in September 2015, however, that application was denied by Chief Bombardier due to inaccuracies on the application with regards to prior arrests. The Chief has reviewed and approved the new application. Don Morway, owner of Don's Taxi, spoke in favor of Ms. Race's application. Council approved the Taxi Driver License application for Ms. Race on motion of Councilor Chadderton, seconded by Councilor Boutin. **Motion carried.**

Council approved the Memorial Day parade request from the Barre Area Veterans Council on motion of Councilor Smith, seconded by Councilor Herring. **Motion carried.**

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

- Green- up bags are available in the Clerk's office.
- Fourth quarter taxes are due by May 16th, as the 15th is a Sunday.

Approval of Building Permits – Council approved the following building permits on motion of Councilor Chadderton, seconded by Councilor Smith. **Motion carried with Mayor Lauzon abstaining.**

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Address</u>
107 South Main Street LLC	107 S. Main St.
Barbara & Thomas Wells	59 Franklin St.
Lyman & Linda Amsden	62 Brook St.
Joseph Pelkey	15 Division St.
Metro Development LLC	85 S. Main St.

Liquor Control – Clerk Dawes requested that Council include approval of the license for Espresso Bueno in anticipation of receiving the application later this week so as not to delay processing the renewal. Council approved the following liquor licenses on motion of Councilor Smith, seconded by Councilor Herring. **Motion carried with Councilor Boutin abstaining.**

<u>Establishment</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>License</u>
The Alley Cat	10 Keith Avenue	1 st class & outside consumption permit
Ladder 1 Grill	8 S. Main St.	1 st class & outside consumption permit
Mulligan's	9 Maple Ave.	1 st class & outside consumption permit
American Legion	320 N. Main St.	1 st class & outside consumption permit
Smolder Mist Pub	107 S. Main St.	1 st class & outside consumption permit
Espresso Bueno	248 N. Main St.	1 st class

Clerk Dawes reviewed the outstanding liquor licenses and those that are not renewing. She said the renewal of the license for Jerry's Sports Tavern is on hold pending completion of a police

and DLC investigation of an incident at the bar a few weeks ago. She has discussed the issue with the Chief and DLC, and will reach out to the Attorney General's office to find out what the local liquor control board's authority is for non-renewal, suspension or revocation.

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

- The Enterprise Aly well injections are going well, and appear to be minimally disruptive to parking and traffic flow.

Mayor Lauzon asked that the North Main Street crosswalks be painted in the near future. The Mayor also asked for an update of the paving schedule.

Visitors & Communications –

Chris Russo Fraysier from the Cow Pasture Stewardship Committee presented the names of two prospective new committee members: Ken Benton and Sharon Lunde. Mr. Benton and Ms. Lunde shared their history with the cow pasture and their interest in serving on the committee. Council appointed Mr. Benton and Ms. Lunde to the committee on motion of Councilor Chadderton, seconded by Councilor Dindo. **Motion carried.**

Ms. Russo Fraysier said a third prospective appointee - Maura Quinn - is not available to attend a Tuesday evening Council meeting. Council appointed Ms. Quinn to the committee on motion of Councilor Poirier, seconded by Councilor Dindo. **Motion carried.**

Mayor Lauzon asked the committee to give an update on its activities to the Council in a month.

Old Business –

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

Mayor Lauzon said negotiations continue with Dunham Brothers, and he expects to come back next week with a contract for approval or a recommendation to re-bid the job.

New Business –

C) Briefing re: Municipal Pool Mechanical Vault Inspection Report.

Manager Mackenzie reviewed the report from DeWolfe Engineering, which states that the vault continues to deteriorate. The report says it's OK to open the pool this summer, but there are some refurbishment efforts that need to be made. The Manager said it would cost approximately \$5,000 to have DeWolfe flesh out the needs and create bid documents, and the work could run \$25,000. There was discussion on repairing the vault in its current underground location, VLCT concerns about the underground vault, and replacing with an above ground vault. Buildings and Community Services director Jeff Bergeron said the pool walls are also in need of maintenance and repair. Mayor Lauzon said Council will tour the pool facilities at 6:00PM before next week's meeting.

A) Adoption of the LEOP.

Deferred to next week.

B) First Reading Ordinance #2015-04 Chapter 3. Animals and Fowl.

Councilor Herring reviewed the proposed changes that came out of last week's public meeting. Resident John LePage said the changes represent compromise and said he urges the Council to use common sense.

Councilor Dindo asked that the setback distances be increased. There was discussion on the opinions of local realtors on the effect of neighboring chickens on house sales and prices, the use of the animal control committee, and requiring property owner approval on all licenses for fowl. Council concurred on

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including language that would require signature from the property owner on license applications.

Councilor Smith made the motion to approve the first reading of the ordinance with the property owner signature amendment, and to move it to a second reading and public hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilor Herring.

There was further discussion on the setback distances and whether wording could be crafted that would require larger setbacks where the property in question allowed them.

Councilor Smith made the motion to call the question, seconded by Councilor Herring. **Motion carried with Mayor Lauzon and Councilors Chadderton, Smith and Herring voting for and Councilors Poirier, Boutin and Dindo voting against.**

Council voted on the original motion as presented by Councilor Smith. **Motion carried with Mayor Lauzon and Councilors Chadderton, Smith and Herring voting for and Councilors Poirier, Boutin and Dindo voting against.**

The 2nd reading and public hearing will be on next week's agenda.

Other)

Charles Mulcahy from Connecting Hope asked the Council to once again consider the Civic Center Fee Policy and Connecting Hope's request for a reduced fee. Ms. Mulcahy reviewed the fees quoted to him by Mr. Bergeron and compared them to previous rental fees paid for the auditorium and the high school gym. Mayor Lauzon noted there was no vote on the policy as there was no second to the motion to approve. Councilor Chadderton said she was not at the meeting where the draft policy was presented, and asked that it be placed on next week's agenda. Councilor Poirier asked that the Civic Center Committee be invited to attend the meeting.

Round Table –

Councilor Poirier said he is placing a Brusa Trust funding request on next week's agenda.

Councilor Herring said he visited the Stowe bake path, and he is looking forward to ours.

Councilor Chadderton asked people to watch out for kids.

The Council meeting adjourned at 9:02 PM on motion of Councilor Boutin, 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