

To be approved at 10-13-15 Barre City Council Meeting

**Regular Meeting of the Barre City Council
Held October 6, 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 in attendance were City Manager Steve 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: NONE

Approval of Consent Agenda:

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

- Minutes of the following meetings:
 - Regular meeting on September 29, 2015.
- City Warrants as presented.
- Licenses & Permits: NONE

Clerk Dawes said she received a taxi cab driver license application, however, Chief Bombardier denied approval as there were discrepancies on the application. Chief Bombardier met with the applicant and discussed the discrepancies before denying the application. The Clerk asked Council if they would like to consider the application, meet with the applicant or discuss the issue with Chief Bombardier. Council declined to consider the application, and asked the Clerk to let the applicant know they have the right to appeal to the Council.

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

- The Board of Civil Authority is meeting on October 15th to hear the reports of the inspection teams and deliberate on this year's property tax assessment appeal requests.
- The Board of Abatement is meeting on October 29th to hear abatement requests related to the July 19th flooding.
- Three banks submitted responses to the RFP for financing of the local share of the spillway repair expenses. The Clerk said Community National Bank had the lowest interest rate, and so the loan will go through them. Authorizing paperwork will come to Council next week.

Approval of Building Permits – NONE

Liquor Control – Clerk Dawes said she had received an outside consumption permit application from the Elks Club for an event scheduled for this weekend, however, there are not enough Councilors present this evening to approve the application. Mayor Lauzon called a special Council meeting for this Thursday, October 8th, at 5PM to consider the outside consumption permit application.

City Manager's Report –

Manager Mackenzie reported on the following:

- The first draft of the Gunner Brook phase 1 mitigation study should be released next week. A public informational meeting is tentatively scheduled for October 28th at Alumni Hall to discuss the report.
- Enterprise Aly update: Zone 4 around Depot Square is being closed beginning tomorrow and running for approximately 13 days. Substantial completion is expected by November 6th, which is a week later than originally scheduled, but final completion is still on target.
- Tomorrow is the Efficiency Vermont community meeting.
- The yard waste drop off schedule is posted on the City website. It runs from October 19 – 30. Curbside

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- pickup will run November 2-6.
- The Barre Partnership Scary Barre trick or treating is scheduled for Friday, October 20th from 4:00-5:00 PM.
- The Manager has received and is reviewing the services agreement from Dubois & King for the review of the #2 digester cover at the wastewater treatment plant. Clerk Dawes noted Council approved entering into the agreement back in June 2014. Manager Mackenzie said the intention is to replace the cover next summer.

Visitors & Communications – NONE

Old Business –

Mayor Lauzon said he worked with Joellen Calderara over the weekend on finalizing applications from flood victims for grants from the Vermont Disaster Relief Fund. The Mayor said there are still people without hot water, and he hopes that problem will be solved in the very near future.

New Business –

A) VYCC Cow Pasture Update.

Cow Pasture committee member Chris Fraysier introduced Keegan Tierney, operations manager for the Vermont Youth Conservation Corps (VYCC). Ms. Fraysier said the VYCC has done a lot of work in the Cow Pasture, especially this summer when they started a pilot partnership with Voc Rehab to engage local youth. Mr. Tierney said eight local high school students spent seven weeks working predominantly in the Cow Pasture on a series of projects. They are hoping to expand the program to other projects in Barre and other communities in the state. Mayor Lauzon suggested they contact the City's Buildings and Community Services Department about future projects, and Manager Makenzie suggested they contact the League of Cities and Towns to spread the word about the program.

B) Camping in the Park for a Cause.

Mayor Lauzon said he hadn't had a chance to meet with Rev. David Vanderlinde Abernathy, but that Council does not have the authority to set aside the ordinances that disallow staying overnight in City parks.

C) Approval of the Water and Sewer Rate Schedule.

Clerk Dawes reminded Council that they approved water and sewer rates in November 2014, including an annual increase to go into effect each year with the September billing cycle. The Clerk said the resolution codifies the change that went into effect September 1, 2015.

Council approved the rate schedule as printed in resolution #2015-04 on motion of Councilor Herring, seconded by Councilor Smith. **Motion carried.**

Round Table:

Councilor Smith reminded everyone of tomorrow's Efficiency Vermont community meeting.

Mayor Lauzon said tomorrow is Walk to School Day and he will be walking with the students in the morning.

The Council meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM on motion of Councilor Herring, seconded by Councilor Smith.

Motion carried.

An audio recording of this meeting is available through the Clerk's Office.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn S. Dawes, City Clerk