

**Regular Meeting of the Barre City Council
Held December 8, 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 I, Councilor Charles Dindo; 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: From Ward I, Councilor Paul Poirier.

Adjustments to the Agenda: NONE

Approval of Consent Agenda:

Council approved the following consent agenda items on motion of Councilor Herring, seconded by Councilor Smith. **Motion carried with Councilors Dindo and Chadderton voting against.**

- Minutes of the following meetings:
 - Regular meeting on December 1, 2015.
- City Warrants as presented: week 2015-50.
 - Accounts Payable: \$234,255.13.
 - Payroll (gross): \$102,507.35.
- Licenses & Permits:
 - 2015-2016 Animal License:
 - Zach Tillinghast, 31 Hall Street, 5 chickens. License also good for 2016.
 - 2015 Entertainment License:
 - Winter Spiral community vigil, organized by First Presbyterian Church. Thursday, December 9th in Currier Park from 4:30 – 6:30 PM.

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

- Water & Sewer bills are due by December 31st.
- City Hall will be closed next Thursday, December 17th, from noon – 2PM for the staff holiday luncheon.

The Clerk reported that the Council collected \$3,528.60 at its dollar drop last weekend. Council approved donating the funds collected to the Salvation Army Christmas program, with the understanding that 100% of the donated funds would be used to purchase presents for children, on motion of Councilor Dindo, seconded by Councilor Herring. **Motion carried.**

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> |
|----------------------|---------------------|
| City of Barre | 6 N. Main Street |
| Christopher Alger | 38 Newton Street |
| M & B Properties LLC | 101 Prospect Street |
| Andrea Gallitano | 50 S Main Street |
| Capital Candy Co. | 32 Burnham Street |

Liquor Control – Council approved an outside consumption permit application from the Barre Elks Club for a New Year's Day BBQ on January 1, 2016 from 8:00 AM – 6:0 PM on motion of Councilor Herring, seconded by Councilor Dindo. **Motion carried with Councilor Boutin abstaining.**

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

- The state has approved the City's FEMA buyout grant applications for purchase and demolition of three properties damaged during the August flooding. The grant applications now go for FEMA review and approval.
- Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission received approval from ANR for a storm water master plan covering the Gunner Brook areas in Barre City, Barre, Town and Plainfield.
- Friends of Winooski received approval of a grant to work on drainage issues in the Quarry Hill area.

Visitors & Communications –

Rev. Carl Hinton VanArsdale told the Council about tomorrow evening's Winter Spiral Community Vigil taking place at Currier Park from 4:30 – 6:30 PM. Rev. VanArsdale said the vigil is in response to the tragedies in August, and the evening will include songs and lighting candles.

Old Business – NONE

New Business –

A) Sno-Bees Land Owner Permission Form.

Mike Perrigo from the Sno-Bees requested permission to continue to maintain trails through the Cow Pasture. Council granted permission and authorized the Mayor to sign on behalf of the City on motion of Councilor Herring, seconded by Councilor Dindo. **Motion carried.**

B) Heart Safe Community Notification.

Chief Tim Bombardier said the City has been named a Heart Safe Community – one of only four in the state. This designates the City as a safe place due to the addition of defibrillators in ambulances, cruisers and City buildings, along with CPR training. Signage will be installed throughout the City to inform the public.

C) Ratification of DPW Labor Contract.

Mayor Lauzon said Councilors had an opportunity to review the contract in past executive sessions. Manager Mackenzie recommended ratification. Council ratified the contract on motion of Councilor Herring, seconded by Councilor Smith. **Motion carried.**

Round Table:

Councilor Dindo thanked those who made donations during last weekend's dollar drop to benefit the Christmas for Kids program. He said the Bike Path Committee is meeting tomorrow.

Councilor Smith said the Central Vermont Public Safety Authority meeting will be held this Thursday instead of next week.

Councilor Herring said the City will have additional skating and open gym times during the school holiday vacations.

Mayor Lauzon said the Budget Committee is meeting tomorrow. The Mayor echoed Councilor Dindo's thanks to those who made donations for the Christmas for Kids program.

Executive Session –

Councilor Herring made the motion to find that premature general public knowledge of the labor negotiation and personnel items 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 Chadderton. **Motion carried.**

Council went into executive session at 7:28 PM to discuss labor negotiation and personnel issues under the provisions of 1 VSA sec. 313 on motion of Councilor Boutin, seconded by Councilor Chadderton. **Motion carried.**

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Manager Mackenzie, Chief Tim Bombardier and OUR House executive director Rebecca Duranleau were invited into the executive session.

Council came out of executive session at 8:28 PM on motion of Councilor Herring, seconded by Councilor Smith. **Motion carried.**

Council approved the Special Investigative Unit grant application on motion of Councilor Herring, seconded by Councilor Smith. **Motion carried.**

The Council meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM on motion of Councilor Herring, seconded by Councilor Chadderton. **Motion carried.**

There is no audio recording of this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn S. Dawes, City Clerk

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