

**Regular Meeting of the Barre City Council
Held August 23, 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 Paul Poirier and Jeffrey Tuper-Giles; from Ward II, Councilor Michael Boutin; and from Ward III, Councilors Anita Chadderton and Lucas Herring (arrived 7:07 PM). Also present were City Manager Steven Mackenzie and Clerk/Treasurer Carolyn Dawes.

Absent: From Ward II, Councilor Michael Smith.

Adjustments to the Agenda: Mayor Lauzon said the update from the Youth Conservation Corps has been deferred to next week.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

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

- Minutes of the following meetings:
 - Regular meeting on August 16, 2016
- City Warrants as presented:
 - Approval of Week 2016-34:
 - Accounts Payable: \$211,404.16
 - Payroll (gross): \$134,615.70
- Licenses & Permits: NONE

Clerk Dawes reminded Council of its request last week that the taxi driver license applicant and Chief Bombardier attend tonight's meeting to discuss the license application. The Clerk said this item has been deferred to next week.

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

- The delinquency rate for the first quarter property tax collection finished at 4.56%, which is the best collection rate in 2 years.
- Washington County Probate Court granted the request to terminate the Brusa Trust and Keith Funds. The City will no longer be required to file annual reports with the court.
- VEPC board is considering the City's substantial change requests for the TIF district OTV at this Thursday's meeting.
- The spillway current expense note is due next week. Have negotiated to pay off ½ of the note and refinance the rest for an additional 90 days. Still waiting to receive FEMA reimbursement.
- 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.
- Water/sewer bills will be mailed next week, and are due by the end of September.

Approval of Building Permits – Council approved the following building permits on motion of Councilor Chadderton, seconded by Councilor Tuper-Giles. **Motion carried.**

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Address</u>
Anita Gregg-Hoy	148 Washington Street
Roy Scott & Lori Southworth-Scott	113 Brooklyn Street
Lorraine Watker	92 Seminary Street
Scott & Sylvia Gagnon	2 Everett Street

Liquor Control – Council approved an expanded outside consumption permit application for Mulligan’s for Friday, August 26th from 3:00 – 8:00 PM on motion of Councilor Tuper-Giles, seconded by Councilor Chadderton. **Motion carried with Councilor Boutin abstaining.**

Councilor Herring arrived at this point in the meeting.

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

- Voluntary water conservation continues as the reservoir levels have not yet fully recovered.
- Municipal pool closed for the season after this past weekend.
- The Traffic Advisory Committee meets tomorrow.
- Barre City is hosting the state’s 5 year anniversary ceremonies for Tropical Storm Irene. The event is scheduled for this Friday.
- The RFP for the Gunner’s Brook mitigation projects is being issued this Friday. Proposals are due the latter part of September.
- Plans are being made for the fall yard waste drop off and pick-up.

Visitors & Communications – NONE

Old Business –

A) Cemetery Rules and Regulations.

Cemetery Committee chair Giuliano Cecchinelli and Buildings and Community Services director Jeff Bergeron presented the rules and regulations. Mr. Cecchinelli said the changes received unanimous recommendation for approval from the cemetery committee. There was discussion about repairs to existing monuments and use of matching materials.

Council approved the revised rules and regulations on motion of Councilor Boutin, seconded by Councilor Herring. **Motion carried.**

B) Hope Cemetery Entrance Repair.

Manager Mackenzie said there was a meeting of staff, committee members and granite repair people at the entrance to review the work necessary. The cost for the repairs to both sides of the entrance is approximately \$20,000, and is not included in the current year’s budget. The Manager said re-setting of the cap stones is being done this year, and the balance of the repair work will be phased over the next two years. Mr. Bergeron said he is getting quotes to have the entrance cleaned this fall before foliage season.

New Business -

A) Youth Conservation Corps Update.

This item is deferred until next week.

B) Errors and Omissions Adjustment.

City Assessor Joe LeVesque presented two E&O adjustments to the Council for consideration. Council approved the adjustment for 145 Washington Street as presented on motion of Councilor Boutin, seconded by Councilor Chadderton. **Motion carried.**

Council discussed the proposed adjustment for 12 Mill Street, and said it did not qualify as an error or omission. Council denied the adjustment request on motion of Councilor Boutin, seconded by Councilor Herring. **Motion carried with Councilor Poirier recusing himself from the vote.**

C) Award of Paving Bid.

Mayor Lauzon reviewed the two bids received, and said the low bid was from Pike. Council approved awarding the contract to Pike on motion of Councilor Boutin, seconded by Councilor Chadderton.

Motion carried.

Round Table –

Councilor Herring said he was late due to attending the Barre Town selectboard meeting to discuss the Barre Partnership.

Councilor Poirier said he attended last week's Authors and the Aldrich, at which former VT Supreme Court Chief Justice Jeffrey Amestoy promoted his new book. He said the book is a great read.

Councilor Chadderton said with schools starting up again, drivers should be careful of children waiting for busses.

Mayor Lauzon said he met with the Vermont State Police and state drug task force, and will give the Councilors an update on his conversations.

The Mayor said there will be a grievance hearing next week at 6:00 PM before the regular Council meeting.

Executive Session – NONE

The Council meeting adjourned at 7:34 PM on motion of Councilor Boutin, seconded by Councilor Poirier. **Motion carried.**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn S. Dawes, City Clerk