

**Regular Meeting of the Barre City Council
Held March 8, 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, Councilor Michael Boutin; 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 II, Councilor Michael Smith.

Adjustments to the Agenda: NONE

Approval of Consent Agenda:

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

- Minutes of the following meetings:
 - Regular meeting on February 29, 2016
- City Warrants as presented: week 2016-10.
 - Accounts Payable: \$331,587.34
 - Payroll (gross): \$174,776.53
- Licenses & Permits:
 - Entertainment Licenses:
 - ReSource Flying Stage, 30 Granite Street annual license.
 - VT Cancer Survivors Network, June 4th annual event, including a parade, music & vendors in City Hall Park.

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

- Last week's election results are posted on the City website.
- Dog licenses are available. Any dog six months or older must be licensed by April 1st.
- Water/sewer bills went in the mail last week. Payments are due by the end of the month.

Approval of Building Permits – NONE

Liquor Control – NONE

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

- Held the project team design kickoff meeting for the Gunner Brook project. There will be a public informational meeting on March 23rd.

Visitors & Communications – NONE

Old Business – NONE

New Business –

A) Barre Partnership Coin Drop Request and 5K Race.

Councilor Herring, in his capacity as chair of the Partnership, outlined the coin drop request. **Council approved the Partnership's request for a coin drop on April 9th on motion of Councilor Boutin, seconded by Councilor Chadderton. Motion carried with Councilor Herring abstaining.**

Councilor Herring gave additional information about the 5K race. The event is covered under the Partnership's annual entertainment license, so no additional Council action is required.

To be approved at 03-15-16 Barre City Council Meeting

B) Lions Club Coin Drop Request.

Council approved the Lions Club's coin drop request for August 20th on motion of Councilor Dindo, seconded by Councilor Herring. **Motion carried.**

C) Mid-Year Budget Status Review.

Manager Mackenzie gave a brief summary of where he believes the budget to actuals are for FY16, and said he currently projects a surplus at the end of the year. Mayor Lauzon provided some additional details about certain individual line items. The Manager said he will prepare a detailed budget to actuals at the ¾ mark at the end of March.

Executive Session –

Councilor Boutin made the motion to find that premature general public knowledge of personnel and contract issues 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 Herring. **Motion carried.**

Council went into executive session at 7:50 PM to discuss personnel and contract issues under the provisions of 1 VSA sec. 313 on motion of Councilor Herring, seconded by Councilor Boutin. **Motion carried.**

Manager Mackenzie and HR director Rikk Taft were invited into the executive session.

Council came out of executive session at 8:33 PM on motion of Councilor Poirier, seconded by Councilor Dindo. **Motion carried.**

There was no action taken.

The Council meeting adjourned at 8:34 PM on motion of Councilor Boutin, seconded by Councilor Herring. **Motion carried.**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn S. Dawes, City Clerk