

**Regular Meeting of the Barre City Council  
Held June 14, 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, Councilor Jeffrey Tuper-Giles; 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 1, Councilor Paul Poirier.

**Adjustments to the Agenda:** NONE

**Approval of Consent Agenda:**

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

- Minutes of the following meetings:
  - Regular meeting on June 7, 2016
- City Warrants as presented: week 2016-24.
  - Accounts Payable: \$670,891.44
  - Payroll (gross): \$125,560.43
- Licenses & Permits:
  - Entertainment License:
    - Barre Senior Center, Pie Sale in conjunction with concerts in the park, Currier Park, July 13<sup>th</sup> from 6 – 8PM.

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

- Water/sewer bills are due before the end of June.
- Tax anticipation note paperwork will come to Council for approval at next week’s meeting.
- Next week Clerk will ask Council to authorize her to petition Probate Court to terminate the Keith Fund and Brusa Trusts as “uneconomic” as per statute. This would eliminate the need to file annual probate reports and pay filing fees, thereby preserving the principal balances for their intended uses.
- Council packet included a letter from City Attorney Oliver Twombly regarding Councilor Poirier’s request for an opinion of the City’s liability associated with approving liquor licenses.

**Approval of Building Permits** – Council approved the following building permits on motion of Councilor Smith, seconded by Councilor Boutin. **Motion carried.**

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Address</u>
Vermont Granite Museum	56 Depot Square

**Liquor Control** – NONE

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

- Reached a tentative agreement in the firefighter contract negotiations.
- The 2016 grand list has been lodged, and grievance hearings are scheduled for next week.
- The gazebo has been washed and is being painted, and the cemetery office building refurbishment is nearing completion.

**Visitors & Communications** – NONE

**Old Business –**

**A) Request to close Keith Ave between 10am and 4pm on Sundays to establish an antiques/flea market in Barre.**

Clerk Dawes reviewed Pierre Couture’s request to use streets and sidewalks three times this summer for an antiques/flea market on the last Sundays of June, July and August. The Clerk said such use requires Council approval. Also needed are vendor licenses for all vendors, and proof of liability insurance from each naming the City as an additional insured. Mr. Couture requested closure and use of Keith Avenue, and various sections of sidewalk. He also requested that Council grant an umbrella vendor license to cover all vendors participating in the markets. He said he will talk with his insurance company about the liability coverage. He said none of the vendors will be charged to participate.

There was discussion about possible ordinance changes to create an umbrella vendor license for events such as this, and maintaining a pedestrian way on sidewalks. Mayor Lauzon said he would support a single vendor license, provided the liability insurance requirement is met. Council concurred. Clerk Dawes said the vendor license application will come to Council next week for consideration.

**New Business -**

**A) Introduction of Bike Patrol “Bees”.**

Police Officer John Mott introduced this year’s bike patrol. Officer Mott said they will maintain a presence in the downtown and neighborhoods, will register bikes, cover the pool & playground areas, and work during the Heritage Festival. Each bike patrol member introduced themselves and gave a brief bio about their schooling and interests. Patrol members are: Markie Delude, Hunter D’agostino, Brandon Aldrich, Connor Moore, and Seth Wilmott.

Mayor Lauzon asked people to donate bike helmets to the police department for distribution to children who need them. Chief Bombardier thanked the Council and the public for supporting the bike patrol.

**B) Award of Plow-Truck Fit-up Package.**

Mayor Lauzon reviewed the memo from Public Works Assistant Director Steve Micheli, which recommended Council award the bid to low bidder Viking Cives. Council approved Mr. Micheli’s recommendation on motion of Councilor Boutin, seconded by Councilor Herring. **Motion carried.**

**C) Annual Appointments.**

Council reviewed the list of annual appointments, making a few adjustments and corrections. Mayor Lauzon announced all current committee vacancies. There was a question as to whether the Greater Barre Community Justice Center board should be included on the list. The Manager will look into it. The Manager will also review and reconcile any inaccuracies with regards to term limits.

Council approved the annual appointments on motion of Councilor Tuper-Giles, seconded by Councilor Herring. **Motion carried.**

**D) Approve Revised VMERS Resolution.**

This item is deferred to next week.

**E) Updated FY16 Year-end Budget Projection.**

This item is deferred to next week.

**F) Discussion and/or Authorization of Discretionary Unbudgeted FY16 Expenditures.**

Manager Mackenzie said he will present a list of possible expenditures at next week’s meeting. Mayor Lauzon said the list is likely to include the BOR ceiling painting, traffic signal repairs, and repairs to the roof of the pool mechanical room.

**G) Review and/or Modification of City Procurement Policy.**

This item is deferred to next week.

**Round Table –**

Councilor Herring announced the following:

- Congratulations to Spaulding High School’s class of 2016, which graduated last Saturday.
- Happy Father’s Day, which is this coming Sunday.
- The Granite Museum is hosting the fire walk as part of this weekend’s Rock Fire festival.
- The Heritage Festival is looking for volunteers.

Councilor Smith announced the following:

- The Aldrich Library summer program, which includes meals, music, events, etc.
- Wednesdays in Barre including the Authors at the Aldrich, Concerts in Currier Park, and the farmer’s market.
- Vermont History Expo in Tunbridge this weekend.

Councilor Tuper-Giles announced that the first episode of his “Meet the Councilors” public access program is complete and will be airing soon, featuring an interview with Mayor Lauzon. He will be scheduling other interviews in the near future.

Councilor Chadderton said schools are now out for the summer, and the public should be careful of children playing in and around the streets.

Mayor Lauzon offered his condolences and the condolences of the Council and City to the families and friends of those who died in the Orlando shooting over the weekend.

**Executive Session – NONE**

The Council meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM on motion of Councilor Tuper-Giles, 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