

**Regular Meeting of the Barre City Council  
Held November 10, 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, Councilors Charles Dindo and Paul Poirier; from Ward II, Councilors Michael Boutin and Michael Smith; and from Ward III, Councilors Anita Chadderton and Lucas Herring. Also in attendance were City Manager Steve Mackenzie and Clerk/Treasurer Carolyn Dawes.

**Absent:** NONE

**Adjustments to the Agenda:** Mayor Lauzon said the Caneles Woods agenda item will be rescheduled.

**Approval of Consent Agenda:**

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

- Minutes of the following meetings:
  - Regular meeting on November 3, 2015.
- City Warrants as presented: week 2015-46. Clerk Dawes noted because of the Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup> Veteran's Day holiday, warrants were approved by Mayor Lauzon on Monday, November 9<sup>th</sup> so checks could be issued on Tuesday, November 10<sup>th</sup>. Council is affirming that approval with the approval of the consent agenda.
  - Accounts Payable: \$155,534.78
  - Payroll (gross): \$107,547.10
- Licenses & Permits: NONE

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

- Second quarter property taxes are due by November 16<sup>th</sup>, as the 15<sup>th</sup> falls on a Sunday.
- The winter parking ban goes into effect on November 15<sup>th</sup> through April 1<sup>st</sup>. Overnight parking permits are available from the Clerk's office for those who live in the downtown.

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

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Address</u>
Jeffrey & Susan Kelley	6 Veeder Avenue
John & Cynthia Hooker	29 Beckley Street

**Liquor Control** – NONE

**City Manager's Report** –

Manager Mackenzie reported on the following:

- Submitted three HMPG grant applications seeking funding to purchase and demolish three properties as part of the Gunners Brook flood mitigation.
- Met with various state agencies to discuss potential funding partnerships for future flood mitigation efforts.
- Enterprise Aly hit substantial completion on Friday, and the area is open for traffic. Final work will be completed between now and the end of the month.
- All malfunctioning pedestrian push buttons have been replaced.
- 1 Campbell Place has been paved and reopened for parking.
- Curbside yard waste pick-up was completed within the one week timeframe and was on budget.

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- Eleven American flags are up for tomorrow's Veteran's Day celebrations. The rest of the brackets are on back order.

Councilor Dindo thanked everyone involved for getting Enterprise Aly redeveloped and open.

Councilor Herring noted the police and fire departments haven't submitted information for the weekly manager's reports and asked that the departments be reminded to make their submissions.

#### **Visitors & Communications –**

Mayor Lauzon said the annual Veteran's Day celebration will be held tomorrow. In case of rain, the parade will be canceled and the celebration will be held in the auditorium.

#### **Old Business –**

##### **A) Manager's Contract Renewal.**

Mayor Lauzon said the contract renewal under consideration does not change any of the current contract language except the term, which is extended to December 31, 2017. Council approved the renewal on motion of Councilor Poirier, seconded by Councilor Dindo. **Motion carried.**

#### **New Business –**

##### **A) Holiday Plans and Parade Request from Barre Partnership.**

Mary Jane Magnan and Bob Sager from the Barre Partnership reviewed the plans for the holiday season, including the parade, horse drawn wagon rides, free parking, and the holiday window design contest. They requested Council authorization for the parade, wagon rides and free parking from Thanksgiving through New Year's Day, and asked the Council to serve as judges for the window design contest.

In the interest of full disclosure, Councilor Herring said he serves on the Barre Partnership board.

Council approved the parade, wagon rides and free parking on motion of Councilor Chadderton, seconded by Councilor Smith. **Motion carried.**

The Council will judge the window design contest during the first two weeks of December.

Mayor Lauzon said anyone who has a parking ticket can donate a toy of equal or greater value during the holidays, and the ticket will be voided.

The Council will hold its traditional dollar drop on Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 AM – noon. Funds collected will be used to ensure that all Barre children have a Christmas.

##### **B) Canales Woods Eagle Scout Project Presentation.**

This item will be rescheduled.

##### **C) Approval of Contract with ECS, Inc. for Enterprise Aly Five (5) Year O&M Contract.**

Mayor Lauzon reviewed the Manager's memo on the history of the project and the scope of the contract. The Mayor said the contract amount is a bit higher than what was budgeted. He said Manager Mackenzie needs to review and negotiate the contract. He recommended Council authorize the Manager to negotiate and enter into the contract up to \$388,000. Manager Mackenzie said he will make sure the final dollar amount is within the overall budget.

Council gave its approval to authorize the Manager to negotiate and enter into a contract with ECS, Inc., contingent upon the Manager coming back to Council should the amount of the contract be over \$388,000, on motion of Councilor Herring, seconded by Councilor Dindo. **Motion carried.**

**Round Table:**

Councilor Herring reminded everybody of tomorrow's Veteran's Day parade and celebration. He said 83 registered runners/walkers took part in last Saturday's Granite City 5K. That number does not include companion participants, which brings the total up over 100. More than \$8,000 was raised, and it was a successful first year.

Councilor Dindo said there is a bike path committee meeting tomorrow afternoon.

Councilor Chadderton said people should reach out to veterans and support them with love and respect.

**Executive Session -**

Councilor Boutin made the motion to find that premature general public knowledge of the legal item 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 Smith. **Motion carried.**

Council went into executive session at 7:27 PM to discuss a legal issue under the provisions of 1 VSA sec. 313 on motion of Councilor Boutin, seconded by Councilor Herring. **Motion carried.**

Manager Mackenzie and Clerk Dawes were invited into the executive session.

Council came out of executive session at 8:17 PM on motion of Councilor Smith, seconded by Councilor Herring. **Motion carried.**

The Council meeting adjourned at 8:17 PM on motion of Councilor Smith, seconded by Councilor Herring. **Motion carried.**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn S. Dawes, City Clerk