

**Regular Meeting of the Barre City Council
Held December 15, 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 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, Councilors Charles Dindo and 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 Smith. **Motion carried.**

- Minutes of the following meetings:
 - Regular meeting on December 1, 2015.
- City Warrants as presented: week 2015-51.
 - Accounts Payable: \$462,144.62.
 - Payroll (gross): \$127,325.19.
- Licenses & Permits:
 - 2016 Animal License:
 - Hollie Friot, 22 Maplewood Avenue. 4 chickens
 - John Santorello, 176 Elm Street. 3 pounds honeybees
 - Sylvia Lozier, 203 Prospect Street. 2 horses
 - 2016 Food Establishment License:
 - Hollow Inn & Motel, 278 South Main Street
 - Ladder 1 Grill, 8 South Main Street
 - Asian Gourmet, 276 North Main Street
 - Barre Elks Lodge, 10 Jefferson Street
 - Subway DCP One Inc., 88 North Main Street
 - RBI Barre d/b/a Positive Pie, 219 North Main Street
 - American Legion, 320 North Main Street
 - Basil's Pizza Restaurant, 20 South Main Street
 - Quality Donuts Inc. d/b/a Dunkin Donuts, 283 North Main Street
 - Mister Z's, 379 North Main Street
 - 2016 Food Take Out License:
 - DJ's Maple Avenue Deli, 39 Maple Avenue
 - Champlain Farms, 15 South Main Street
 - Champlain Farms, 169 Washington Street
 - North End Deli Mart, 475 North Main Street
 - Fastop, 377 North Main Street
 - 2016 Waste Disposal Collector's License:
 - DJ's Convenience Store, 1 vehicle, drop off only
 - Curt Doyle, 1 vehicle drop off, 1 vehicle pick up
 - 2016 Pool Table/Video Machine License:
 - Barre Elks Club, 10 Jefferson Street, 2 pool tables, 1 video machine
 - American Legion, 320 North Main Street, 1 pool table
 - 2016 Vending License:
 - Times Argus, 47 North Main Street, various newspaper vending machines

Clerk Dawes distributed a 2016 animal license renewal form and memo from Capt. Matt Cetin, stating the

the chicken coop in question is not in compliance with current ordinance, as it is located within 30 feet of an abutting residence. Capt. Cetin's memo suggested that Council approve the license if the owner will come into compliance. Council approved the 2016 Animal License for Esad Jandric, 18 Plain Street, 10 chickens, with the condition that Mr. Jandric come into compliance with current ordinance within 30 days, on motion of Councilor Boutin, seconded by Councilor Smith. **Motion carried.**

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

- Water & Sewer bills are due by December 31st.
- City Hall will be closed Thursday, December 17th, from noon – 2PM for the staff holiday luncheon.
- The Council is judging this year's downtown holiday window contest this year. Clerk Dawes is compiling the results and asked Councilors to get their top three choices to her by this Friday.
- Next week's agenda will include approval of an extension for the spillway current expense note.
- Next week's agenda will include warning the public hearings for proposed charter changes. Mayor Lauzon said he would like to see the deputy mayor position codified in charter.
- The Clerk is preparing a report for next week or the week after on the City's electric vehicle charging stations.

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

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Address</u>
Michael & Stephanie Peabody	56 Pleasant Street
Raymond Bisson II	135 Bailey Street
Deborah & Lloyd Rector	21 Warren Street

Liquor Control –

Clerk Dawes said she has received the 2016 liquor license renewals. They will be mailed out after the first of the year.

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

- The historic street lights have been installed along Enterprise Aly, and there are two more monitoring wells to be installed.
- Have reached a tentative contract agreement with the steelworkers, which should be ratified in the next couple of weeks.

Visitors & Communications – NONE

Old Business – NONE

New Business –

A) Approval of OIG Ambulance Billing Settlement.

Mayor Lauzon said the Office of Inspector General (OIG) of the US Department of Health and Human Services was investigating the City's ambulance billing. The OIG reviewed five years of records of approximately 30,000 bills and found coding errors in 606 claims submitted to Medicare for transport services provided. The settlement amount is \$127,669.90, which includes repayment of Medicare funds and penalties. The Mayor said these were errors and there is no fraud or malfeasance on the part of the City or the billing clerk. He said the settlement is not a reflection on the City and he wanted it noted for the record that he despises the way the OIG imposes an inappropriate level of penalties for errors.

Council approved the settlement on motion of Councilor Herring, seconded by Councilor Smith. **Motion carried with Mayor Lauzon voting against.**

To be approved at 12-22-15 Barre City Council Meeting

Round Table:

Councilor Smith said the Central Vermont Public Safety Authority is meeting later this week, hoping to finalize its FY17 budget. They will give a budget presentation to the Council in the near future.

Mayor Lauzon said he has been working with the Manager, Clerk and auditors to finalize the FY15 audit. The Mayor said he is hopeful there will be a final report before the end of the calendar year.

Executive Session – NONE

The Council meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM on motion of Councilor Herring, seconded by Councilor Chadderton. **Motion carried.**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn S. Dawes, City Clerk

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