

**Regular Meeting of the Barre City Council
Held July 5, 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, Councilor Anita Chadderton. Also present were City Manager Steven Mackenzie and Clerk/Treasurer Carolyn Dawes.

Absent: From Ward 1, Councilor Paul Poirier; and from Ward III, Councilor Lucas Herring.

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 June 14, 2016
- City Warrants as presented: week 2016-27.
 - Accounts Payable: \$205,841.23
 - Payroll (gross): \$146,966.45
- Licenses & Permits:
 - Entertainment License:
 - Washington County/Orange County GOP, picnic and town hall forum at VT Granite Museum, Sunday, July 10, 2016 from noon – 5:00 PM.

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

- Early absentee voting for the August 9th primary is now available.
- Tax bills will be mailed out on July 15th, with the first payment due by August 15th.
- Council will hold a required public hearing at the July 12th meeting to review and approve a list of TIF District changes to be submitted to VEPC.

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>
Gerrard & Gayle Cormier	2 Clifton Street
Thomas & Karen Lauzon	67 Clifton Street
David & Sedillia Jenkins	36 Berlin Street
Renee Fair Bates	210 Hill Street
Hollow Inn Inc.	268 S. Main Street

Liquor Control – NONE

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

- The Traffic Advisory Committee is meeting tomorrow evening. Council appointed Councilor Smith as TAC liaison on motion of Councilor Boutin, seconded by Councilor Tuper-Giles. **Motion carried with Councilor Smith abstaining.**
- The City has qualified for 25% matching funds for the Gunner's Brook demolition projects.
- The Manager reviewed his memo on recycling containers for North Main Street, and said Councilor Smith had negotiated with the dealer to provide free shipping. The total cost for 22 bins is \$19,000+, and the Manager said he has identified most of the funding the FY17 budget.

He said the bins need to be ordered tomorrow to ensure arrival by the Heritage Festival. Council gave informal approval to order the bins, and will ratify the purchase at next week's meeting.

Visitors & Communications –

Norwich University student Amanda Elger said she has developed a plan for ways to improve City Hall Park. Mayor Lauzon said he heard Ms. Elger's plan when he attended the NU entrepreneur class presentations last week, and had invited Ms. Elger to present her ideas to the Council at next week's meeting.

Old Business –

A) Approval of Gasoline and Diesel Fuel Bids.

Manager Mackenzie reviewed his matrix of the bids received, and recommended Council accept the low bids from SB Collins. Council accepted the bids as recommended on motion of Councilor Chadderton, seconded by Councilor Tuper-Giles. **Motion carried.**

New Business -

A) Appoint James Hart to DRB Ward III.

Resident James Hart expressed his interest in representing Ward III on the Development Review Board. Mr. Hart said he currently serves on the Planning Commission, and believes his dual service will provide an opportunity for collaboration and synergy between the two boards. Council approved the appointment on motion of Councilor Chadderton, seconded by Councilor Boutin. **Motion carried.**

B) Second Reading and Public Hearing 7:15 PM: Ordinance #2016-02 Vending Licenses.

Mayor Lauzon opened the public hearing at 7:26 PM and invited comments and questions. The Mayor noted a correction that needs to be made in the draft language. Hearing no additional questions or comments, the Mayor closed the hearing at 7:28 PM.

Council approved the ordinance change as corrected on motion of Councilor Boutin, seconded by Councilor Smith. **Motion carried.**

C) Administrative Approval of Requests for Alcohol Consumption at Rotary Park.

Council approved allowing the Clerk to administratively approve requests for alcohol consumption at Rotary Park, contingent upon Police Department notification, on motion of Councilor Tuper-Giles, seconded by Councilor Chadderton. **Motion carried.**

D) Review of Petitions of GMP Certificate of Public Good – Barre North End Substation.

Mayor Lauzon said this item was placed on the agenda to inform the public, and to give them an opportunity to provide comment about the work to be performed. There were no members of the public present to discuss the issue. The Mayor said no Council action is required.

E) Approval of FY2016-2017 Municipal Property Tax Rate.

Clerk Dawes reviewed the proposed municipal tax rate, and the education tax rates set by the Vermont Department of Taxes. Mayor Lauzon said the municipal rate is a bit lower than what the Council projected during the budget presentations prior to the 2016 Annual (Town) Meeting, but the overall tax rate is higher due to higher-than-estimated education tax rates.

Council set the municipal tax rate at \$1.7585 on motion of Councilor Boutin, seconded by Councilor Smith. **Motion carried.**

F) Public Hearing 7:45 PM: Authorization to Submit VTRANS LTF Grant Application.

Mayor Lauzon opened the public hearing at 7:42 PM. Ms. McDonald reviewed the Central Vermont path

route, progress and funding. She said the path is designed to connect Montpelier, Berlin, Barre City and Barre Town. The Barre City portion is approximately 7 miles long and estimated to cost more than \$2 million. She reviewed the different segments of the path, and said the Granite Museum has requested that the Bike Path Committee take over coordination of the segment that runs over the museum's property. There have been changes made to the path route based on rights-of-way and funding options.

She requested that Council approve submitting the grant application in an amount not to exceed \$1.7 million, noting the amount will be finalized before the application is submitted. Council approved the submission as requested and authorized the Manager to sign the application on behalf of the City on motion of Councilor Smith, seconded by Councilor Boutin. **Motion carried.**

Mayor Lauzon closed the public hearing at 7:55 PM.

G) Bike Path Engineering Services Amendment.

Ms. McDonald said the route changes and additional right-of-way work require increased engineering services from Dubois & King, and requested that Council increase the agreement from \$412,000 to \$431,200 and authorize the Manger to sign the amendment on behalf of the City. Council approved the request on motion of Councilor Smith, seconded by Councilor Tuper-Giles. **Motion carried.**

Round Table –

Councilor Smith reviewed this Wednesday evening's Authors at the Aldrich and Concert in Currier Park.

Mayor Lauzon said he attended the July 4th parade in Cabot and had a great time.

Executive Session – NONE

The Council meeting adjourned at 9:09 PM on motion of Councilor Smith, seconded by Councilor Tuper-Giles. **Motion carried.**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn S. Dawes, City Clerk