

**Regular Meeting of the Barre City Council  
Held September 13, 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, Councilor 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, Councilor Paul Poirier; and from Ward II, Councilor Michael Boutin.

**Adjustments to the Agenda:** Mayor Lauzon said the report from the Vermont Youth Conservation Corps will be rescheduled to next week.

**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 August 30, 2016
- City Warrants as presented:
  - Affirmation of Week 2016-36 (signed 9/6/16 by Councilor Smith):
    - Accounts Payable: \$827,930.80
    - Payroll (gross): \$152,167.53
  - Approval of Week 2016-35:
    - Accounts Payable: \$2,226,112.91
    - Payroll (gross): \$121,333.07
- Licenses & Permits:
  - Taxi Cab Driver's License:
    - James Kephart, Central Vermont Green Cab

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

- Water/sewer bills are going in the mail tomorrow, and are due by the end of September.
- Accepting early absentee ballots for the November 8<sup>th</sup> General Election. Ballots will be available in late September. The school Act 46 Committee is holding a special location election on the same date, and those ballots won't be available until mid-October.
- There are nine properties scheduled for tax sale on September 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- The Board of Civil Authority will begin property tax assessment appeal hearings on September 15<sup>th</sup> and continue through October.
- Received 5 responses to the aerial truck RFP. Will bring the responses to next week's meeting.

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

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Address</u>
John LaCourse & JoAnn Allen	6 School Street
Allan & Margaret Wilmott	30 Beech Street
Aime Bellavance & Sons Inc.	33 Smith Street
Duke Bros.	56 Merchant Street
Hedding United Methodist Church	40 Washington Street
Cindy Willis	66 Elmwood Avenue
Members Advantage Community Credit Union	265 S. Main Street
Melissa Fassett	58 Lewis Street

**Liquor Control** – Council approved a Request to Cater application from The Woods at Wihakowi for a museum exhibit opening at the Vermont History Center on September 23<sup>rd</sup> from 6-8 PM on motion of Councilor Smith, seconded by Councilor Herring. **Motion carried.**

Council approved a Request to Cater application from The Fox Stand for an event at the Labor Hall on September 21<sup>st</sup> from 5-9 PM on motion of Councilor Tuper-Giles, seconded by Councilor Chadderton. **Motion carried.**

Council approved a temporary extension of the outside consumption permit for Mulligan's for an Oktoberfest event on September 24<sup>th</sup> from 3-9 PM on motion of Councilor Smith, seconded by Councilor Tuper-Giles. **Motion carried.**

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

- The voluntary water conservation order continues.
- A large group of contractors attended the pre-bid meeting for the Gunner's Brook flood mitigation projects.
- EPA will be in town for a follow-up inspection of the Enterprise Aly project.
- Fall yard waste drop off has been scheduled for the last 2 weeks of October. Barre City residents will be able to take yard debris to the Barre Town stump dump. Curbside pickup will be scheduled for early November.
- The Fire Department tower truck is permanently out of service. The chassis will be salvaged for a dump body, and will go to the wastewater treatment plant. The new aerial truck is due to arrive by the end of October.

**Visitors & Communications** – NONE

**Old Business** – NONE

**New Business** -

**A) Act 46 Summer Committee.**

City Councilor and Spaulding High School board member Lucas Herring gave a PowerPoint presentation on the work of the Act 46 committee, and the upcoming November 8<sup>th</sup> vote on merging the boards of the Barre City, Barre Town and Spaulding High School districts. The merger would reduce the number of boards from four to one, and the number of board members from 19 to 9. Mr. Herring talked about the tax incentives, potentials for operational efficiencies and resource sharing. He said additional information is available on the Act 46 Committee website.

**B) Virtual Tour Project.**

Spaulding High School history teacher Lauren Buck said her students are preparing videos of local historical sites. Assistant to the City Manager Nick Landry said he will be working with Ms. Buck to review the videos for possible posting on the City website. Mayor Lauzon said the students will be invited to a future Council meeting to screen their videos.

**C) Presentation from Vermont Youth Conservation Corps.**

This item is deferred to next week.

**Round Table** –

Councilor Herring said the Barre Partnership has once again invited the Council to judge the Halloween window decorating contest. The Council will make its selections at the October 25<sup>th</sup> meeting. He said the

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holiday lights will go up in early November.

Councilor Tuper-Giles asked if there is a set schedule for checking storm drains. Manager Mackenzie said they are checked if a problem is reported, and encouraged the public to let the City know if they see a plugged or blocked drain.

Mayor Lauzon congratulated Councilor Herring on reaching the 100 pint mark for blood donations.

**Executive Session – NONE**

The Council meeting adjourned at 7:49 PM on motion of Councilor Herring, 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

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