

**Regular Meeting of the Barre City Council  
Held October 11, 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:** Mayor Lauzon said he would be rearranging the agenda order to accommodate those in attendance. Councilor Herring asked that a discussion on the Housing Board of Review be added.

**New Business -**

**A) Approval to subordinate VCDP Summer Street Housing Limited Partnership loan to USDA RD.**

Eileen Peltier from Downstreet Housing and Community Development requested that Council approve the subordination of the \$800,000 loan. Council approved the subordination and authorized Manager Mackenzie to sign on motion of Councilor Boutin, seconded by Councilor Chadderton. **Motion carried.**

Ms. Peltier said the Summer Street housing apartments will be fully tenanted by the end of October.

**Approval of Consent Agenda:**

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

- Minutes of the following meetings:
  - Regular meeting on September 27, 2016
- City Warrants as presented:
  - Affirmation of Week 2016-40 (signed 10/4/16 by Councilor Smith):
    - Accounts Payable: \$723,787.32
    - Payroll (gross): \$128,505.18
  - Approval of Week 2016-41:
    - Accounts Payable: \$369,330.02
    - Payroll (gross): \$109,171.93
- Licenses & Permits:
  - Animal License:
    - Dimitri Kolomeitsev, 67 Westwood Parkway, 5 chickens

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

- Nearly 450 early absentee ballots have been mailed out for the November 8<sup>th</sup> General Election. Ballots for the Act 46 local election being held the same day will be ready by October 19<sup>th</sup>, and will be mailed to those who have voted early absentee by that time.
- The Board of Civil Authority property tax assessment appeal hearings continue through October.

Clerk Dawes said Mayor Lauzon had done a proclamation naming November 1<sup>st</sup> as Extra Mile Day, honoring community service and volunteerism. The proclamation includes honoring this year's Joint Service Club Community Service Recognition Dinner honorees: Barbara Fantoni, Lucas Herring, Charlie Livendale, and the Barre Rotary Trash Pickers.

**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>
Alfred & Carol Blakey	83 Berlin Street
Amanda Garland	0 Mill Street
Maurice (LE) & Claire Patoine	17 Veeder Avenue
Rocky & Denise Jacques	17 Plain Street
David Blosser & Salley Redpath	233 Camp Street

**Liquor Control** –

Council approved a new first class license for Miles Block Deli, contingent upon receiving police and fire department approval, on motion of Councilor Herring, seconded by Councilor Smith. **Motion carried with Councilor Boutin abstaining.**

Council approved the following request to cater applications for Three Penny Taproom on motion of Councilor Herring, seconded by Councilor Smith. **Motion carried with Councilor Boutin abstaining.**

Event Information

Sue Minter fundraiser, October 16<sup>th</sup>, 4-8 PM at Old Labor Hall

Sue Minter fundraiser, October 28<sup>th</sup>, 5-10 PM at Old Labor Hall

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

- The bike path from Fairview St. to Bridge St. in South Barre had its semi-annual inspection.
- Attended project coordination meeting on the Route 14 and Route 302 paving projects scheduled for next year.
- The voluntary water conservation order continues at least one more week.
- Paving around the City will start next week.
- Fall yard waste drop off at the Barre Town stump dump runs now through October 29<sup>th</sup>. See City website for schedule. Curbside pickup will happen during the first week of November.
- Preconstruction meeting this Friday for the flood mitigation projects.

**Visitors & Communications** – NONE

**Old Business** – NONE

**New Business** - continued

**B) Authorization to submit ERP Grant Application for Small Scale Stormwater Management Projects (Perrin Property, Winter Meadow, High St).**

Mayor Lauzon said this item is deferred to next week.

**C) Award of Gunners Brook Flood Mitigation Project Bid to Griffin & Griffin, Inc.**

**D) Authorization to execute Construction Contract with Griffin & Griffin, Inc.**

Council considered both agenda items together. Manager Mackenzie reviewed his memo on the bids received for the flood mitigation projects, and recommended awarding the contract to Griffin & Griffin Inc. The Manager said there is \$600,000 in available funding, but the project looks like it might run over that amount, in which case the City will need to identify the source for the additional funds.

Councilor Boutin made the motion of award the contract to Griffin & Griffin Inc., and to authorize the Manager to sign on behalf of the City. The motion was seconded by Councilor Tuper-Giles.

There was discussion on the potential cost over-runs, contingency, change orders, enhanced funding

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opportunities, creation of a flood mitigation fund, ability to absorb any overage in the FY18 year, and the installation of lighter weight pylons on the outer edges of the trash racks.

Council voted on the motion as presented. **Motion carried.**

**Round Table –**

Councilor Herring said he would like to follow up on last night's special Council meeting and the discussion about revising the Housing Board of Review charter language and its authorities. He suggested a committee be formed to work on the revisions. Clerk Dawes said she would work with Councilor Herring on the project.

Councilor Herring reported on the following:

- Barre City Front Porch Forum has 1,346 members
- Downtown Wifi has 466 average daily users
- Public skating begins October 18<sup>th</sup>
- Adult floor hockey in the auditorium begins October 19<sup>th</sup>.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Granite City 5K is scheduled for November 12<sup>th</sup>. Registration is open.
- Public forum on the Act 46 local election will be held October 20<sup>th</sup> at SHS. There will be another presentation to Council October 25<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Lauzon said the City has nominated Stephanie Quaranta to be named as the National League of Cities 2016 Let's Move! Most Dedicated Staff Person. The Mayor encouraged Council members to contact the NLC to offer their support for Ms. Quaranta. The City of Barre is one of the communities throughout the country that holds first place in the Let's Move! Program, and will be honored at the NLC annual conference in November.

The Mayor said he participated in last week's Walk/Bike to School, and he congratulated all those students who participated.

**Executive Session – NONE**

The Council meeting adjourned at 7:50 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