

**Regular Meeting of the Barre City Council
Held May 3, 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 II, Councilors Michael Boutin and Michael Smith; and from Ward III, Councilor Lucas Herring. Also present were City Manager Steven Mackenzie and Clerk/Treasurer Carolyn Dawes.

Absent: From Ward 1, Councilors Charles Dindo and Paul Poirier; and from Ward III, Councilor Anita Chadderton.

Adjustments to the Agenda: NONE

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 April 26, 2016
- City Warrants as presented: week 2016-18.
 - Accounts Payable: \$309,414.65
 - Payroll (gross): \$114,009.33
- Licenses & Permits: NONE

Clerk Dawes said Chief Bombardier and the Labor Hall board have reached agreement on the conditions for the annual entertainment license. The Chief approved the license contingent upon adherence to the Labor Hall's rental usage policies. Council approved the 2016 entertainment license with the same condition on motion of Councilor Herring, seconded by Councilor Boutin. **Motion carried.**

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

- Green- up bags are available in the Clerk's office. Green Up Day is this Saturday, May 7th.
- Fourth quarter taxes are due by May 16th, as the 15th is a Sunday.
- Ayers Street will be closed on Saturday, May 7th from 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM for a SHS career center fundraiser. The closure will be from South Main Street to West Patterson Street. Local traffic will be allowed through.

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

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Address</u>
John Williams	7 George Street
Margaret Hood	Onward Street
Alicia & Clayton Feiler	114 Country Way
Paul & Michelle Dickinson	66 Essex Street
Lyman Amsden	50 Brook Street

Liquor Control – NONE

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

- The spring lawn waste disposal schedule is posted on the website.
- The Brook Street buyout grant applications have been approved by the state and submitted to FEMA for review and approval.
- The City is soliciting interested people to serve on the Animal Control Committee. Letters of

interest can be sent to the Manager's office.

Visitors & Communications –

Resident John LePage thanked the Council and residents for all they've done.

Tim Pouliot requested permission to hang a banner in the gazebo recognizing May as XY Chromosome Variation Month. There was discussion around such use of the gazebo, establishing a City policy, and future use of the proposed digital civic center sign for such requests. The Mayor said he would support Mr. Pouliot's request with the understanding this is not a permanent solution.

Councilor approved the request, noting the banner must be removed in time for the Memorial Day ceremonies, on motion of Councilor Herring, seconded by Councilor Boutin. **Motion carried.**

Old Business –

A) Outreach Specialist Update.

Manager Mackenzie said this item is deferred to next week.

New Business -

A) Appointment of Mladen Gagulic to Traffic Advisory Committee.

Mr. Gagulic expressed his interest in serving on the TAC. Council appointment Mr. Gagulic on motion of Councilor Herring seconded by Councilor Boutin. **Motion carried.**

B) Project Independence Coin Drop Request for September 10.

Council approved PI's coin drop request, and limited the location to either lower Washington Street or North Main Street in the area of Lenny's/Domino's Pizza. Approval is contingent upon coordination with the police department. Motion to approve made by Councilor Herring, seconded by Councilor Smith. **Motion carried.**

C) The Quarry Kitchen & Spirits Use of Depot Square Sidewalk.

Mayor Lauzon said the City has an agreement with 210 North Main Street to lease the Depot Square sidewalk for customer use. The business was recently sold and the agreement is not transferrable. The Mayor reviewed the draft license agreement amendment which would allow the agreement to be transferred to the new owners of Quarry Kitchen & Spirits, Melissa & Justin Pecor. The amendment was revised to remove the references to Section 12 of the original agreement. Council approved the amendment as revised on motion of Councilor Boutin, seconded by Councilor Herring. **Motion carried.**

D) First Reading Ordinance 2016-01 Chapter 11 – Liquor Control Revisions.

Clerk Dawes said the draft ordinance is not ready for a first reading. There was an informal discussion on local and state enforcement and adjudication of liquor license violations. Mayor Lauzon said he suggests the City proceed with an abundance of caution, and recommended the Clerk talk with Wesley Lawrence, an attorney at the VT Department of Liquor Control, and Jacob Humber, an attorney in the VT Attorney General's office.

Council decided not to take any further action on the proposed ordinance revisions at this time.

E) Authorization to Accept \$50K USDA Grant for New Tower Truck.

Council accepted the USDA grant and authorized the Manager to sign on behalf of the City on motion of Councilor Herring, seconded by Councilor Boutin. **Motion carried.**

F) Quarry Street VTrans Upgrade Project – Sidewalk Design.

Manager Mackenzie said he wants to disclose that he owns property in the area that will be impacted by the project. Mayor Lauzon said this does not create a conflict of interest. The Manager said VTRANS is

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proposing to adjust the location of sidewalks on Quarry Street to decrease the taking and slope rights, and ensure the sidewalk will serve the neighbors. The change will make the project less expensive. Council voiced no concerns to the proposed changes.

G) Acceptance of Easement Deed; Fecteau Residential Inc. Daniels Drive, Barre Town.

H) Acceptance of Easement Deed; Windy Wood Housing LLC, Barre Town.

Council approved acceptance of both easement deeds on motion of Councilor Boutin, seconded by Councilor Smith. **Motion carried.**

I) Acceptance of Easement Deed; Windy Wood Road.

Manager Mackenzie said there is no Windy Wood Road deed to be accepted.

Round Table –

Councilors reminded people of this weekend's Green Up Day. Mayor Lauzon said people can post their unusual Green Up Day finds on the Barre City FaceBook fan page. The person with the most unusual post will win a \$50 gift certificate to the Quarry Kitchen & Spirits.

Executive Session - NONE

The Council meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM on motion of Councilor Smith, seconded by Councilor Boutin. **Motion carried.**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn S. Dawes, City Clerk