

**Regular Meeting of the Barre City Council
Held December 7, 2016**

The Regular Meeting of the Barre City Council was called to order by Mayor Thomas Lauzon at 6:35 PM at Montpelier City Hall, Montpelier Vermont. In attendance were: From Ward I, Councilor Jeffrey Tuper-Giles; 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 I, Councilor 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 November 29, 2016.
- Ratification of City Warrants as presented (warrants signed by Councilor Smith 12/5/16):
 - Approval of Week 2016-49:
 - Accounts Payable: \$355,534.96
 - Payroll (gross): \$105,670.65
- Approval of Beckley Hill Solar Group Net Metering Agreement with Novus Beckley Solar, LLC, and authorization for Manager Mackenzie to sign agreement.
- Licenses & Permits: NONE

Council ratified last week's appointment of Councilor Boutin to the CJC board to represent the best interests of the City of Barre on motion of Councilor Tuper-Giles, seconded by Councilor Herring.

Motion carried with Councilor Boutin voting against.

Approval of Building Permits – NONE

Liquor Control – NONE

Visitors & Communications – NONE

Old Business – NONE

Mayor Lauzon recessed the meeting at 6:38 PM.

Mayor Lauzon and Montpelier Mayor John Hollar opened the joint Barre City/Montpelier Council meeting at 6:41 PM.

Montpelier City Council present: Mayor John Hollar, Councilors Justin Turcotte, Jean Olson, Jessica Edgerly Walsh, Anne Watson, Dona Bate and Tom Golonka.

Members of the Central Vermont Public Safety Authority board present: Chair/Montpelier City Councilor Tom Golonka, board members Barre City Councilor Michael Smith, Montpelier City Councilor Dona Bate, Kim Cheney, Martin Prevost, Doug Hoyt, and executive director Paco Aumand.

New Business -

A) Discussion/Action Re: Ceding City Dispatch Operations & Authority to CVPSA

Mr. Aumand reviewed his handout and said it included a revised plan for ceding dispatch authority to CVPSA. The changes take into consideration discussions with both Councils and individual mayors, councilors and staff over the past few weeks. It was noted that both Councils were seeing the revisions for the first time this evening. Mr. Aumand said the plan is to implement the transition on July 1, 2017, and the first year's budget would be based on what both cities are currently spending and budgeting for dispatch services.

There was discussion on:

- budgeting for dispatch services and CVPSA operations
- withdrawal provisions
- developing a 5 year budget plan
- governance by an executive committee consisting of Mr. Aumand and the chiefs
- assumption of pension liabilities
- current and future technology investments
- revenue opportunities through contracts for providing dispatch services to other communities
- Developing a 3-5 year projection and information on market share
- Recouping investment
- Developing fail-safes, policies, rules and procedures, and run tabletop exercises before completing the transition
- Determining the long-term financial impact on each municipality
- CVPSA board members visiting the call centers
- Providing separate police and fire dispatch
- Uncertainty creating employee stress

Others who spoke were Barre City Public Safety Chief Tim Bombardier, Montpelier Police Chief Tony Facos, Montpelier Finance Director Todd Provencher, Montpelier City Manager Bill Fraser; Barre City Manager Steve Mackenzie, Steve Whittaker, Charles Loughlin, Laura Hedin, Danielle Frattini, Jim Ward, and Carrie McCool.

Mr. Aumand will meet with the chiefs in each municipality and the board will present again to each Council in the near future.

Round Table – NONE

Executive Session – NONE

The Council meeting adjourned at 9:21 PM on motion of Councilor Boutin, seconded by Councilor Tuper-Giles. **Motion carried.**

There is no audio recording of this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn S. Dawes, City Clerk