

**Regular Meeting of the Barre City Council
Held December 20, 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 Boutin; 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; from Ward II, Councilor Michael Smith; and from Ward III, Councilor Anita Chadderton.

Adjustments to the Agenda: Mayor Lauzon said he is adding a brief discussion on the upcoming Good Samaritan Haven hearing before the Development Review Board.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

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

- Minutes of the following meetings:
 - Special meeting on December 10, 2016.
 - Regular meeting on December 13, 2016
- City Warrants as presented:
 - Approval of Week 2016-51:
 - Accounts Payable: \$115,403.20
 - Payroll (gross): \$117,673.56
 - Community Development warrant converting Christmas for Kids donations received by the City into a check for the Salvation Army program: \$1,600.00.
- Licenses & Permits
 - 2017 Animal Licenses
 - John Santorello, 176 Elm Street, 3 pounds honey bees
 - 2017 Food Establishment Licenses
 - Barre Elks #1535, 10 Jefferson Street
 - Soup N' Greens, 325 N. Main Street
 - Subway, 86 N. Main Street
 - 2017 Food Takeout Licenses
 - Cumberland Farms #8025, 523 N. Main Street
 - Cumberland Farms #8027, 132 S. Main Street
 - 2017 Entertainment Licenses:
 - Elks Club #1535, 10 Jefferson Street
 - 2017 Movie Theater Licenses:
 - Paramount Theater, 241 N. Main Street, 2 screens
 - 2017 Pool Tables/Video Machines Licenses
 - Elks Club #1535, 10 Jefferson Street, 2 pool tables, 1 video machine

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

- Water bills are due by January 3rd.
- City Hall will be closed December 26th and January 2nd.

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

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Address</u>
Aubuchon Realty Co Inc.	214 N. Main Street

Liquor Control – NONE

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

- The new website will go live by the end of the week.
- The City has gone through approximately 1/3 of this year’s allotted salt budget.

Council discussed possible dedications for the FY2016 annual report. Councilor Boutin made the motion to dedicate the report to retiring Washington County Senator Bill Doyle, seconded by Councilor Tuper-Giles. **Motion carried.**

Visitors & Communications – NONE

Old Business – NONE

New Business -

A) Warn public hearings for proposed charter changes to be considered at Town Meeting.

Clerk Dawes recommended that Council warn the 1st public hearing for January 24, 2017 and the second public hearing for February 7, 2017. She distributed possible draft language for three proposed charter changes: 1) removing the Recreation Committee from the charter; 2) enabling language for local option taxes; and 3) codifying the Board of Abatement as the body that hears water and sewer appeals.

Council warned the public hearing dates as recommended by the Clerk on motion of Councilor Boutin, seconded by Councilor Herring. **Motion carried.**

B) Reconsideration of Vote to Cede Authority to CVPSA.

Council withdrew at this time its approval of ceding authority for dispatch services to Central Vermont Public Safety Authority, originally approved at the November 22nd meeting, on motion of Councilor Tuper-Giles, seconded by Councilor Boutin. **Motion carried.**

C) Council Authorization to Secure Bids for Sale of Unused City Right-of-Way.

Manager Mackenzie asked Councilor for their support in seeking bids for the sale of an unused right of way between Garcia Lane and Giudici Street. Council voiced its support and suggested a possible expansion of the proposed sale area. The Manager will bring bids back to the Council for consideration.

Other) Good Samaritan Haven Development Review Board Hearing.

Mayor Lauzon said he will be writing a letter of support for the GSH request to amend its zoning permit to allow for some daytime use of the building. The Mayor will share the letter with Councilors before sending it to allow them to add their endorsements.

Round Table –

Councilor Herring said the Barre Partnership has voted to request ordinance changes that would make the Heritage Festival and all the areas covered by festival events smoke free zones. He requested an executive session for a personnel matter.

Councilor Boutin said he attended last week’s Central Vermont Public Safety Authority board meeting. It was a good meeting and those on the board are very dedicated.

Councilor Tuper-Giles wished everyone a Merry Christmas, and reminded the driving public to be aware of children, who are out of school on holiday vacation.

Mayor Lauzon thanked all those who made donations to the Christmas for Kids program.

The Mayor announced that next week's Council meeting is canceled.

Executive Session –

Councilor Boutin made the motion to find that premature general public knowledge of a personnel issue to be discussed would clearly place the City of Barre at a substantial disadvantage should the discussion be public. The motion was seconded by Councilor Tuper-Giles. **Motion carried.**

Council went into executive session at 7:34 PM to discuss a personnel issue under the provisions of 1 VSA sec. 313 on motion of Councilor Boutin, seconded by Councilor Herring. **Motion carried.**

Council came out of executive session at 8:00 PM on motion of Councilor Tuper-Giles, seconded by Councilor Boutin. **Motion carried.**

No action taken.

The Council meeting adjourned at 8:07 PM on motion of Councilor Herring, 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