

**Regular Meeting of the Barre City Council
Held May 7, 2013**

The Regular Meeting of the Barre City Council was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Thomas Lauzon. In attendance were: From Ward I, Councilors Charles Dindo and Paul Poirier; Ward II, Councilors Michael Boutin and Michael Smith; and from Ward III, Councilors Anita Chadderton (arrived 7:03 PM) and Lucas Herring. Also in attendance were City Manager Steven Mackenzie and Clerk/Treasurer Carolyn Dawes.

Approval of Consent Agenda: Council approved the following consent agenda items as presented on motion of Councilor Herring, seconded by Councilor Smith. **Motion carried.**

- Minutes of the following meeting:
 - Regular Meeting of April 30, 2013
- Approval of the City Warrants as presented.
- 2013 Licenses & Permits issued through the clerk's office:
- Entertainment License for the Barre Grand Prix bike races, Sunday, May 19th, from 6:00 AM – 3:00 PM. Approval includes conditions as negotiated by Manager Mackenzie and the Police Department.

Councilor Poirier apologized for his recent absences, noting the legislature has been holding late session on Tuesday evenings. He said the session is scheduled to adjourn by May 12th.

The City Clerk and Treasurer Report – Clerk Dawes made the following announcements:

- Early/absentee voting for the May 14, 2013 budget revote is available. The last day to register to vote for participation in this election is May 8th. Polls will be open at the auditorium on Tuesday, May 14th from 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM.
- The Board of Civil Authority will hold its pre-election meeting on May 9th at 5:30 PM.
- Charter changes approved by the voters at the May 2012 special election will be approved by the senate tomorrow.
- Fourth quarter property taxes are due by May 15, 2013.

Approval of Building Permits – NONE

Liquor Control Board – NONE

City Manager's Report –

Manager Mackenzie reported on the following:

- Attended meetings on/with: delegation from Richmond regarding brownfields grants; inspection of Hope Cemetery infrastructure project; auditors & department heads on FY12 audit management letter; teleconference with fuel broker regarding propane and heating oil; process for Budget Inn appeal; walkthrough of bike path; review of bus stops with GMTA; DRB meeting; spillway project visit.
- Big Dig update – cold planning nearly complete, paving scheduled to begin next week.
- Green Up Day went well, and the City will pick up green bags on Friday.
- The City will hold a yard & lawn waste drop off on Saturday, May 25th from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM in the auditorium parking lot.
- Reviewed Hilltop Avenue hazard mitigation project. After final review of the documentation, the City will acquire the properties, which will then be demolished.
- The Manager will be the first interviewee on a new collaborative news program being produced by CVTV and Steve Pappas of the Times Argus.

- The burn ban is still in effect until further notice.

Mayor Lauzon and Manager Mackenzie discussed the process of using the fuel broker for the purchase of propane and heating oil, the process of receiving and accepting fuel pricing contracts, and the City's procurement policy. Manager Mackenzie said he signed a contract with the fuel broker for this year's services. Mayor Lauzon said for future reference, the Council should approve the annual contract with the broker. The Mayor requested that a copy of the approved contract and the broker's energy briefing be forwarded to the Council.

Visitors & Communications – Mayor Lauzon introduced Eagle Scout candidate Justin Folsom. Mr. Folsom talked about his Eagle project, which involved cleaning up the bike path from BCEMS to Fairview Street. He said he and a team of 40 people pruned back the brush, cleaned up garbage and other refuse along the banks, weeded, and cut down trees that were growing into the fence. Mr. Folsom introduced several fellow Scouts who helped with the project, and thanked all those who participated. He said he has additional paperwork to do and a board of review before his court of honor will be held. Mayor Lauzon and the Council thanked Mr. Folsom for his hard work and community service, and congratulated him on his Eagle Scout designation.

Old Business – NONE

New Business –

A) 2013 Heritage Festival Update/Request for Coin Drop.

Heritage Festival chair Mollie Brault-Binaghi reviewed this year's festival, which is scheduled for July 24-28th. Ms. Brault-Binaghi reviewed the budget, events and activities, fundraising, and highlights. She said the budget is primarily covered through sponsorships, and there are a variety of opportunities to support the festival.

Marilyn Brault-Binaghi requested permission to hold a coin drop on Saturday, June 8th as a fundraiser for the Heritage Festival. Ms. Brault-Binaghi requested that they be able to hold the coin drop along North Main Street in front of Domino's. Mayor Lauzon said Council would support the location as long as the Chief supports it. Council approved the request for a coin drop on motion of Councilor Boutin, seconded by Councilor Chadderton. **Motion carried.**

B) Award Roadside Mowing Bid.

Mayor Lauzon reviewed the only bid, received from Evergreen Enterprises Inc. Manager Mackenzie said the bid is the same price offered by Evergreen last year. Council accepted the bid from Evergreen Enterprises Inc. on motion of Councilor Herring, seconded by Councilor Smith. **Motion carried.**

Other)

Mayor Lauzon thanked those who attended last night's public forum on the budget re-votes. The Mayor also thanked the BCEMS students who sang at the forum. He recapped the forum, and reviewed the March budget and the changes made to the budget being put before the voters at next week's special meeting election. Councilor Herring said as both a Councilor and chair of the BCEMS school board, he thanks those who attended the forum.

Round Table –

Councilor Herring reminded everyone of the blood drive being held Monday, May 13th at the Elks Club.

Councilor Smith thanked those who participated in Green Up Day. He encouraged people to support the budgets at the polls next week.

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Councilor Chadderton thanked those who come to last night's forum, and encouraged people to get out and vote.

Councilor Dindo encouraged people to turn out and vote. He said Green Up Day was successful, and announced there is a bike path committee meeting tomorrow.

Mayor Lauzon said if you see Green up Day bags that haven't been picked up, call the Manager's office.

Council went into executive session at 8:14 PM to discuss litigation and real estate issues on motion of Councilor Boutin, seconded by Councilor Dindo. **Motion carried.**

Manager Mackenzie was invited into the executive session.

Council came out of executive session at 8:34 PM on motion of Councilor Herring, seconded by Councilor Boutin. **Motion carried.**

Council adjourned at 8:34 PM on motion of Councilor Boutin, seconded by Councilor Dindo. **Motion carried.**

An audio recording of the meeting is available through the Clerk's Office.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn S. Dawes, City Clerk