

**Special Meeting of the Barre City Council
Held May 26, 2015**

The Special Meeting of the Barre City Council was called to order by Mayor Thomas Lauzon at 6:14 PM at Barre City Hall. In attendance were: From Ward I, Councilors Charles Dindo and Paul Poirier; from Ward II, Councilors Michael Boutin and Michael Smith; and from Ward III, Councilors Anita Chadderton and Lucas Herring. Also in attendance was City Manager Steven Mackenzie.

Absent: NONE

Executive Session:

Councilor Herring made the motion to find that premature general public knowledge of the litigation 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 Smith. **Motion carried.**

Council went into executive session at 6:14 PM under the provisions of 1 VSA sec. 313 to discuss litigation on motion of Councilor Chadderton, seconded by Councilor Herring. **Motion carried.**

Manager Mackenzie, City Attorney Oliver Twombly, Chief Tim Bombardier, and John Leddy, attorney on behalf of VLCT, were invited into the executive session.

Council came out of executive session at 7:05 PM on motion of Councilor Herring, seconded by Councilor Smith. **Motion carried.**

Mayor Lauzon adjourned the special meeting at 7:05 PM.

There is no audio recording of this special meeting.

**Regular Meeting of the Barre City Council
Held May 26, 2015**

The Regular Meeting of the Barre City Council was called to order by Mayor Thomas Lauzon at 7:10 PM at Barre City Hall. In attendance were: From Ward I, Councilors Charles Dindo and Paul Poirier; from Ward II, Councilors Michael Boutin and Michael Smith; and from Ward III, Councilors Anita Chadderton and Lucas Herring. Also in attendance were City Manager Steven Mackenzie and Clerk/Treasurer Carolyn Dawes.

Absent: NONE

Adjustments to the Agenda: NONE

Approval of Consent Agenda:

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

- Minutes of the following meetings:
 - Regular meeting of May 19, 2015.
- City Warrants as presented.
- 2015 Licenses & Permits issued through the clerk's office: NONE

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

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- Letters were sent to those who haven't renewed their dog licenses. They will have 30 days to renew, and then the list will be turned over to the First Constable or the Animal Control Officer.
- Water/Sewer bills are going in the mail the end of the week. They will be due by June 30th.

Approval of Building Permits ó NONE

Liquor Control – Council approved an additional outside consumption permit for the Alley Cat at 10 Keith Avenue for use of the street during the Heritage Festival, July 24-26, on motion of Councilor Smith, seconded by Councilor Dindo. The motion included conditions that last call for alcohol in the street area is 10:00 PM, with no consumption after 10:30 PM. **Motion carried with Councilor Boutin abstaining.**

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

- Received the lease agreement from VTRANS for the railroad property associated with the Enterprise Aly project.
- Bids for the Enterprise Aly project are due by Friday. They will be reviewed and come to the Council for approval at the June 9th meeting.
- The kiosk has been erected at the Maplewood Avenue cow pasture entrance.
- The pool is scheduled to open on June 15th. There are still openings for lifeguards.
- The Police Department is looking for one more bike patrol Bee for the summer.

Council requested that the job openings be posted on the City website.

Councilor Smith asked that leasing of the Wheelock building be placed on next week's agenda for discussion.

Councilor Dindo said he has received many compliments on how good the cemeteries look.

Visitors & Communications ó NONE

New Business –

A) Barre Partnership Update.

Barre Partnership executive director gave an update on Partnership activities:

- Recently kicked off the spring membership campaign.
- Applied for a National Life grant to assist operations and programs.
- Held a networking event last week. Hoping to hold at least 4 such events/year.
- Working with BADC on an antiques collaborative grant application through USDA.
- Promotion Committee working with downtown merchants to offer later hours on Fridays through the summer.
- Currier Park summer concert series starts June 10th and runs for 10 weeks. They will be assessing data on the downtown impact of the concerts.
- Design Committee working on summer banner designs, which should be up before the end of June. Then work will begin on designing the new winter banners.
- The updated downtown brochure and map will be coming out shortly.
- New fall event ó 5K race over Veteran's Day weekend. Hoping for 300-400 participants.
- Looking to develop an event for the 1st quarter of the year.
- Gave a Heritage Festival update.

B) Authorization to Accept Enterprise Aly Amended DTF Grant.

Manager Mackenzie said Council needs to accept the amended DTF grant for \$100,000 for Enterprise

Aly. Council approved the acceptance and authorized the Manager to sign on behalf of the City on motion of Councilor Smith, seconded by Councilor Herring. **Motion carried.**

Old Business –

A) Discussion RE: May 13th FY115 Budget Status Update.

Mayor Lauzon gave a brief review of the update and said the projected fund balance is \$200,000. Manager Mackenzie said he will give the next report in mid-July, and will prepare a list of options for the fund balance. Mayor Lauzon said he expects that conversation to be had in the context of FY17 budget preparations.

Round Table –

Councilor Boutin noted he will not be here for next week's meeting.

Councilor Smith said the Central Vermont Public Safety Authority board expects to select an executive director at its meeting this Thursday.

Councilor Herring said the Barre City Memorial Day parade will be this Saturday, beginning from the auditorium at 10:30 AM. Councilor Poirier said the Elks Club will host a post-parade gathering.

Mayor Lauzon said Drew Bernier is expected home from the hospital in Boston this Thursday, and City fire trucks and police cars will be meeting him and his family at exit 7 to escort them home. Exact times will be posted on social media so people can line the route.

Executive Session:

Councilor Smith made the motion to find that premature general public knowledge of the Fire Department grievance 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 Herring. **Motion carried.**

Council went into executive session at 7:53 PM under the provisions of 1 VSA sec. 313 to discuss litigation on motion of Councilor Herring, seconded by Councilor Smith. **Motion carried.**

Manager Mackenzie, Chief Tim Bombardier, Fire Capt. Matt Cetin, Fire Lt. Michael Charbonneau, Firefighter Zack Tillinghast, and Firefighter Benjamin Shaw were invited into the executive session.

Council came out of executive session at 8:48 PM on motion of Councilor Herring, seconded by Councilor Smith. **Motion carried.**

Council approved upholding the union's grievance on motion of Councilor Herring, seconded by Councilor Dindo. **Motion carried.**

Councilor Herring made the motion to find that premature general public knowledge of litigation issues 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 Smith. **Motion carried.**

Council went into executive session at 8:51 PM under the provisions of 1 VSA sec. 313 to discuss litigation on motion of Councilor Herring, seconded by Councilor Smith. **Motion carried.**

Manager Mackenzie and Deputy Public Works Director Steve Micheli were invited into the executive session.

Council came out of executive session at 9:17 PM on motion of Councilor Poirier, seconded by Councilor

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Herring. **Motion carried.**

No action was taken.

The Council meeting adjourned at 9:17 PM on motion of Councilor Smith, seconded by Councilor Herring. **Motion carried.**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn S. Dawes, City Clerk

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