

**Regular Meeting of the Barre City Council
Held June 30, 2015**

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 Charles Dindo; 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: From Ward I, Councilor Paul Poirier.

Adjustments to the Agenda: NONE.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

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

- Minutes of the following meetings:
 - Regular meeting on June 23, 2015.
- City Warrants as presented.
- 2015 Licenses & Permits issued through the clerk's office: NONE

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

- Water & sewer bills were due by today. Council will receive collection and delinquency information at next week's meeting.]
- Grievance hearings have begun and will continue tomorrow. The 2015 grand list is expected to be filed by Tuesday, July 7th.
- Council will set the FY16 tax rate at next week's meeting, and the bills will go to the printer the following day. Bills will be in the mail by July 15th.
- The TIF bond paperwork will come to Council for approval at the July 14th meeting.
- Paperwork for a Grant Anticipation Note will come to Council for approval at the July 14th meeting. The GAN will provide cash flow support through the Enterprise Aly project.

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

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Address</u>
Erin Blosser	10 Murray Street

Liquor Control – Council approved a new 2nd class license for Smith's Catering d/b/a Morse Block Deli on motion of Councilor Smith, seconded by Councilor Herring. **Motion carried with Councilor Boutin abstaining.**

Visitors & Communications –

Randy West appeared before the Council on behalf of his mother's property on Railroad Street. Mayor Lauzon said he met with Mr. West to discuss flooding in his mother's basement due to a clogged culvert. The City was unsuccessful in trying to open the culvert. It is unclear who owns and is responsible for maintaining the culvert, but the Mayor said he would like the City to ask ACCUWORX to attempt to clear it with their vactor. Ownership issues can be addressed after the blockage is cleared. The Mayor took a copy of Mr. West's insurance and will ask the experts at BISHCA to review for coverage.

New Business –

A) Update on the Barre Heritage Festival.

Festival coordinator Renee Proteau gave an update on the schedule, events, locations and sponsorship opportunities for this year's Heritage Festival, which is scheduled to begin on July 23rd. New this year will be use of Currier Park for the festival stage and the Paletteers' art show. Ms. Proteau said the festival couldn't happen without an incredible amount of community support. She said there are still opportunities to donate and to volunteer.

Old Business –

A) Review, Discussion and/or Action of Fire Department Re: Updated Tower Truck Quotes.

Chief Tim Bombardier, Deputy Fire Chief Joe Aldsworth, and Gen Davis from Lakes Region Fire Apparatus addressed the Council on the bid responses. The Chief recommended that the City purchase the HME built truck from Lakes Region. Chief Bombardier said the price has been reduced to \$799,999, and there is the possibility of additional savings by pre-paying for the truck.

There was discussion about the bid process, availability of a \$50,000 USDA grant, the delivery time for the truck, 25 year life span for truck, the necessity of a tower truck, and possible financing options.

Manager Mackenzie said he supports the recommendation that the City purchase the truck.

There was further discussion on the availability of parts in the future, value and alternative uses for the current truck, assistance provided by Lakes Region should the current truck fail before the new truck is ready, and time necessary to prepare to make final decision on purchasing new truck.

Mayor Lauzon asked that the final decision be placed on the July 14th agenda, along with a discussion about financing options. The Mayor said purchase of the tower truck would be done within the confines of the budget. The Mayor said he is cognizant of significant capital needs in other departments. Manager Mackenzie said he will be back within 60 days with a proposal on a new street sweeper.

New Business – continued

B) NEMRC Disaster Recover/Off Site Backup Update.

IT Committee chair Jeffrey Tuper-Giles said the City is preparing to enter into an agreement with NEMRC to provide disaster recovery protection of computer systems. Mr. Tuper-Giles said the committee has received a price for a new server, is reviewing the IT service proposal, and developing a plan for ongoing replacement of computers. The committee is scheduled to bring their report to Council at the July 14th meeting.

C) Preliminary Discussion on Funeral Parking Issues and Ordinances.

Clerk Dawes reviewed her memo and said staff is recommending the adoption of ordinance language and fees that address bagging meters for funerals. There was discussion about fees for meter bags, time restrictions, parking in "no parking" zones allowed during funerals and church services, and standardizing policy to allow for consistent enforcement. The Clerk draft ordinance language and bring it back to Council for consideration.

D) Final FY16 Budget Presentation.

This item is deferred.

E) Approval of the Annual Supply Bids.

Council authorized the Manager to accept the low bids in each category, and to enter into a contract for each on motion of Councilor Boutin, seconded by Councilor Smith. **Motion carried.**

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

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- The Family Fun Day at the municipal pool is this Friday, July 3rd from 1:00 – 3:00 PM. There will be food, fun & games for all.
- Remember to support and patronize those businesses that are impacted by the Enterprise Aly project.

Round Table:

Councilor Herring asked about the summer schedule. Mayor Lauzon said he hopes they will be able to meet every other week in August.

Councilor Smith reminded everyone of the Wednesday events at the library, farmer's market and Currier Park.

Councilor Dindo said he will be on vacation July 11-24.

Mayor Lauzon said he and the Manager had a great meeting with the Green Mountain Power CEO, who said she has noticed the good things happening in Barre City and is interested in partnering on initiatives.

The Mayor wished everyone a safe and happy July 4th.

The Council meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM on motion of Councilor Smith, seconded by Councilor Herring. **Motion carried.**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn S. Dawes, City Clerk