

**Regular Meeting of the Barre City Council
Held January 5, 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, 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 present 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 on December 29, 2015.
- City Warrants as presented: week 2016-01.
 - Accounts Payable: \$159,003.14
 - Payroll (gross): \$107,621.05
- Licenses & Permits:
 - 2016 Animal License:
 - Michael Boutin, 5 Hillside Avenue, 1 ferret
 - 2016 Food Establishment License:
 - Gusto's, 28 Prospect Street
 - 2016 Taxicab Service Operator's License:
 - Capital Cab & Car Company, 1 vehicle
 - 2016 Taxicab Driver's License:
 - Timothy Bingham, Capital Cab & Car Company
 - 2016 Entertainment License:
 - Cornerstone Pub & Kitchen, 47 N. Main Street
 - The Alley Cat, 10 Keith Avenue
 - Gusto's, 28 Prospect Street
 - Studio Place Arts, 201 N. Main Street, single event 513/16 – SPA Bash fundraiser
 - 2016 Pool Table/Video Machine License:
 - Gusto's, 28 Prospect Street, 2 pool table, 3 video machines
 - Waste Disposal Collector's License:
 - Casella Waste Management, 10 trucks, pick-up only
 - Vending License:
 - Sani-Sport, 1 vehicle w/ trailer, skate sharpening, lawn & garden care, hockey equipment cleaning
 - Commercial Swimming Pool License:
 - ReHab Gym, 219 N. Main Street

Councilor Dindo requested that one of the animal license renewals be voted on separately. He said he wants to hold off approving any additional chicken or poultry licenses until the ordinance has been revised. Clerk Dawes said the application has the approval of the Health Officer, and is in compliance with current ordinance. Council approved the 2016 Animal License for Michelle Carter, 44 Newton Street, for 9 poultry on motion of Councilor Herring, seconded by Councilor Smith. **Motion carried with Councilor Dindo voting against.**

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

- Information for the 2016 Annual (Town) Meeting is posted on the website, including the list of offices up for election, petition and consent forms. This year’s election coincides with the Vermont Presidential Preference Primary. The Clerk reminded voters that they will be asked to select a Democratic or Republican ballot to participate in the primary, and that their selection is public record.
- Requests for early absentee ballots are being accepted.
- Dog licenses are available.

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

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Address</u>
Metro Development LLC	58 Spaulding Street

Liquor Control – Clerk Dawes said the Quarry business is changing hands in the near future. The Clerk is working with the buyers, the fire and police departments to finalize all local approvals of their liquor license so as to help expedite the change in ownership to reduce or eliminate any down time. She said she hopes to have the application in front of Council for approval at next week’s meeting. The applicants will be present, as this is a new license.

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

- Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission received funding to assist communities with updates to their hazard mitigation plans. The City is one of the communities they are working with.
- The Enterprise Aly soil vapor extraction system has been activated and is being monitored for proper operations.
- The City has received 4-5 applications for the permit administrator position.
- The Budget & Finance Committee will present its draft FY17 budget at next week’s meeting.

Mayor Lauzon scheduled a special Council meeting for Saturday, January 16th for a budget discussion.

Visitors & Communications – NONE

Old Business – NONE

New Business –

A) Electric Vehicle Charging Stations: Update and Charge Point Contract Renewal.

Clerk Dawes reviewed the history of the charging stations, the usage, costs and revenue generation to date. The Clerk said the City needs to renew the agreement with ChargePoint, the vendor that manages usage of the stations, and recommended Council approve a one year renewal. She said Green Mountain Power is exploring other options, and we may be moving away from ChargePoint in the future, so it would be in the City’s best interest to not be tied into a longer term agreement. There was general discussion about the low usage to date and the cost of providing the stations. Mayor Lauzon said they are an investment in the future.

Council approved entering into a 1 year renewal with ChargePoint on motion of Councilor Dindo, seconded by Councilor Chadderton. **Motion carried.**

B) Authorization to Execute VTrans Utility Relocation Agrmt for VT Rte. 14/Maple Aven. Intersection Project.

Council approved the utility relocation agreement on motion of Councilor Boutin, seconded by Councilor Herring. **Motion carried.**

To be approved at 01-12-16 Barre City Council Meeting

C) Ratification of Executed Utility Design Agreement for VT Rte. 14/Maple Ave. Intersection Project.
Manager Mackenzie said this item has been deferred.

D) Ratification of Executed #2 Fuel Oil Agreements (revised FY 16 & New Blended FY 17).
Manager Mackenzie reminded the Council of last week's discussion and decision on the fuel oil agreements, and said this is ratification of that decision. Council ratified the agreements on motion of Councilor Herring, seconded by Councilor Smith. **Motion carried.**

Round Table:

Mayor Lauzon distributed information on local option taxes. The Mayor said he has talked with realtors who say that lowering property taxes will boost home sales. Councilor Poirier asked to have the discussion placed as an action item on the January 19th agenda.

Executive Session – NONE

The Council meeting adjourned at 8:02 PM on motion of Councilor Chadderton, seconded by Councilor Poirier. **Motion carried.**

An audio recording of this meeting is available from the City Clerk.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn S. Dawes, City Clerk