

**Regular Meeting of the Barre City Council
Held January 21, 2014**

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, Alderman Michael Boutin and Councilor Michael Smith; and from Ward III, Councilors Anita Chadderton and Lucas Herring. Also in attendance were City Manager Steven Mackenzie and City Clerk/Treasurer Carolyn Dawes.

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

- Minutes of the following meetings:
 - Special Meeting of January 14, 2014.
 - Regular Meeting of January 14, 2014
 - Special Meeting of January 15, 2014
- Approval of the City Warrants as presented.
- 2014 Licenses & Permits issued through the clerk's office:
 - Animal Licenses
 - Mark Atkins, 21 Camp Street, 6 chickens & 2 guinea fowl
 - Michelle Carter, 44 Newton Street, 7 poultry
 - Kerri Fredette, 8 Downes Avenue, 6 ducks
 - April Jolley, 20 Maplewood Avenue, 20 laying hens
 - Bruce Landry, 85 Blackwell Street, 18 chickens
 - Angela Williams, 20 Grandview Avenue, 6 poultry
 - Food Establishment Licenses
 - Barre Elks Lodge, 10 Jefferson Street
 - Gusto's, 28 Prospect Street
 - Jerry's Sports Tavern, 30 Summer Street
 - Food Take Out Licenses
 - AJ's Sunoco, 320 Washington Street
 - Food Vending Licenses
 - DJ's Convenience, 2 vehicles
 - Video Machines/Pool Tables Licenses
 - Barre Elks Lodge, 10 Jefferson Street, 2 pool tables, 1 video machine
 - Gusto's, 28 Prospect Street, 2 pool tables, 3 video machines
 - Jerry's Sports Tavern, 30 Summer Street, 1 pool table

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

- 2014 dog licenses are available. All dogs must be licensed by April 1, 2014.
- Due to February 15th falling on a Saturday, and Monday, February 17th is President's Day, the third quarter property taxes are due by February 18th.
- The deadline for ballot question petitions for the March 5th Annual (Town) Meeting elections is January 23rd, and the deadline for nominating petitions is January 27th.
- Early/Absentee ballot requests are now being accepted for the March 5th elections, and the deadline for voter registration is February 26th.

Approval of Building Permits – Council approved the following building permits on motion of

Councilor Smith, seconded by Alderman Boutin. **Motion carried.**

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Address</u>
Gerard & Gayle Cormier	2 Clifton Street
Lawrence & Shelley Jo Ploof	22 Thomas Street

Liquor Control Board – NONE

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

- Closed on the purchase of three properties that are part of the TIF parking development project.
- Vermont Emergency Management is scheduling pre-award inspections of the two stormwater mitigation projects for which the City is seeking funding support.
- City Place developers are installing a plaque on the building that lists state and City officials who were instrumental in the project, including the Mayor, Councilors, City Manager and City Planning Director.

Visitors & Communications – NONE

Old Business – NONE

New Business –

Other) Parking.

Mayor Lauzon reviewed recent parking discussions had with people associated with City Place, and said there has been talk of sharing the costs associated with a parking liaison. Manager Mackenzie reviewed the work and coordination done by the City to date. Paula Tremblay with courthouse operations said there has been some confusion regarding the state-owned parking lots near the courthouse, and said there was difficulty recently during a jury draw day. Clerk Dawes said the new memorandum of understanding between the City and the state allows for the state to purchase temporary one-day permits for jury draw days. Mayor Lauzon said all City-owned parking lots will be reviewed for greater efficiency.

There was discussion about parking for City employees, removal of snow from parking lots, and the possibility of using the hydrant areas along North Main Street as bus stops to free up the bus stop spaces for additional public parking.

B) Appointment of Linda G. Shambo to the Development Review Board.

Ms. Shambo introduced herself to the Council and indicated her interest in serving on the Development Review Board. Council appointed Ms. Shambo to the DRB on motion of Councilor Herring, seconded by Councilor Dindo. **Motion carried.**

A) Warning First Public Hearing 7:15 PM – Proposed Central Vermont Public Safety Authority Charter.

Mayor Lauzon opened the public hearing at 7:38 PM. Alderman Boutin asked for a revision of the language so that the authority budget will be voted at the same time as the municipal budgets, so as to completely separate it from the municipal budget. Mayor Lauzon said he supported that change, and the authority’s funding would show up as a separate line item on tax bills. Councilor Poirier asked about the process of moving staff from being employees of the municipalities to being employees of the authority, the effect of such a move on their pensions and union affiliations. Mayor Lauzon said the employees will be partners in the process. Alderman Boutin said the first paragraph reference to “Barre and Montpelier” needs to be replaced by “members”. This change had been discussed at last week’s joint meeting in Montpelier.

George Malek, president of the Central Vermont Chamber of Commerce, said the regional public safety

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committee is available to continue to provide information and support the work of the authority, but has no role in the document.

Mayor Lauzon asked for additional comments from the Council and public. Hearing none, the Mayor closed the public hearing at 8:02 PM.

Council approved setting the next public hearing for Tuesday, January 28, 2014 on motion of Alderman Boutin, seconded by Councilor Herring. **Motion carried.**

C) Review of FY15 Municipal Budget.

Manager Mackenzie reviewed the draft 8 of the FY15 municipal budget and highlighted additional reductions in the amount of \$30,000+ that have been made since draft 7. Mayor Lauzon reviewed the local agreement rate, cemetery debt, voter support of infrastructure improvements, and the current social security increase. The Mayor asked the Manager to cut another \$40,000 from the proposed budget to bring the operations increase down to approximately 1.8%.

There was discussion on the amounts to be raised through enforcement of traffic and ordinance violations, and it was requested that Chief Bombardier be asked to attend next week's meeting for further discussion.

Round Table –

Councilor Poirier said things are quiet at the legislature so far this session.

Councilor Herring said Local Government Day in Montpelier is February 19th. He said he will have the resolution honoring a local Eagle Scout ready for approval next week.

Mayor Lauzon noted today is National Hug Day.

Council went into executive session to discuss personnel and legal issues at 8:46 PM on motion of Alderman Boutin, seconded by Councilor Dindo. **Motion carried.**

Council came out of executive session at 9:17 PM on motion of Councilor Herring, seconded by Councilor Smith. **Motion carried.**

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn S. Dawes, City Clerk