

**Regular Meeting of the Barre City Council
Held October 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, 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 City Clerk/Treasurer Carolyn Dawes.

Absent: NONE

Adjustments to the Agenda – Mayor Lauzon said a presentation from Chief Bombardier will be added at the beginning of old business.

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 of October 14, 2014
- Approval of the City Warrants as presented.
- 2014 Licenses & Permits issued through the clerk’s office:
 - Entertainment License: Barre Area Clergy Association. Gathering in City Hall Park Friday, December 12th from noon – 8:00 PM, followed by coin drop on Saturday, December 13th from 9AM – noon. Volunteers will sleep outside on church lawns Friday night. Proceeds will benefit Good Samaritan Haven and the winter housing overflow program coordinated by the local churches.

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

- Early/absentee voting is available for the November General Election.
- Public skating begins this evening.

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

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Address</u>
Kaja Holdings 2 LLC	12 Clark Street
Peter Tadros & Rania Iskander	61 Maple Avenue
David Copping, George Wilson, William Crowther	105 N. Main Street

Liquor Control – Council approved a Request to Cater Permit application from Cornerstone Pub & Kitchen for a Democratic Party event on October 30th at the Old Labor Hall from 5:30 – 10:30 PM on motion of Councilor Smith, seconded by Councilor Dindo. **Motion carried with Councilor Chadderton voting against and Councilor Boutin abstaining.**

City Manager’s Report –

Manager Mackenzie reported on the following:

- Working on demolition of the Ormsby property, with the hope of having it completed in December. Mayor Lauzon said Chief Bombardier can petition ANR to waive the 10 day waiting period, and asked the Chief to give the Manager a written opinion on a possible waiver request.
- Attended Vermont city managers conference and participated in panel on education property taxes. Many communities have adopted the “Dorset resolution”. Will bring a version to Council

for review.

- VT Community Development Association holding its conference in Barre City later this week.
- Community forum on flood mitigation is on Monday, October 27th.
- Next week there will be a public hearing on the EPA corrective action plan for Enterprise Aly, and in the near future there will be a presentation on the revised site plans for the project.

There was discussion about the VTRANS Jockey Hollow project and possible issues as we move into winter. Mayor Lauzon asked Manager Mackenzie to speak with VTRANS about enhanced maintenance in that area during the winter months.

Councilor Poirier said the traffic and pedestrian signals at the Route 62/North Main Street intersection are not functioning.

There was a discussion about political signs on public property. The Manager will instruct City crews to take down any abandoned signs on public property.

Mayor Lauzon asked Manager Mackenzie to prepare a memo on the BOR mold remediation and timeline for communicating with original contractor Limelight.

Councilor Poirier asked that the speed cart be placed on Prospect Street near Bailey Street so as to track traffic coming down the hill.

Mayor Lauzon said early morning traffic on lower Hill Street is backing up to the Washington Street intersection due to the new stop signs, and asked that the situation be monitored to ensure that the signs are having their intended benefit. Chief Bombardier said he will have third shift keep an eye on it.

Visitors & Communications – NONE

New Business –

A) Approval of the Central Vermont Public Safety Authority MOU.

CVPSA board chair Tom Golonka and board members John Hannigan, Bob Sager, Alex Pastor and Councilor Michael Smith reviewed the MOU and the most recent changes included at the request of the Barre Town selectboard. There was discussion about the invoicing process, development of the FY16 budget proposal, and development of a plan of action.

Council adopted the MOU on motion of Councilor Herring, seconded by Councilor Chadderton. **Motion carried with Councilor Boutin voting against.**

Old Business – Added)

Chief Bombardier reviewed his memo on the Vermont Intel Center liaison position, the assignment of Sgt. Hayden to the VIC, and backfilling with a 19th officer who will be assigned to the day shift. The Chief said the cost for the 19th officer for the remainder of this fiscal year will be approximately \$2,500, which will be covered in the current budget. The cost for the next fiscal year will be approximately \$18,000. There was discussion about what work the 19th officer will be doing, the net gain of hours worked per week, what Sgt. Hayden's duties will be and the impact on his current duties. There was additional discussion about the summer Bee bike patrol and the Norwich University interns. Mayor Lauzon said that because the 19th officer has no impact on the current budget, the position can be created by the City Manager, so there is no action required by the Council.

A) Update Regarding Barre Town September Water Payment.

Manager Mackenzie said he discussed the situation with Barre Town Manager Carl Rogers to clarify what information the Town is seeking. Mr. Rogers said the Town wants to see the approved enterprise fund budget for the current fiscal year. Mayor Lauzon said he spoke with Town Selectboard chair Jeff Blow to discuss the water agreement and the unpaid portion of the September bill. The Mayor said taking into consideration the language in the agreement coupled with the timing of the rate increase included in the September bill and the Town's request for information, the rate increase and the unpaid balance of the bill stands and is due to the City.

B) Green Mountain Power, Barre City Charging Station Agreement.

Mayor Lauzon reminded Council the City received a \$30,000 grant to install two electric vehicle charging stations. Barre Area Development Corporation executive director Joel Schwartz said Green Mountain Power has provided the charging stations, which will serve as the City's match for the grant. According to the GMP agreement, the City will be responsible for installation, which will be covered through grant funds. The charging stations will be installed on Merchant's Row and in the Pearl Street parking lot.

Council approved the agreement and authorized the Manager to sign on behalf of the City on motion of Councilor Boutin, seconded by Councilor Chadderton. **Motion carried.**

C) U-Turn Ordinance Revision – Review of Proposed Revision for Scheduling First Reading.

Council approved warning the 1st Reading for next week's meeting on motion of Councilor Boutin, seconded by Councilor Smith. **Motion carried.**

Round Table –

Councilor Poirier reminded everyone of the public forum tomorrow featuring the Barre City and Barre Town legislative candidates.

Councilor Herring said there are now 731 people signed up for Front Porch Forum and there have been more than 3,300 postings to date. He gave an update on the downtown WiFi, saying there are six locations and the daily usage ranges from a low of 47 near the Old Labor Hall to a high of more than 500 near the L&M Diner. Other locations are the Cornerstone, Bob's Camera, Goodfellow's Jewelers and Nelson Hardware.

Councilor Smith handed out laminated cards explaining the statutes around executive sessions, and including steps to go into executive session.

Councilor Dindo said he has received comments from people who have concerns about lengths of stays at the Good Samaritan Haven. Mayor Lauzon suggested Councilor Dindo discuss practices with the GSH executive director.

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