

**Regular Meeting of the Barre City Council
Held October 28, 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 – NONE

Approval of Consent Agenda:

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

- Minutes of the following meetings:
 - Regular Meeting of October 21, 2014
- Approval of the City Warrants as presented.
- 2014 Licenses & Permits issued through the clerk's office: NONE

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

- Early/absentee voting is available for the November 4th General Election. The last day to register to vote in the November General Election is tomorrow by 5:00 PM. Polls will be open November 4th at the auditorium from 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM.

Clerk Dawes asked for the schedule of upcoming Council meetings, due to next week's General Election and the following week's Veteran's Day holiday. Mayor Lauzon suggested Council set a policy that its meetings on election weeks always be held on Monday instead of Tuesday. Council concurred without formal action. With regards to Veteran's Day week, Manager Mackenzie requested Council meet on Tuesday, November 11th, as there is a public presentation on the Enterprise Aly project warned for that evening. Council concurred without formal action.

Approval of Building Permits – NONE

Liquor Control – Council approved the following Request to Cater Permit applications on motion of Councilor Herring, seconded by Councilor Smith. **Motion carried with Councilor Boutin abstaining.**

- Cornerstone Pub & Kitchen, performance at Barre Opera House, November 8th from 5 - 11 PM.
- Cornerstone Pub & Kitchen, performance at Barre Opera House, January 23rd from 5 – 11 PM.

City Manager's Report – NONE

Visitors & Communications – NONE

New Business –

A) Enterprise Aly Brownfields Corrective Action Plan scheduled for 7:15 PM.

Mayor Lauzon opened the hearing at 7:08 PM. Eric Urch from Environmental Compliance Services (ECS) gave a presentation on the corrective action plan (CAP) and community relations plan. The presentation included information on the objectives of the CAP, site background, contaminants of concern, and site investigations. The CAP calls for three mitigation approaches:

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- Excavation of contaminated soil
- Injection of oxidants to destroy contamination below the water table
- Vacuum extraction of soil fumes

Monitoring of the site will continue for six years following the completion of the CAP.

There was discussion about the percentage of contaminants extracted through the mitigation approaches, funding for the project, ongoing responsibility for the project, odors and flammability of the contaminants and vapors, and the aesthetics and safety of the monitoring building that will be constructed on the site.

Mr. Urch said ECS has worked on similar projects including vapor extraction projects under City Place and in City Hall, and a chemical injection project at the Bonacorsi property on Prospect Street. Manager Mackenzie said the project is scheduled to begin May 1, 2015, and be completed by November 2015. The City has been meeting with abutters to discuss the project and the disruptions during construction. There will be a presentation on the site plan at the November 11th Council meeting.

The hearing closed at 7:50 PM.

B) Ordinance #2014-04: U-Turns, First Reading scheduled for 7:30 PM.

Clerk Dawes suggested an amendment to the draft language. Councilor Boutin moved to accept the first reading of the language as amended, and move it to a second reading and public hearing, seconded by Councilor Herring. **Motion carried.**

C) Consideration/Action Regarding “Resolution for Sustainable Education Reform in Vermont”

Manager Mackenzie presented information on the resolution as originally adopted by Dorset, Vermont, and revised and distributed by the Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT). The Manager also read some comments from Barre School Superintendent John Bacon on the draft resolution.

Councilor Poirier made the motion to table the discussion. He said he would like to wait to have this discussion until after the election, and the Council should hold a joint meeting with the BCEMS school board to discuss tax rates. Councilor Dindo seconded the motion.

Councilor Herring suggested taking no action rather than formally tabling the item. The question was not voted on and no other action was taken.

Round Table –

Councilor Chadderton reminded everyone to be careful on Halloween, and on the lookout for children out trick-or-treating.

Councilor Dindo asked Manager Mackenzie for an update on the Jockey Hollow VTRANS project and said it remains dangerous due to high rates of speed. Manager Mackenzie will look into it.

Councilor Smith called attention to the flyers in the Council packet that highlight the recreation programs being offered and said he hopes people will participate in the programs.

Councilor Herring said Martin Prevost has tendered his resignation from the Recreation Committee.

Councilor Poirier reminded everyone to get out and vote on Election Day.

Mayor Lauzon requested an executive session to discuss current vacancies of City staff positions, and said open discussion would place the City at a substantial disadvantage. Councilor Boutin made the motion

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finding that premature general public knowledge of the staffing discussion would clearly place the City at a disadvantage, seconded by Councilor Smith. **Motion carried with Councilor Herring voting against.**

Council went into executive session at 8:10 PM under the provisions of 1VSA section 313 to discuss staff vacancies on motion of Councilor Boutin, seconded by Councilor Smith. **Motion carried.**

Council came out of executive session at 8:34 PM on motion of Councilor Herring, seconded by Councilor Smith. **Motion carried.**

The Council meeting adjourned at 8:34 PM on motion of Councilor Boutin, 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

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