

**Regular Meeting of the Barre City Council  
Held December 2, 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, 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 City Clerk/Treasurer Carolyn Dawes.

**Absent:** From Ward I, Councilor Poirier.

**Adjustments to the Agenda** – Mayor Lauzon said he has one additional item he will bring up at the end of the regular agenda, for informational purposes only.

**Approval of Consent Agenda:**

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

- Minutes of the following meetings:
  - Regular Meeting of November 18, 2014
- Approval of the City Warrants as presented, including a Community Development warrant payable to Central Vermont Community Land Trust out of a Scattered Site Grant.
- 2014 Licenses & Permits issued through the clerk's office: NONE

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

- Annual license renewals went in the mail November 24<sup>th</sup>. They will be coming to Council for approval over the next couple of months.
- Water & Sewer bills were mailed last week and are due by December 31<sup>st</sup>.
- The winter parking ban is in effect from November 15<sup>th</sup> to April 1<sup>st</sup>. Overnight parking permits are available.

Mayor Lauzon said there will be no Council meeting the week of Christmas.

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

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Address</u>
EJ Realty LLC	129 Seminary Street

**Liquor Control** – NONE

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

- Demolition of the former Ormsby's building on Keith Avenue will take 1-2 weeks longer than originally anticipated due to additional asbestos abatement certification needs.
- This year's street paving was completed last week. The contract with the paving contractor is being executed to cover next spring's paving.
- Former City Engineer Reg Abare will be working as special projects manager on a few limited projects.
- The semi-annual inspection of the bike path revealed the path to be in good condition with no significant repairs needed.
- There are two new officers in the police department, bringing the force up to 19.

**Visitors & Communications – NONE**

**Old Business – NONE**

**New Business –**

**A) Snowmobile Club Land Usage Request.**

Council approved the annual land usage request from the Barre Town Thunder Chickens on motion of Councilor Chadderton, seconded by Councilor Herring. **Motion carried.**

**B) Authorization to Purchase Used Ambulance.**

Mayor Lauzon reviewed last week's land line phone outage that affected all local and 911 emergency service phone lines. The Mayor reviewed his memo for future planning that calls for the City to have two dedicated cell numbers for dispatch services in case of loss of land lines; gathering cell numbers for public & life safety organizations, housing, alarm monitoring companies, hospitals and news outlets; and developing other ways to spread the word in case of a similar situation in the future, including the NIXL system, Facebook and Twitter. The Mayor asked Chief Bombardier to give a progress report in 4-6 weeks.

Chief Tim Bombardier and Deputy Fire Chief Joe Aldsworth reviewed the memos on the used ambulance available from Iowa. Council approved the purchase of the ambulance on motion of Councilor Chadderton, seconded by Councilor Dindo. **Motion carried.**

Chief Bombardier said the other equipment listed on the memo will be reviewed and addressed at a future meeting.

Deputy Chief Aldsworth showed the Council one of the department's transport ventilators. Central Vermont Medical Center donated three such ventilators to the City. The value of the three machines is just under \$50,000.

**C) Approval of Tremont Street Headwall Emergency Reconstruction Proposal.**

Manager Mackenzie reviewed his memo on the headwall and recommended Council authorize the emergency reconstruction project. Dubois & King is providing engineering assistance, Hebert Excavating will perform the work and former City Engineer Reg Abare will serve as special project manager. The recommended budget for the project is \$170,000, of which 90% will be covered through a 2015 Town Highway Grant from VTRANS. The Manager said the work is expected to take 4-5 weeks and would begin immediately. Tremont Street between Elm and Currier Streets would be closed to through traffic for the duration of the project. Mayor Lauzon asked Manager Mackenzie to coordinate with the contractor and the school to allow school bus traffic through the area during construction.

There was discussion about the source of funds for the special project manager and whether that would be included in the project budget, and discussion about the use of the displaced granite blocks post-construction.

Council approved the Manager's recommendation for repair of the headwall, contingent upon confirmation that the highway grant will cover 90% of the expenses, on motion of Councilor Herring, seconded by Councilor Dindo. **Motion carried.**

**D) Approval of Town Highway Annual Financial Plan for FY15.**

Council approved the Town Highway Annual Financial Plan for FY15 on motion of Councilor Herring, seconded by Councilor Smith. **Motion carried.**

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**Other)** Mayor Lauzon said he is continuing to work on the solar project originally discussed with Council a few months ago. The two 50 kW sites have been determined and the Mayor hopes to have a presentation for Council in two weeks.

**Round Table:**

Councilor Herring said he was thankful for a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday with family.

Mayor Lauzon reminded Council of this Saturday's annual Christmas for Kids dollar drop on North Main Street in front of Domino's. The Mayor said set-up will begin around 7:30 AM.

**Executive Session:** NONE

The Council meeting adjourned at 8:10 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

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