

**Regular Meeting of the Barre City Council
Held February 3, 2015**

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 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 Herring, seconded by Councilor Smith. **Motion carried.**

- Minutes of the following meetings:
 - Regular meeting of January 27, 2015
- Approval of the City Warrants as presented.
- 2015 Licenses & Permits issued through the clerk's office:
 - 2015 ANIMAL LICENSE.
 - Shannon Capron, 38 Railroad Street, 1 red tail boa constrictor
 - Jennawave LePage, 7 Laurel Street, 1 Columbian red tail boa constrictor
 - 2015 FOOD TAKE OUT LICENSE:
 - Champlain Farms, 169 Washington Street
 - 2015 VENDING LICENSE. Has Health Officer approval.
 - Sani Sport Service, 92 Summer Street, skate sharpening, gear cleaning, landscaping & lawn care
 - 2015 VIDEO MACHINE / POOL TABLE LICENSE:
 - The Alley Cat, 10 Keith Avenue, 1 pool table
 - American Legion Post #10, 320 North Main Street, 1 pool table
 - Barre Elks Lodge #1535, 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 Dawes reported on the following:

- 3rd quarter property taxes are due by February 17th.
- Accepting requests for absentee ballots, which will be mailed out as soon as they are available.
- The Justices of the Peace elected at the November General Election attended a swearing-in and orientation session last week. All JPs took office as of February 1st.
- The annual TIF report was submitted the end of last week. This is the first annual report the City has filed since incurring debt.
- Dog licenses are available. All dogs must be licensed by April 1st.

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

| <u>Applicant</u> | <u>Address</u> |
|---------------------------|---------------------|
| Gary & Betty-Jean Winders | 201 Fairview Street |

Liquor Control – Council approved a Request to Cater application from Smith Catering Co. LLC, DBA

Morse Block Deli, for a fundraiser at Studio Place Arts on February 12, 2015, on motion of Councilor Smith, seconded by Councilor Dindo. **Motion carried with Councilor Boutin abstaining.**

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

- The Water Department wants customers to know the City has nothing to do with recent mailings from Home Service. The City did not provide the mailing list and does not endorse the company.
- Met with Members Advantage Credit Union about its request for re-zoning to accommodate demolition of a building next to MACU. The Manager said the re-zoning language will come to Council for a public hearing in 45-60 days, and is expected to be enacted within 75 days.
- The Budget & Finance Committee is looking for 1-3 new members.

There was a discussion about Street Department equipment based on the department head report, which listed several pieces of equipment that are currently out of service. The Manager said he will be back to the Council in the near future with purchase plans after reviewing the Capital Fund.

There was a discussion about the City's salt inventory. The Manager said the City's stockpile appears to be adequate for the remainder of the winter.

Visitors & Communications – NONE

Old Business – NONE

New Business –

B) Rte. 14/Merchant Street Intersection Project Update.

Mayor Lauzon re-ordered the agenda to accommodate the VTRANS presentation. Project Manager Mike Lecroix reviewed the plan to change the intersection into a T. The plan also calls for widening Route 14 to allow for a left turn lane, and installing a swale along the cemetery to accommodate storm water. The sewer line in the area will be replaced during the project, with the costs being reimbursed to the City. The project is 100% federally funded, and is currently planned for 2017/2018.

There was discussion about the amount of land that will be impacted on the cemetery side of Route 14, discharging storm water into Gunner's Brook, and the possible schedule for paving the balance of Route 14 heading towards North Main Street.

A) Approval of Parade Permit Request from Vermont Cancer Survivors Network.

Mayor Lauzon reviewed the request from the Network, and said the requested parade route will need to be modified. The Mayor said the details will be worked out with the Police Department. The same holds true for the use of City Hall Park and the surrounding areas. Manager Mackenzie said such an event will cost the City in overtime. Councilor Dindo said he wants Youth Triumphant roped off as a condition of approval for use of the park.

Council approved the parade request, contingent up on the details being worked out with the Manager and Police Department, on motion of Councilor Herring, seconded by Councilor Smith. **Motion carried.**

C) Authorization of Tremont Street Reimbursement Request.

Council authorized the submission of the reimbursement request on motion of Councilor Herring, seconded by Councilor Smith. **Motion carried.**

D) Mid Year (2nd Qtr.) FY15 Budget Status Review.

Manager Mackenzie presented his 2nd quarter budget status review. There was discussion about revenue from BOR dasher boards and ambulance revenue. Mayor Lauzon requested that this item be placed on

next week's agenda for continued review. The Mayor said he wants to see budget status reviews again in March and May, and requested that the report be posted on the City website.

Round Table –

Councilor Herring said the IT Committee met earlier this evening. The Committee will be bringing an infrastructure plan and budget to the Council and Budget & Finance Committee. There was discussion about contracting for the final upgrades to the City website.

Councilor Smith said he attended a solid waste seminar on Act 148 regarding recycling changes that are going into effect over the next few years. He suggested forming a committee to work with the City on being compliant. Councilor Smith said he would chair such a committee, and encouraged people to volunteer to serve.

Councilor Dindo thanked the Street Department for its work clearing streets during the recent snow storms.

Councilor Chadderton asked drivers to be on the lookout for children walking to and from school, especially with the snowbanks along the roadways.

Councilor Poirier said he wanted it noted that Emily & Matt Kaminsky recently moved out the City. Both Emily & Matt were very active in Barre City, and they will be missed.

Executive Session: NONE

The Council meeting adjourned at 8:13 PM on motion of Councilor Smith, seconded by Councilor Boutin. **Motion carried.**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn S. Dawes, City Clerk