

**Regular Meeting of the Barre City Council
Held October 29, 2013**

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, 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:
 - Regular Meeting of October 22, 2013.
- Approval of the City Warrants as presented.
- 2013 Licenses & Permits issued through the clerk's office: NONE

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

- Early and absentee ballots are available for the November 5th special election. The last day to register to vote in the November election is Wednesday, October 30th by 5:00 PM. The Board of Civic Authority will hold its pre-election meeting on Thursday, October 31st at 6:00 PM.
- Second quarter property taxes are due by November 15th. The drop box on City Hall and the credit card link on the City website are payment options.
- The final date for the yard waste drop at the Barre Town stump dump is Saturday, November 2nd from 8AM – noon.
- The Clerk is working on ordinance revisions due to the new parking meters and changes in the parking permit program.

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

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Address</u>
Scott Reilly	101 Woodland Dr.

Liquor Control Board – NONE

City Manager's Report – Manager Mackenzie announced the following:

- The new flag poles are up in City Hall Park and the state and City flags are now flying.
- The handicap ramp and the railings have been installed on the front of City Hall. The renovations are nearing completion.
- Today was the final Big Dig Contract II inspection, and there is a punch list of work still to be done. The contractor continues to tweak the traffic signals. The Manager said he would like to establish a 30 day monitoring period, and requested that the public report any glitches.
- The Manager is meeting weekly with the Budget & Finance Committee.

Mayor Lauzon asked for an explanation of the different colored parking meters. Manager Mackenzie said the black-topped meters have a 2 hour limit, the yellow-topped meters have a 4 hour limit and the green-topped meters have a 10 hour limit. Those with daytime parking permits may park at the green-topped meters without feeding the meters. Red-topped meters will be added shortly, and they will have a 30 minute limit.

The Manager said the North Main Street streetlights were out for a day or two due to an accident, which

took out two of the lights, disrupting the circuitry. Mayor Lauzon said it takes quite a while to order replacement lights, and the City may budget in the future to have some replacement lights in stock.

Visitors & Communications – Boy Scout Mike Trombly explained his Eagle project, saying he coordinated a crew of volunteers to landscape the bike path by cutting brush, trees and vines. They finished the project last weekend. This was part of Mr. Trombly’s Eagle service project, demonstrating leadership. The Council thanked Mr. Trombly for his service to the City of Barre.

Old Business – NONE

New Business –

A) Public Hearing 7:30 PM Green Mountain Revolving Loan Fund Scattered Site Grant.

Mayor Lauzon opened the public hearing at 7:26 PM. Central Vermont Community Land Trust deputy director Martha Englert said 476 people have been assisted through the most recent phase of the Green Reserve Fund, and that 40 construction contracts totaling a value of \$333,000 were awarded. Mayor Lauzon thanked CVCLT for their work and said it is hoped the program can be expanded. There were no additional comments, and the Mayor closed the hearing at 7:30 PM.

B) Assessor Office Errors and Omissions.

Manager Mackenzie reviewed City Assessor Joe LeVesque’s memo on errors & omissions and recommended the Council approve the Sorrentino and Perrin adjustments.

Council approved the Sorrentino adjustment on motion of Councilor Herring, seconded by Councilor Smith. **Motion carried.**

Council approved the Perrin adjustment on motion of Councilor Herring, seconded by Councilor Smith. **Motion carried.**

D) Reschedule Next Council Meeting.

Mayor Lauzon said due to the special election next Tuesday, the Council meeting will be moved to Monday, November 4th. There was a brief discussion about the Council meeting schedules around the upcoming holidays.

C) TIF Informational Hearing.

City Planner Michael Miller gave a PowerPoint presentation on the TIF district and next week’s vote. Mr. Miller said there are four projects included in the ballot item:

1. Reimbursing the Semprebon Fund for expenses associated with the TIF district application.
2. Purchase of 1 Campell Place to expand public parking.
3. Purchase of properties in Enterprise Aly area as part of the Merchant’s Row redevelopment.
4. Purchase of property off Keith Avenue to expand public parking.

Councilors voiced their support of the projects and the special election vote.

Other)

Mayor Lauzon and Councilors donned mustaches and beards in honor of the Boston Red Sox, Barre City’s official baseball team, and wished the team well in the upcoming six – and hopefully final – game of the World Series.

E) Renewal of Manager’s Contract.

Mayor Lauzon said Manager Mackenzie’s current contract runs to 2014, and the Manager offered in a memo to Council to extend his service horizon to October 31, 2017. The Mayor said he will bring a

revised contract to Council for consideration within 30 days.

F) Status Update on BOR Mold Remediation Efforts.

Manager Mackenzie reviewed a memo from Facilities Director Jeff Bergeron. Clerk Dawes said Recreation Director Stephanie Quaranta and Mr. Bergeron are working on a number of grant applications to help fund the project. Councilor Dindo said he is speaking with the Barre Rotary Club and Mutuo to discuss funding support. Mayor Lauzon said that following the completion of the remediation work, he will schedule a discussion and assessment of the lead-up to the situation.

Round Table –

Councilor Herring said last weekend's Legends of Rock concert was great.

Councilor Smith wished everyone a safe and happy Halloween later this week, wished the Red Sox well in the World Series, and encouraged people to vote at the Special Election next week.

Councilor Chadderton reminded everyone that there will be a lot of children out on Halloween, and to be safe.

Councilor Dindo wished the Red Sox well, and encouraged people to get out and vote. He said his neighborhood watch group held a workshop last week in conjunction with the Police Department, and the turnout was disappointing. He said his neighborhood watch group is available to meet with any neighborhood interested in starting a watch program.

Alderman Boutin said the Barre Partnership is hosting trick or treating in the downtown on Halloween from 4:00 – 5:00 PM.

Mayor Lauzon asked Manager Mackenzie for an update on the Nelson Street hydro project at a future meeting, wished the Red Sox well, and encouraged people to vote for the TIF bond.

Council adjourned at 8:30 PM on motion of Councilor Smith, seconded by Herring. **Motion carried.**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn S. Dawes, City Clerk