

**Special Meeting of the Barre City Council
Held February 18, 2014 at City Place, 219 N. Main Street, Barre, Vermont**

The Special Meeting of the Barre City Council was called to order by Mayor Thomas Lauzon at 5:45 PM at City Place, 219 N. Main Street, Barre, Vermont. In attendance were: From Ward II, Alderman Michael Boutin and Councilor Michael Smith; and from Ward III, Councilor Lucas Herring. Also in attendance were BADC executive director Joel Schwartz and DEW representative Steve Morton.

Mr. Morton led a tour through the new building.

Mayor Lauzon adjourned the special meeting at 6:45 PM. There is no audio or video recording of this special meeting.

**Regular Meeting of the Barre City Council
Held February 18, 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 II, Alderman Michael Boutin and Councilor Michael Smith; and from Ward III, Councilor Lucas Herring. Also in attendance was City Clerk/Treasurer Carolyn Dawes.

Approval of Consent Agenda: Council approved the following consent agenda items on motion of Councilor Herring, seconded by Alderman Boutin. **Motion carried.**

- Minutes of the following meetings:
 - Regular Meeting of February 11, 2014
- Approval of the City Warrants as presented.
- 2014 Licenses & Permits issued through the clerk's office:
 - Animal License:
 - Michael Boutin, 5 Hillside Avenue, 1 ferret
 - Food Establishment License:
 - Basil's Pizza Restaurant, 20 South Main Street
 - American Legion Post #10, 320 North Main Street
 - Mutuo, Inc., 20 Beckley Street
 - Mulligan's Irish Pub, 9 Maple Avenue
 - Food Vending License:
 - Dell's Dogs, 1 food truck
 - Video Machine/Pool Table License:
 - American Legion Post #10, 320 North Main Street

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

- Third quarter property taxes were due today. The delinquency report will be included in next week's Council packet.
- Early/Absentee ballot requests are being accepted for the March 4th elections. Election materials are posted on the City website.
- All dogs must be licensed by April 1, 2014.
- The Board of Abatement is holding hearings on February 19th, and the Board of Civil Authority is holding its pre-election meeting on February 27th.

Mayor Lauzon said the Tuesday, March 4th Council meeting will be moved to Monday, March 3rd because of the Annual (Town) Meeting.

Approval of Building Permits – NONE

Liquor Control Board – NONE

City Manager's Report – NONE

Visitors & Communications – NONE

Old Business – NONE

New Business –

A) Barre Farmers Market Location Request.

Mayor Lauzon said this item is being deferred as the Farmers Market board researches location alternatives. They will come back to Council next week with a request.

B) Barre City/Community Capital of Vermont MOU Regarding Studio Place Arts VCDP Loan.

Barre Area Development Corporation executive director Joel Schwartz reviewed the history of the two SPA VCDP loan promissory notes which are currently held by the City. The notes are for \$190,000 and \$50,000 for a total of \$240,000. The intention of the MOU is to turn the entire loan portfolio over to Community Capital of Vermont for collection and administration. The majority of the funds will then be available for local revolving fund loans. Mayor Lauzon said he would like to have an opportunity to review the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) before approving a resolution authorizing the Manager to execute any related documents, and requested that the MOA be shared with the Council before next week's meeting, and the resolution be on next week's agenda for approval.

C) Authorize Manager to Executive Purchase Documents for Hilltop Buyout Properties at 15 and 21 Hilltop Avenue.

Mayor Lauzon said he would entertain a motion to authorize the Manager to execute any and all purchase and sales agreements associated with the 15 & 21 Hilltop Avenue properties damaged in the May 2011 flooding. Councilor Smith made that motion, seconded by Alderman Boutin. **Motion carried.**

Round Table –

Councilor Herring reminded everyone of the joint Barre City Council/BCEMS School Board public forum on the proposed budgets, scheduled for Thursday evening in the Barre Opera House.

Mayor Lauzon said there is a shortage of road salt across the state. The Mayor said Barre City is in good shape with the amount of salt we have left for the remainder of the winter, however, there is a misperception that the City has a large stockpile of salt. In spite of the misperception, the City will do its best to assist neighboring communities on a storm-by-storm basis.

The Council meeting adjourned at 7:24 PM on motion of Councilor Herring, 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