

**Regular Meeting of the Barre City Council
Held March 3, 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 Dindo; from Ward II, Alderman Michael Boutin; and from Ward III, Councilor 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 Herring, seconded by Councilor Dindo. **Motion carried.**

- Minutes of the following meetings:
 - Regular Meeting of February 25, 2014
 - Special Meeting of February 27, 2014
- Approval of the City Warrants as presented.
- 2014 Licenses & Permits issued through the clerk's office:
 - Food Establishment Licenses:
 - Green Mountain Tavern, 10 Keith Avenue
 - Southside Tavern, 107 South Main Street
 - Soup 'N Greens, 325 North Main Street
 - Simply Subs, 70 North Main Street
 - Hollow Inn Motel, 278 South Main Street
 - Cornerstone Pub & Kitchen, 47 North Main Street
 - Asian Gourmet, 276 North Main Street
 - Bamboo Gardens, 115 South Main Street
 - Chinatown, 302 North Main Street
 - Quarry Grill & Tavern, 210 North Main Street
 - Mister Z's, 379 North Main Street
 - Entertainment Licenses:
 - Southside Tavern, 107 South Main Street
 - Espresso Bueno, 248 North Main Street
 - The Mission: A United Pentecostal Church, Currier Park, August 4-8, 2014 from 6:00 – 8:00 PM each evening. Prayer, games, songs, crafts, Bible lessons, snacks. Expected attendance: 40 people.
 - Video Machine/Pool Table Licenses:
 - Green Mountain Tavern 10 Keith Avenue, 1 pool table
 - Southside Tavern, 107 South Main Street, 1 pool table, 1 video machine

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

- Polls will be open tomorrow for the Annual (Town) Meeting election at the auditorium from 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM. City Hall will be closed for the day.
- All dogs must be licensed by April 1, 2014.
- Water & sewer bills went in the mail on Friday, February 28th. They are due by March 31st. Included in with the March bill is information about direct debit of your water & sewer bill. Customers may sign up to start this service with the June 2014 bill.
- The Clerk & Police Department have been working on revisions to the parking sections of Barre City Ordinance Chapter 17. Traffic. The first draft will be included in the Friday packet. Mayor Lauzon requested that it be placed on the March 18th agenda for discussion.

Approval of Building Permits – NONE

Liquor Control Board – NONE

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

- The City received the 5th annual Semprebon Annuity distribution of approximately \$56,000. The funds have been placed in the Semprebon Annuity Trust Fund account.
- VTRANS is moving ahead with replacing the traffic signal camera detection system with a radar system for 2-3 of the intersections around the downtown.
- There was a discussion about the traffic signal at the intersection of Berlin Street and Route 62 and how to ensure detection for vehicles turning on to Route 62. Mayor Lauzon requested that an exploration of the traffic signal be part of the bike path discussions, as the bike path will be routed through that area.
- The Manager said the City has received the 2013 audit. There was discussion about the lateness of the audit. The Manager said it was due to special auditing for the Big Dig. The auditors will present the audit at a future Council meeting, and there will be a discussion about ensuring that the audit is done at least 30 days before Town Meeting in the future.

Visitors & Communications – NONE

Old Business – NONE

New Business –

A) Approval of Downtown Transportation Fund Grant.

Mayor Lauzon read the memo from City Planner Michael Miller, requesting the Council authorize the Planning Director to prepare and the City Manager to sign the Downtown Transportation Fund grant application in support of the Enterprise Aly step of the Merchants Row redevelopment project. Councilor Herring made that motion, seconded by Councilor Dindo. **Motion carried.**

B) FY15 Budget Presentation.

Manager Mackenzie gave a PowerPoint presentation on the proposed FY15 budget.

Councilor Dindo thanked the Budget Committee and the Manager for their work on the budget, and said it is bare bones. Mayor Lauzon said the Manager did an excellent job crafting a budget in which the operations portion comes in at less than inflation and the Social Security increase.

Mayor Lauzon said he apologizes for the parking inconveniences. The Mayor said he will call a special meeting next week to hear from the public.

Round Table –

Councilor Herring said the Recreation Committee met this evening and is working on revisions to the park reservations forms. He encouraged everyone to support the budgets at tomorrow’s election.

Councilor Dindo and Alderman Boutin encouraged people to come out and vote tomorrow.

Mayor Lauzon said he attended a meeting today to discuss drug-related issues. The Mayor said there was discussion at a press conference following the meeting about NARCAN, a treatment available to state law enforcement officers to help stabilize those who are suffering from a drug overdose until medical professionals can arrive. The Mayor said the hope is to make it available to local law enforcement, and hopes to join with Montpelier, Berlin and Barre Town to offer training to their officers.

Council went into executive session at 7:48 PM to discuss personnel on motion of Alderman Boutin,

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seconded by Councilor Dindo. **Motion carried.**

Council came out of executive session at 8:25 PM on motion of Councilor Herring, seconded by Alderman Boutin. **Motion carried.**

The Council meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM on motion of Councilor Herring, seconded by Alderman Boutin. **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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