

**Regular Meeting of the Barre City Council  
Held April 8, 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, Councilor Michael Boutin; 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 Herring, seconded by Councilor Dindo. **Motion carried.**

- Minutes of the following meetings:
  - Regular Meeting of April 8, 2014
- Approval of the City Warrants as presented.
- 2014 Licenses & Permits issued through the clerk's office:
  - Entertainment License
    - Thunder Road annual car show and parade, April 26, 2014.

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

- The office is busy finalizing liquor license renewal applications, as we near the April 30<sup>th</sup> deadline. Mayor Lauzon said the Council will hold a local liquor control board hearing at next week's meeting, but that will be the last such hearing this month, therefore all license renewals must be received by that time.

**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>
Ronald & Judith Raymond	61 Lewis Street
Darlene Nunne	18 Maplewood Avenue
Martha Newton	141 Washington Street

**Liquor Control Board** – Council approved the following liquor licenses on motion of Councilor Herring, seconded by Councilor Dindo. **Motion carried with Councilor Boutin abstaining.**

<b>1<sup>st</sup> CLASS</b>	
Basil's Pizzeria & Restaurant	20 South Main Street
Gusto's	28 Prospect Street
Soup N' Greens	325 North Main Street
<b>2nd CLASS</b>	
Bella Campo Food Products	131 South Main Street
Central Market	50 Summer Street

**Visitors & Communications** – NONE

Mayor Lauzon noted that Councilor Boutin has a vase of flowers at his seat, and said they were from Mrs. Lauzon as an apology for the Mayor's behavior at last week's meeting. Mrs. Lauzon's gift also included treats and a toy for Councilor Boutin's ferret. Mayor Lauzon apologized for last week's behavior.

**Old Business** – NONE

**New Business** –

**A) Warning: Public Hearing 7:15 PM – VCDP Summer Street Project.**

Mayor Lauzon opened the public hearing at 7:18 PM. Central Vermont Community Land Trust

Associate Director for Real Estate Development Alison Friedkin requested Council approval of a resolution that would allow CVCLT to apply for a VCPD grant for the Summer Street project. Ms. Friedkin described the project, and there was discussion about the number of apartment units to be constructed, parking in support of the project, and future public presentations on the project.

Clerk Dawes read the resolution aloud and noted the date had been incorrectly entered. Council approved the resolution as corrected on motion of Councilor Boutin, seconded by Councilor Chadderton. **Motion carried.**

Mayor Lauzon closed the public hearing at 7:37 PM.

**B) Warning: 7:30: First Reading Ordinance #2014-01 Chapter 17 Traffic.**

Mayor Lauzon opened the first reading at 7:38 PM and asked for comments from the Council on the latest draft revision. There were a number of small edits made by Council.

The draft was approved as amended to move to second reading and public hearing on April 22, 2014 on motion of Councilor Herring, seconded by Councilor Dindo. **Motion carried.**

Mayor Lauzon closed the first reading at 7:45 PM.

**C) Authorization to Enter into 3 Year, Interest Free Power Cots Financing Plan.**

Manager Mackenzie said the City capital plan calls for the purchase of power cots over the next few years, however, an opportunity has arisen that will allow the City to purchase two power cots now, with no financing charges for three years. Senior fire department call force member John Hannigan described the power cots and said the life expectancy is 10 years. Mr. Hannigan said they are used to reduce back injuries and workers' compensation claims.

Council approved the purchase of the power cots and authorized the Manager to enter into a three year payment plan on motion of Councilor Chadderton, seconded by Councilor Dindo. **Motion carried.**

**D) Review of Civic Center Marketing Director RFP.**

Council reviewed the draft RFP and recommended some edits. There was discussion about the feasibility of the position, marketing opportunities, and the appropriated Semprebon funds. Council informally approved going forward with the RFP with the understanding that the Council will have the final say over engaging a marketing director.

Manager Mackenzie said Civic Center Committee chair Jon Valsangiacomo will be at next week's meeting to talk about the proposed digital sign.

**E) FY15 Budget Presentation by the Citizens Budget Committee.**

This item is deferred to next week. Budget Committee chair Justin Johnson will be present at next week's meeting to present the committee's recommendation. Mayor Lauzon said Council should be prepared to make a decision with regards to the budget, and to approve the warning for the May 13<sup>th</sup> budget revote.

**F) Professional Service Contracts: Authorize Manager to Execute the following contracts:**

- 1. Flood Maps Revision Contract.**
- 2. Trestle Project Bid & Construction Phase Engineering Agreement.**
- 3. 1 Campbell Place Phase I Environmental Site Assessment.**
- 4. 12 Keith Avenue Phase I Environmental Assessment.**

Mayor Lauzon reviewed the flood maps revisions, as Manager Mackenzie had recused himself from the contract negotiations and discussion. Council approved the contract with Dubois & King and authorized

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the Manager to sign on behalf of the City on motion of Councilor Boutin, seconded by Councilor Chadderton. **Motion carried.**

Manager Mackenzie said the trestle contract is for the third phase of the project, and said the contract has been pre-approved by the state. Council approved the contract with Dufresne Group on motion of Councilor Herring, seconded by Councilor Dindo. **Motion carried.**

Council considered the Campbell Place and Keith Avenue assessment contracts together, and approved the contracts on motion of Councilor Herring, seconded by Councilor Chadderton. **Motion carried.**

**City Manager's Report –**

Manager Mackenzie reported on the following:

- The City has been working with the Agency of Natural Resources to mitigate some of the restrictions imposed by ANR at the time of the spillway repairs. The intent of the work is to reach a concurrence to avoid going to court. If a concurrence is reached, it will come to Councilor for ratification.
- Sidewalk sweeping is ongoing.
- The Vermont Campground Association is holding its annual three-day show at the Civic Center this weekend.
- As the Manager and staff work through the interim Depot Square parking plan, they will look to the Councilor for direction on the options. This discussion will be warned for next week's meeting.

There was discussion about hosing down the streets by using river water, reviewing where cemetery fund investment returns are accounted for, reactivating the Traffic Advisory Committee, and making the annual committee appointments.

**Round Table –**

Councilor Boutin thanked Mrs. Lauzon for the flowers.

Councilor Herring said downtown Wifi is on next week's agenda for discussion.

The Council meeting adjourned at 8:52 PM on motion of Councilor Boutin, 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