

**Regular Meeting of the Barre City Council
Held September 30, 2014**

The Regular Meeting of the Barre City Council was called to order by Mayor Thomas Lauzon at 7:00 PM at the conference room in Alumni Hall at the Barre Civic Center Complex. In attendance were: From Ward I, Councilor Paul Poirier; from Ward II, Councilors Michael Boutin and Michael Smith; and from Ward III, Councilor Lucas Herring. Also in attendance were City Manager Steven Mackenzie and City Clerk/Treasurer Carolyn Dawes.

The Council wished Councilor Poirier a Happy Birthday.

Adjustments to the Agenda – Mayor Lauzon said he wasn't aware of any adjustments to the agenda.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

Council approved a 2014 Animal License for Robert Whitehouse, 26 Third Street, for a red tail boa constrictor, on condition that all reptiles must be kept on the owner's property unless in an appropriate container, on motion of Councilor Poirier, seconded by Councilor Smith. **Motion carried.**

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 September 23, 2014
- Approval of the City Warrants as presented.
- 2014 Licenses & Permits issued through the clerk's office: NO ADDITIONAL LICENSES

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

- Early/absentee voting is available for the November General Election.
- Water & Sewer bills were due by close of business today. Delinquency rate information will be reported at next week's meeting.

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

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Address</u>
Creston & Michele Severy	31 Jacques Street

Liquor Control – NONE

City Manager's Report –

Manager Mackenzie reported on the following:

- Demolition of 1 Campbell Place is on schedule to begin this weekend.
- The 2015 health insurance premium rate increase is anticipated to be 6.44%. The increase was budgeted at 10%.
- Barre Town adjusted its recent water payments to the previous rates.

There was discussion about the new stop signs on Circle, Hill and Tremont Streets. Councilor Poirier said the signs were installed to control speeding and for public safety. Mayor Lauzon said it would be helpful to get the word out to the public about the new signs. Resident Jim Magoon said there are speeding issues on Camp Street. Manager Mackenzie said he will speak with the Police Department about putting the speed card on Camp Street. There was additional discussion about possible signage at East & Tremont Streets and adjusting the new stop bar on Circle Street at Ayer Street.

Visitors & Communications –

Mr. Magoon asked about the recent revisions to the City ordinances that changed the language on U-turns. He noted the changes were approved by the Council in April, 2014. Mayor Lauzon said there was no intent by the Council to ban legal U-turns, and the language will be reviewed.

Meg Kuhner from Circle said October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and requested permission to tie purple ribbons on North Main Street lampposts to raise awareness. Council concurred without formal action. Ms. Kuhner said Circle is working with ORCA Media on a public forum for the State's Attorney candidates in advance of the November 4th General Election. Mayor Lauzon asked her to keep the Council informed as to when and where the forum will be held.

Old Business – NONE

New Business –

A) Request of Coin Drop for Aldrich Public Library.

Library Executive Director Karen Lane said the Library Trustees are requesting to hold a coin drop on October 25th from 9:00 AM – noon on Washington Street near the library. Mayor Lauzon said approval is contingent upon coordinating with the Police Department to ensure safety. Council approved the coin drop on motion of Councilor Poirier, seconded by Councilor Herring. **Motion carried.**

B) Civic Center Complex Tour.

Mayor Lauzon said Council would take the tour after the close of the meeting.

Round Table – NONE

The Council meeting adjourned at 7:36 PM on motion of Councilor Poirier, 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