

**Regular Meeting of the Barre City Council  
Held April 28, 2015**

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, Councilors Charles Dindo and Paul Poirier (arrived 7:02 PM); from Ward II, Councilors Michael Boutin and Michael Smith; and from Ward III, Councilors Anita Chadderton and Lucas Herring (arrived 7:42 PM). Also in attendance were City Manager Steven Mackenzie and Clerk/Treasurer Carolyn Dawes.

**Absent:** NONE

**Adjustments to the Agenda:** Mayor Lauzon said there would be some adjustments in the order of agenda items to accommodate our speakers and guests.

**Approval of Consent Agenda:**

Council approved the following consent agenda items on motion of Councilor Smith, seconded by Councilor Dindo. **Motion carried.**

- Minutes of the following meetings:
  - Regular meeting of April 21, 2015
- Approval of the City Warrants as presented.
- 2015 Licenses & Permits issued through the clerk's office: NONE

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

- Green Up bags are available in the Clerk's office, and will be available in front of Spaulding High School on Green Up Day.
- Fourth quarter property taxes are due by May 15<sup>th</sup>.

Councilor Poirier arrived during the Clerk's report.

**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>
Christine Farnham	19 Marcell Avenue

**Liquor Control** – Council approved the following liquor license renewals on motion of Councilor Smith, seconded by Councilor Dindo. **Motion carried with Councilor Boutin voting against.**

<u>Establishment</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>License</u>
Espresso Bueno	248 N. Main Street	1 <sup>st</sup> class
Positive Pie	219 N. Main Street	1 <sup>st</sup> class
American Legion	320 N. Main Street	Outside Consumption Permit

**City Manager's Report** – Manager Mackenzie reported on the following:

- The Hilltop Avenue structures are down, and the Manager is working on the closeout of the project so the City can receive the reimbursement funding.
- The Enterprise Aly project goes out to bid on May 1<sup>st</sup>, with the bid opening on May 29<sup>th</sup>.
- The yard waste drop off schedule is posted on the City website.

There was discussion about possible replacement of the tower truck. Mayor Lauzon said the City is discussing the issue with Montpelier in light of the Central Vermont Public Safety Authority, and is looking into possibilities of sharing a tower truck or entering into an arrangement to have the Montpelier Fire Department provide tower truck services to the City.

Councilor Chadderton said there is still a need for stop signs on Foster Street. Manager Mackenzie said he will look into it.

**Visitors & Communications – NONE**

**Old Business – NONE**

**A) Enterprise Aly Project Easements & Lease Authorizations.**

- **Miscellaneous Easements – Murphy Real Company (People’s United Bank)**
- **State of Vermont / WACR Lease**

Council approved the Murphy easement on motion of Councilor Smith, seconded by Councilor Dindo.  
**Motion carried.**

Mayor Lauzon said he would support approval of the redline version of the Washington County Railroad lease as drafted by the Manager and City Attorney. Council approved the redline version of the lease contingent upon VTRANS accepting the recommended revisions on motion of Councilor Smith, seconded by Councilor Dindo. **Motion carried.**

**New Business –**

**B) Update from Mathewson Playground Committee.**

Committee members Chris Russo-Fraysier, Ellen Sivret, Nizzy Bascom and Rosemary Averill told the Council about the history of the playground, past funding and work done beginning in the 1980’s. The playground received funds from the Semprebon Bequest Fund to clean and repair the retaining wall, replace the perimeter fence and the asphalt surface. The Committee is now raising matching funds for a grant to replace the play structure, install safety mats, and to replace some fencing and guardrails.

**A) Zoning Change Approval for the Members Advantage Community Credit Union.**

Zoning Administrator Janet Shatney, Planning Commission chair Jackie Calder and MACCU VP of Operations Stacey Benoit reviewed the proposed zoning change. Ms. Calder said the Planning Commission recommends the Council approve it. Mayor Lauzon said the change is consistent with the City master plan. There was discussion about making permanent changes to the City zoning maps, and the Credit Union’s plans for the structure on the property.

Council approved the zoning change on motion of Councilor Chadderton, seconded by Councilor Dindo.  
**Motion carried.**

**C) Friends of the Winooski – Overview of Stormwater Reduction Projects in Barre.**

Ann Smith, executive director of the Friends of the Winooski, gave an update on the stormwater infrastructure project, which is moving into a more advanced review stage. Mayor Lauzon requested a list of the sites being investigated and the sites recommended for advanced investigation.

Ms Smith said FW is working on developing a Park Street Neighborhood Stormwater Master Plan. This is a steep area with stormwater runoff problems. The plan will identify areas for possible mitigation, and will work with private property owners to develop plans and seek funding.

Ms. Smith said FW is also working with the Pouliot Avenue neighborhood to address issues related to stormwater outfall and erosion with an eye toward developing a similar master plan for the area.

Ms. Smith said they have received an education and outreach grant and will be doing some neighborhood education in the Park Street area, including developing maps and walking tours.

There was a discussion about working on multi-jurisdictional projects, best practices and creation of a City

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stormwater department.

Councilor Herring arrived during the preceding discussion.

**E) Review of VGM Ecological Restoration and 2015 Opening Plans.**

VGM executive director Scott McLaughlin and board member Patty Meriam gave a PowerPoint presentation on the museum's plans to improve its green space and play space, including the development of a multi-use path system. Mr. McLaughlin said the museum will be open Wednesdays through Saturdays this summer, beginning in June. Mr. McLaughlin and Ms. Meriam will give the Council a tour next Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 5:45 PM.

**D) Discussion &/or Approval of CVCLT/Downstreet Parking Lease Agreement (Ormsby Lot).**

Mayor Lauzon said he is working on a final draft of the lease agreement, and will have it on next week's agenda for consideration.

**F) NIMS Adoption.**

Council adopted the National Incident Management System to be signed by the Mayor on motion of Councilor Herring, seconded by Councilor Smith. **Motion carried.**

**G) Enterprise Aly Project – Service Agreement Approvals**

- a. **Environmental Consulting Services (ECS) – Prep. of Construction & Operations Phase SSQAPP.**
- b. **D&K/ECS Bid Phase Agreement.**

Council adopted the ECS SSQAPP on motion of Councilor Smith, seconded by Councilor Herring. **Motion carried.**

The Manager said the bid phase agreement is not ready for consideration, and will be back in two weeks.

**H) Enterprise Aly – Authorization of \$96,000 Allocation from Semprebon Bequest Bike Path Reserve.**

Council approved the allocation on motion of Councilor Chadderton, seconded by Councilor Smith. **Motion carried.**

**Round Table –**

Councilor Chadderton reminded everyone to drive carefully and be on the lookout for children on bicycles.

Councilor Dindo reminded everyone of the yard waste drop off schedule available on the City website.

Councilors reminded people of this Saturday's Green Up Day and the Thunder Road car show and parade.

Mayor Lauzon said he has received compliments on how well the City staff keeps the City looking.

**Executive Session: NONE**

The Council meeting adjourned at 8:49 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