

**Regular Meeting of the Barre City Council
Held June 23, 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, Councilor Charles Dindo; from Ward II, Councilors Michael Boutin and Michael Smith; and from Ward III, Councilors Anita Chadderton and Lucas Herring. Also in attendance were City Manager Steven Mackenzie and Clerk/Treasurer Carolyn Dawes.

Absent: From Ward I, Councilor Paul Poirier.

Adjustments to the Agenda: NONE.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

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 on June 16, 2015.
- City Warrants as presented.
- 2015 Licenses & Permits issued through the clerk's office:
 - Entertainment License:
 - Rock Fire at Vermont Granite Museum, Friday, June 26th from 7:00 – 11:00 PM
 - Food Establishment License:
 - Coco Mart Inc dba Jiffy Mart, 346 N. Main St.
 - Food Vending License:
 - The Ice Cream Man – Mr. Ding-a-Ling, ice cream truck
 - Heney Realtors, giving out food & drinks for free at concerts in Currier Park
 - Commercial Swimming Pool License:
 - Quality Inn, Krishna LLC, 175 South Main Street

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

- Water/sewer payments are due by June 30th.
- Parking amnesty program is in effect. Pay off the base amount of tickets and the late penalties will be waived.
- The unlicensed dog list will be turned over for enforcement. The Clerk will work with the Police Chief to determine whether the animal control officer or the first constable will handle enforcement.

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

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Address</u>
Bradley McAvoy & Jill Draper	85 Country Way
Spaulding Union High School	155 Ayers Street
Sexual Assault Crisis Team	4 Cottage Street
TJM Green Mountain Inc.	78 Elm Street
Lyman Amsden, trustee	50 Brook Street
Sidewalk Village LLC	136 North Main Street
Darlene Alexander	11 Westwood Parkway
Irvin & Josephine Sayman	20 Vine Street
Sherry Blake	61 Warren Street

Liquor Control – Council approved a Request to Cater Permit application from Moog’s Place for a reception at ACCUWORX on Monday, June 29th from 3:00 – 10:00 PM on motion of Councilor Dindo, seconded by Councilor Smith. **Motion carried with Councilor Boutin abstaining.**

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

- The auditors will be here next week for presentation of the FY14 audit.
- The municipal pool opened yesterday for the season.
- The Enterprise Aly project began yesterday. Ground breaking is scheduled for Monday, June 29th. The preferred detour route is Summer Street.
- The selection committee unanimously supported the final candidate for the City Planner position. The Manager will mail out an offer letter.
- The Manager and Cpt. Cetin met with the St. Johnsbury city manager to share information on vacant buildings.

Mayor Lauzon asked Chief Bombardier if the code enforcement department cross references registered vacant buildings to ensure compliance with City ordinance. The Chief said he will confirm.

Visitors & Communications – NONE

Old Business – NONE

New Business –

A) Introduction of the Bike Patrol Personnel (Bees).

Members of this summer’s bike patrol introduced themselves and explained why they are interested in this line of work:

- Hunter D’Agostino
- Connor Moore
- Markella “Markie” Delude
- Amos Gaylord

Council welcomed them and wished them a good and safe summer.

B) Presentation, Review and Discussion of Fire Department Tower Truck Quotes.

Chief Bombardier and Deputy Fire Chief Joe Aldsworth reviewed their memo and noted that their #1 choice for truck selection has been sold and is no longer available. Mayor Lauzon said he is disappointed by HME/Lakes Region for selling the truck during what is supposed to be a 30 day option period according to the RFP. The Chief reviewed the matrix of bids received and noted the top four choices, including the truck that is no longer available.

There was discussion about warranty options, no estimates received for rebuilding the stabilizers on the current truck, the life expectancy of a new truck, and delivery dates.

Mayor Lauzon asked the Chief to contact the president of HME and ask if they will honor their bid. If not, it would jeopardize the City’s future relationship with the company.

There was continued discussion about the limited options for used equipment, length of the aerial ladder, and the effect on the City’s ISO rating.

Mayor Lauzon asked the Chief and Deputy Chief to revise their matrix to rank all the submissions, and to include additional information on ownership costs and expenses to maintain.

C) Resolution #2015-05: Approval of FY2016 Tax Anticipation Note documents.

Council approved the resolution on motion of Councilor Herring, seconded by Councilor Smith. **Motion carried.**

D) Approval of Allonge – 90 day extension for Spillway Repair Current Expense Note.

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

E) Final FY16 Budget Presentation.

This item is deferred.

F) Policy Discussion and/or Adoption re: Excessive Water Bills.

Manager Mackenzie reviewed his memo and recommendation for a policy related to requests for abatement of excessive water bills. Mayor Lauzon said it makes sense to have requests originate with the Manager, who can then bring them to the Council for consideration. There was discussion on managing the number of abatement requests per property, circumstances that would justify an abatement or pro-ration, and possibilities for retroactive relief.

With regards to the two abatement requests the Manager brought to the Council's attention this evening, he will calculate the proposed pro-rations and bring the information back for consideration at next week's meeting. It was noted that late penalties and interest do not accrue while a bill is under appeal.

Round Table:

Councilor Dindo reminded people to lock their houses and cars, and to keep anything valuable in your car out of sight.

Councilor Boutin said the Heritage Festival is just over a month away and letters are out for potential vendors and parade participants.

Councilor Smith reminded everyone of the Wednesday events in Barre City, and this weekend's RockFire events in Barre City and Barre Town.

Councilor Herring said the Heritage Festival organizers will come before Council in the near future with a presentation on this year's schedule of events.

Mayor Lauzon said the City and Metro Development have signed ownership of the locomotive over to the Vermont Granite Museum. It will be moved to the museum grounds later this summer.

Executive Session:

Councilor Smith made the motion to find that premature general public knowledge of litigation issues to be discussed would clearly place the City of Barre at a substantial disadvantage should the discussion be public. The motion was seconded by Councilor Boutin. **Motion carried.**

Council went into executive session at 8:47 PM under the provisions of 1 VSA sec. 313 to discuss litigation on motion of Councilor Herring, seconded by Councilor Smith. **Motion carried.**

Manager Mackenzie was invited into the executive session.

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Council came out of executive session at 9:15 PM on motion of Councilor Herring, seconded by Councilor Smith. **Motion carried.**

No action was taken.

The Council meeting adjourned at 9:15 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

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