

**Regular Meeting of the Barre City Council
Held May 13, 2013**

The Regular Meeting of the Barre City Council was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Thomas Lauzon. In attendance were: From Ward I, Councilor Charles Dindo; and Ward II, Councilors Michael Boutin and Michael Smith. Also in attendance were City Manager Steven Mackenzie and Clerk/Treasurer Carolyn Dawes.

Approval of Consent Agenda: Council approved the following consent agenda items as presented on motion of Councilor Herring, seconded by Councilor Smith. **Motion carried.**

- Minutes of the following meeting:
 - Special Meeting of May 6, 2013
 - Regular Meeting of May 7, 2013
- Approval of the City Warrants as presented.
- 2013 Licenses & Permits issued through the clerk's office: NONE

The City Clerk and Treasurer Report – Clerk Dawes made the following announcements:

- Polls for the May 14, 2013 Special Meeting election will be open at the auditorium tomorrow from 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM.
- Dog licenses are still available in the Clerk's office.
- Fourth quarter property taxes are due by May 15, 2013.
- Charter changes approved by the voters at the May 2012 special election have been approved by the legislature. They were effective upon passage.

Mayor Lauzon said, in light of the charter changes, he would entertain a motion to forever refer to Councilor Boutin as Alderman Boutin. That motion was made by Councilor Smith, seconded by Councilor Dindo. **Motion carried.**

Approval of Building Permits – NONE

Liquor Control Board – NONE

City Manager's Report –

Manager Mackenzie reported on the following:

- Attended meetings on/with: community budget forum; old police station renovations; bike path meeting; Opera House facilities planning meeting; BADC; Barre Town Manager Carl Rogers.
- Big Dig paving is still on schedule to be done this week.
- Cemetery paving bids were received and will come to Council for consideration at next week's meeting.
- The burn ban has been lifted.
- The 2013 Grand Prix bike races are this Sunday, May 19th.
- The City will host a yard debris drop off on Saturday, May 25th from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM at the auditorium parking lot.

Visitors & Communications – NONE

Old Business – NONE

New Business –

A) Review Application of DRB Candidate Gwynn Zakov.

Council approved appointing Ms. Zakov to the Development Review Board on motion of Alderman Boutin, seconded by Councilor Dindo. **Motion carried.**

B) Swimming Pool ADA Accessibility Lift.

Manager Mackenzie said Recreation Director Stephanie Quaranta is expecting additional bids for the lift, so this item will be deferred until next week.

C) Fiscal Year 2013 Street Reconstruction Completion Update.

City Engineer Reg Abare updated the Council on the four streets remaining on the FY13 street paving list, and talked about other street and sidewalk work on the schedule for this year. Mayor Lauzon said the price of asphalt has gone down since last year, and requested that Mr. Abare talk with Pike about the current contract, and see if the cost of asphalt can be adjusted. Manager Mackenzie said the Citizens Budget Committee is reviewing the FY14 capital needs and budget, including the additional street and sidewalk work mentioned by Mr. Abare, and will be coming to Council with a recommendation.

D) Award Misc. Bituminous Concrete Bid.

Mr. Abare reviewed the two bids received for the calendar year miscellaneous paving needs, and recommended Council award the contract to low bidder Johnson Paving. Mayor Lauzon said he is conflicted out from voting on this item, and with only three other Councilors available this evening to vote, this item will need to be deferred to next week.

E) Coin Drop Request for Relay for Life.

Clerk Dawes reviewed the coin drop request received from Ruthie Adams on behalf of her Relay for Life team. There was discussion about the City's coin drop policy, including the number of drops allowed within a certain number of weeks and per year, and the coin drops already approved for the year. Manager Mackenzie said last weekend's scheduled firefighter coin drop to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association was canceled because of bad weather and needs to be rescheduled. Council approved the coin drop with no specific date, and asked the Manager to work with the organizations to schedule the drops in accordance with the policy, on motion of Alderman Boutin, seconded by Councilor Smith. **Motion carried.**

F) National Peace Keepers Memorial Day.

Mayor Lauzon reviewed the schedule for the National Peace Keepers Memorial Day ceremony on May 15th, at the Youth Triumphant memorial beginning at 1:00 PM.

Round Table –

Mayor Lauzon and members of the Council encouraged people to come out and vote at tomorrow's special meeting election.

Councilor Dindo said he recently traveled the bike path, and there are a couple areas that need to be re-paved. Manager Mackenzie said it's on the list to be done this year.

Council adjourned at 7:52 PM on motion of Councilor Smith, seconded by Alderman Boutin. **Motion carried.**

An audio recording of the meeting is available through the Clerk's Office.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn S. Dawes, City Clerk