

**Regular Meeting of the Barre City Council  
Held October 22, 2013**

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; from Ward II, Alderman Michael Boutin and Councilor Michael Smith; 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 Smith, seconded by Councilor Dindo. **Motion carried.**

- Minutes of the following meetings:
  - Regular Meeting of October 15, 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 reported on the following:

- Early and Absentee ballots are available for the November 5<sup>th</sup> special election. The last day to register to vote in the November election is Wednesday, October 30<sup>th</sup> by 5:00 PM. The Board of Civic Authority will hold its pre-election meeting on Thursday, October 31<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 PM.
- Second quarter property taxes are due by November 15<sup>th</sup>.
- The link to accept credit card payments for property taxes is up on the City website

**Approval of Building Permits** – NONE

**Liquor Control Board** –

Council approved moving the Espresso Bueno 2<sup>nd</sup> class liquor license from its former location at 136 North Main Street to its new location at 248 North Main Street on motion of Councilor Chadderton, seconded by Councilor Herring. **Motion carried with Alderman Boutin abstaining.**

**City Manager's Report** – Manager Mackenzie announced the following:

- The bases for the new City Hall Park flag poles have been poured. The poles are scheduled to be installed on Friday of this week.
- The City of Barre has made arrangements with the Town of Barre to allow City residents to use the Town yard waste drop-off site over the next 1 ½ weekends. The information is posted on the City website, on Front Porch Forum and will run several times in the Times Argus.
- The Manager reminded everyone of the Legends of Rock concert at the auditorium on October 26<sup>th</sup>. The concert benefits the Civic Center.

**Visitors & Communications** – NONE

**Old Business** – NONE

**New Business** –

**A) Status Update on BOR Mold Remediation Efforts.**

Facilities Director Jeff Bergeron and representatives from Limelite Restorations Grant Stetler and Kevin King gave an update on the remediation efforts. Mr. Bergeron said the current schedule is to have the BOR turned back over to the City on November 15<sup>th</sup>. He will then have two shifts working on making ice, with an anticipated opening date of November 22<sup>nd</sup>. The City has applied for three grants to help fund the remediation work. Mr. King explained the process and said they are on schedule to meet the

November 15<sup>th</sup> deadline. There was discussion about dehumidifiers, exhaust fans, cupolas and sensors; how long it may have taken for the mold condition to be created; air exchangers for the locker rooms; annual inspections and preventative maintenance; and air quality testing at the end of the remediation process. One of the large heaters/dryers that were used to dry out the BOR before the remediation work began is being used occasionally during the rest of the process. The anticipated final cost is approximately \$200,000.

**B) T.I.F. Presentation.**

City Planner Michael Miller gave a presentation on the Barre City Tax Increment Finance (TIF) district and the upcoming special meeting election on November 5<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Miller explained how TIF works, what private development has been identified and what public improvements are planned for the area.

There was discussion about a campaign to educate the voters, developing a flyer and collateral pieces to be dropped off door-to-door, making additional presentations in the days leading up to the vote, and the relationship between tax stabilizations and the TIF plan. Mayor Lauzon said a flyer and collateral pieces will be available by Monday.

**C) Unanticipated Capital Expenses Financing Proposal.**

Manager Mackenzie said he and Clerk/Treasurer Dawes are pulling the information together, and this item will be deferred at least one week.

**D) FY14 Streets/Capital Budgets Allocations**

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**Round Table –**

Councilor Herring said the IT committee met yesterday for a presentation on social media. He reminded everyone of the spook house running at the Granite Museum this weekend.

Alderman Boutin said the Justice Center is holding a workshop tomorrow evening on keeping your property and neighborhood safe.

Councilor Dindo said the crews doing paving throughout the City are doing a great job.

Council went into executive session at 8:42 PM to discuss legal, personnel and contract issues on motion of Alderman Boutin, seconded by Councilor Smith. **Motion carried.**

Manager Mackenzie and Clerk/Treasurer Dawes were invited into the executive session.

Council came out of executive session at 8:55 PM on motion of Councilor Poirier, seconded by Alderman Boutin. **Motion carried.**

Council adjourned at 8:55 PM on motion of Councilor Smith, seconded by Herring. **Motion carried.**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn S. Dawes, City Clerk