

**Regular Meeting of the Barre City Council
Held June 24, 2014**

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 Paul Poirier; from Ward II, Councilor Michael Boutin; and from Ward III, Councilors Anita Chadderton (arrived 7:03 PM) 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 Herring, seconded by Councilor Boutin. **Motion carried.**

- Minutes of the following meetings:
 - Regular Meeting of June 17, 2014
- Approval of the City Warrants as presented.
- 2014 Licenses & Permits issued through the clerk's office: NONE

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

- The vote on the revised school budget is Monday, June 30th. Early/Absentee ballots are available at the Clerk's office. Polls at the auditorium will be open June 30th from 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM.
- The deadline for registering to vote and participate in next week's election is June 25th by 5:00 PM.
- Water/sewer bills are due by June 30th.
- The window for assessment grievances is now open. Grievance requests must be received by the assessor's office in writing no later than 1:00 PM on Wednesday, June 25th.

Approval of Building Permits –

Council approved the following building permits on motion of Councilor Herring, seconded by Councilor Boutin. **Motion carried.**

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Address</u>
Michele Downer	4 Crescent Street
Miles & Heather Silk	5 Beech Street

Liquor Control –

Clerk Dawes said there are new owners for the Green Mountain Tavern on Keith Avenue, now known as the Alley Cat. As per Council policy, they will attend next week's meeting to meet the Council.

City Manager's Report –

Manager Mackenzie reported on the following:

- Gave an update on filling the Planning Director and Director of Public Works vacancies. The vacancies are expected to be filled and the new people on board by August 1st.
- Met with the cemetery committee.
- Will be meeting with the Enterprise Aly design team to review the plans to date.
- Attended an EPA new grantee training in Boston last week.
- The City's ACCD application for \$1 million in support of the Enterprise Aly project has been submitted.
- Negotiations began on the Steelworkers contract.
- The Vermont Granite Museum annual meeting is June 25th at 5:30 PM.

Visitors & Communications –

Hill Street resident Eric Tuper-Giles requested permission to close Hilltop Avenue for a block party on Saturday, July 19th, from noon – 8:00 PM. Mr. Tuper-Giles said all the neighbors in the area have been notified of the date, and will be invited to the party. He said the party will be limited to those living in the neighborhood and those within walking distance so as to avoid parking problems.

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Council approved the request subject to input and conditions from the Police Department on motion of Councilor Poirier, seconded by Councilor Herring. **Motion carried.**

Clerk Dawes said previous similar requests have included the restriction that alcohol is prohibited from being consumed on City streets.

Old Business – NONE

New Business –

A) IT Committee Appointment.

IT Chair Lucas Herring read a letter from Aldrich Library director Karen Lane, recommending appointment of Lee Bonamico to the committee. Ms. Bonamico expressed her interest in serving.

Council appointed Ms. Bonamico to the IT Committee on motion of Councilor Herring, seconded by Councilor Chadderton. **Motion carried.**

B) Council Workshops and Summer Meeting Schedule.

Mayor Lauzon said Council will meet weekly through July and every other week in August. Next week's meeting will be a mix of regular Council business and a work session on the potential reorganization of the Department of Public Works. Council will hold a similar work session on the public safety departments and other City departments on Tuesday, July 15th. That meeting will not be televised. Mayor Lauzon requested that Special Project Manager Pat McDonald report on the reorganization of the Facilities, Recreation and Cemeteries & Parks Departments at the July 29th meeting.

C) Policy Discussion Regarding Teleconferencing.

Councilor Boutin said he would like to discuss adopting a policy for Councilors to participate in meetings electronically. There was discussion about changes in the Vermont Open Meeting Laws, limiting the number of meetings someone could participate electronically, and use of electronic participation to meet quorum requirements. Mayor Lauzon and Councilor Poirier said they do not support voting electronically. Mayor Lauzon asked Clerk Dawes to research a procedural question about the Council's authority to adopt a policy that differs from state law.

D) Resolution #2014-10: Community National Bank Tax Anticipation Note Documents.

Clerk Dawes reviewed the CNB TAN documents. Council approved the resolution and documents on motion of Councilor Herring, seconded by Councilor Chadderton. **Motion carried.**

E) Resolution #2014-11: Merchant's Bank Current Expense Note Documents.

Clerk Dawes reviewed the MB CEN documents. Council approved the resolution and documents on motion of Councilor Chadderton, seconded by Councilor Boutin. **Motion carried.**

Round Table –

Councilor Herring reminded everyone of the Barre Partnership Community Ambassador volunteer program kickoff event on Saturday at the Elks Club.

Mayor Lauzon and Councilor Poirier encouraged people to vote in support of the school budget to keep Barre City moving forward.

Mayor Lauzon reported on the Central Vermont Community Land Trust Summer Street Center project, and said most of the funding is now in place and construction will likely begin in the spring. He reported on attending the Community Development Block Grant award ceremony in Milton on Friday and the ReSource event on Saturday. There is a party at Capstone Community Action – formerly Central Vermont Community

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Action Council – this Friday evening.

Mayor Lauzon said he has been doing research on hotel & motel ordinances and in August he will be presenting a draft ordinance to license hotels and motels.

The Council meeting adjourned at 7:56 PM on motion of Councilor Herring, 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

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