

**Regular Meeting of the Barre City Council  
Held October 14, 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, Councilors Charles Dindo and Paul Poirier; 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 City Clerk/Treasurer Carolyn Dawes.

Absent: NONE

**Adjustments to the Agenda** – Mayor Lauzon said presentation of an additional mayoral proclamation will be added to the first item under new business.

**Approval of Consent Agenda:**

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

- Minutes of the following meetings:
  - Regular Meeting of October 7, 2014
- Approval of the City Warrants as presented. Clerk Dawes noted check #109603 has been voided and was not to be included in the approval.
- 2014 Licenses & Permits issued through the clerk’s office:
  - Entertainment License:
    - Barre Lions Club annual haunted house at Vermont Granite Museum, October 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>. Councilor Herring noted he is a member of the VGM board.
  - Parade Permit:
    - Barre Area Veteran’s Council annual Veteran’s Day Parade, Monday, November 10<sup>th</sup> beginning at 10:30 AM.

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

- Early/absentee voting is available for the November General Election.
- Public skating begins next week on October 21<sup>st</sup>.

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

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Address</u>
Michael Grandbois	28 Bridgeman Street
Steven & Heidi Setien	23 Cable Street
Capital Candy Co. Inc.	32 & 36 Burnham Street (2 permits)
Kathleen McDonald	16 George Street

**Liquor Control** – NONE

**City Manager’s Report** –

Manager Mackenzie reported on the following:

- A water conservation order has been issued for tomorrow as the contractor will be switching from the old West Cobble Hill trestle water main to the new main. The order is in effect from 6:00 AM – 4:00 PM.
- Closing on the Keith Avenue and Pearl Street Ormsby properties is scheduled for tomorrow.
- Fall yard waste drop off schedule begins this weekend.

- Council will tour the West Cobble Hill water main project and Wheelock House property this Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 8:00 AM.

**Visitors & Communications –**

Daniel Currier, GIS manager for Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission, talked about the VT Economic Resiliency Initiative and the upcoming public forum on Gunners Brook and flood mitigation. The public forum is on October 27<sup>th</sup> at 6PM at the Aldrich Library. The program helps identify how a community recovers from flooding through mitigation of risks and management of flood waters.

Mayor Lauzon said in light of the Ebola cases in other parts of the country, he will be brushing up on contagious disease protocols.

**Old Business – NONE**

**New Business –**

**A) Recognition of Eagle Scout Joseph Hutchinson.**

Clerk Dawes read the mayoral proclamation for Eagle Scout Hutchinson. Council adopted the proclamation on motion of Councilor Boutin, seconded by Councilor Herring. **Motion carried.**

Clerk Dawes read a mayoral proclamation declaring November 1, 2014 as Extra Mile Day in the City of Barre as part of the national Extra Mile Day program.

**B) Request for Free Parking.**

Downtown merchant/Barre Partnership past president Bob Nelson requested that Council waive parking fees for the holiday season from November 1<sup>st</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup>. There was discussion about what has been done in the past and the Toys for Tickets program.

Council approved implementing the same free parking and Toys for Tickets programs as last year on motion of Councilor Smith, seconded by Councilor Herring. **Motion carried.**

Mr. Nelson updated the Council on upcoming Barre Partnership projects. He said the Partnership is currently searching for a new executive director. Mayor Lauzon said the position could possibly be coupled with the civic center marketing position the City is looking to fill. Manager Mackenzie said the City is in discussions with the Barre Opera House about partnering on the position. The Manager will pass the suggestion along to Special Project Manager Pat McDonald.

**C) Discussion of Window Judging.**

Mr. Nelson said the Partnership will be coming to the Councilors to ask them to serve as judges for this year's holiday window display contest.

**D) U-Turn Ordinance Revision – Review of Proposed Revision for Scheduling First Reading.**

Clerk Dawes reviewed the draft language. There was discussion about what statute allows and prohibits, and what Council would like included in the ordinance. The Clerk will rework the draft and bring it back for Council review at next week's meeting.

**E) Barre City Resolution #2014-21: Authorizing Termination of Agreement Between Barre Senior Citizens Club, Inc. and City of Barre, and Acceptance of Quitclaim Deed.**

Mayor Lauzon reviewed the recent history of the Senior Center's occupancy at the Wheelock House at 135 North Main Street, and its decision to relocate. The Mayor said at their meeting last week, the Senior Center board adopted a resolution relinquishing its rights to the building and terminating its agreement with the City. Clerk Dawes read the City's resolution. Council approved the resolution on motion of

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Councilor Herring, seconded by Councilor Smith. **Motion carried.**

Mayor Lauzon said the Senior Center is scheduled to begin moving out on November 1<sup>st</sup>. The Mayor said the City will assume full control and responsibility for the building on November 1<sup>st</sup>, but will give the Senior Center until December 31<sup>st</sup> to vacate the property.

**Round Table –**

Councilor Poirier said there will be a candidates forum at the Elks Club on October 22<sup>nd</sup>. Featured will be the Barre City and Barre Town candidates for state representative.

Councilor Smith said the Central Vermont Public Safety Authority board met last week. A resolution will be coming to Council next week for approval.

Councilor Dindo thanked the Manager for installing the stop signs on Circle, Hale and Hill Streets.

Manager Mackenzie said he needed an executive session to discuss contract negotiations and litigation, and said premature public discussion of the items would put the City at a substantial disadvantage. Councilor Chadderton made the motion to find in favor of the Manager's recommendation, seconded by Councilor Herring. **Motion carried with Councilor Boutin voting against.**

At 8:00 PM Council went into executive session pursuant to 1 VSA §313(a)(1)(A) to discuss contract negotiations and litigation on motion of Councilor Dindo, seconded by Councilor Herring. **Motion carried.**

Manager Mackenzie was invited into the executive session.

Council came out of executive session at 8:28 PM on motion of Councilor Dindo, seconded by Councilor Herring. **Motion carried.**

No action was taken.

The Council meeting adjourned at 8:28 PM on motion of Councilor Dindo, seconded by Councilor Herring. **Motion carried.**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn S. Dawes, City Clerk