

**Regular Meeting of the Barre City Council  
Held April 7, 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:** Councilor Paul Poirier, Ward I.

**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 of March 31, 2015
- Approval of the City Warrants as presented.
- 2015 Licenses & Permits issued through the clerk's office: NONE

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

- There were 427 dogs licensed through the April 1<sup>st</sup> deadline. Letters will go out to those who have not yet renewed their dog licenses.
- One property is scheduled for tax sale on April 15<sup>th</sup>.
- The Clerk is working on the annual unclaimed property report, which is due to the State Treasurer's office by May 1<sup>st</sup>.
- The Clerk is working on the application for the \$2.2 million TIF bond, which is due to the Municipal Bond Bank by May 15<sup>th</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>
Maureen Morton	44 Park Street
Zachary & Kristen Weiss	29 Warren Street
Timberlake Associates LLP	377 N. Main Street

**Liquor Control** – Council approved the following liquor license renewals on motion of Councilor Herring, seconded by Councilor Dindo. **Motion carried with Councilor Boutin abstaining.**

<u>Establishment</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>License</u>
Central Market	50 Summer Street	2 <sup>nd</sup> class
Cornerstone Pub & Kitchen	47 N. Main Street	1 <sup>st</sup> class

The Clerk said there are two license renewal applications that have not yet been received. She spoke with the applicants, who assure her the applications will be turned in for the April 21<sup>st</sup> meeting at the latest.

**City Manager's Report** – Manager Mackenzie reported on the following:

- Held the second Enterprise Aly project abutters meeting this afternoon. Representatives of all abutters were present. The plan is to have easement documents out in the very near future.
- The house at 15 Hilltop Avenue has been demolished, and 21 Hilltop will be done next. The two

plots will ultimately be turned forever green as a condition of the FEMA funding. The neighbors are possibly interested in maintaining these pocket parks.

- The engineers have been in town this week working on the traffic signals.

#### **Visitors & Communications –**

Mayor Lauzon and Public Safety Chief Tim Bombardier spoke about this morning's press conference on the pending release of sex offender Richard Laws into the central Vermont community. At the press conference, representatives from the area police departments, sheriff's department, state police, state's attorney, Vermont Department of Corrections and area service providers spoke of the release scheduled for this Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, and the plans to keep the community safe.

#### **Old Business – NONE**

#### **New Business –**

##### **A) Heritage Festival Coin Drop Request.**

Council approved the Heritage Festival request for a coin drop on June 20<sup>th</sup> on motion of Councilor Boutin, seconded by Councilor Dindo. **Motion carried.**

##### **B) Project Graduation May 2<sup>nd</sup> Coin Drop Request.**

Council approved the Project Graduation request for a coin drop on May 2<sup>nd</sup> on motion of Councilor Chadderton, seconded by Councilor Herring. **Motion carried.**

##### **C) Confirmation of Delegate to Central Vermont Public Safety Authority.**

Mayor Lauzon said the City received two letters of interest, however one of those expressing interest had withdrawn. The Mayor said the name in front of the Council for consideration is Martin Prevost. There was a brief discussion about Mr. Prevost's prior service to the Barre community. Council approved appointing Mr. Prevost to the Central Vermont Public Safety Authority as the second Barre City representative, serving a 2 year term, on motion of Councilor Boutin, seconded by Councilor Dindo. **Motion carried.**

##### **D) DOJ Grant Application Approval, a Collaborative Partnership with WCMH and BCPD.**

Chief Tim Bombardier said the grant would allow expansion of services being offered by the City and Washington County Mental Health to people coming out of incarceration. The grant would allow the creation of a resource center in the WCMH building on Summer Street, and would work with the currently underserved population of people who need substance abuse treatment and counseling. Any matching fund requirements will be met in-kind. Part of the grant will go towards data collection of measurable results.

Council approved applying for the grant on motion of Councilor Smith, seconded by Councilor Dindo. **Motion carried.**

##### **E) Demonstration Follow-Up Report.**

Mayor Lauzon reviewed the discussion a couple weeks ago about a recent newspaper article that included information about alleged police officer behavior towards a demonstrator in the downtown. The Manager said he invited the demonstrator to attend this evening's meeting, but she declined. Chief Bombardier reported on his investigation into the situation. The Chief said he spoke with the demonstrator and the two officers involved and has come to the conclusion that the officers were doing their jobs in reporting activities in the downtown. Chief Bombardier said there was no complaint from the demonstrator.

There was a discussion about officers taking pictures in the normal course of their duties, what pictures get sent to the Chief, how long he retains the pictures, and what the public records retention requirements

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are for photos or emails.

Hearing no further discussion or questions, Mayor Lauzon said the matter is closed.

**F) Approval of Semprebon Annuity and TIF Budget Allocations to Enterprise Aly Project.**

Council reviewed the chart of funds available in the Semprebon VCF Trust Account and the funding request from Manager Mackenzie.

Councilor Herring made the following motion:

“I move that in support of advancing the Enterprise Aly Remediation and Redevelopment project, the Council authorize the following additional local funding allocations:

1. \$100,000 from the TIF Bond Contingency Budget
2. \$100,000 from the current Semprebon VCF Trust Account Balance
3. Annual allocations of \$10,000 from future Semprebon VCF Trust proceeds up to \$50,000.

These additional funds are intended to support project improvements on the private property components of the project.”

The motion was seconded by Councilor Dindo. **Motion carried.**

**Round Table –**

Councilor Dindo said the Bike Path Committee is scheduled to meet tomorrow evening. He noted that WDEV praised the Civic Center staff during the recent job fair at the auditorium.

Councilor Smith said the Central Vermont Public Safety Authority has received several applications for the Executive Director position and will begin reviewing the applications in the near future.

Councilor Herring said the Recreation Committee met last week to talk about the egg hunt and to finalize summer recreation programs.

**Executive Session: NONE**

The Council meeting adjourned at 8:03 PM on motion of Councilor Herring, seconded by Councilor Chadderton. **Motion carried.**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn S. Dawes, City Clerk