

**Regular Meeting of the Barre City Council
Held May 5, 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, Councilors Charles Dindo and Paul Poirier; from Ward II, Councilors Michael Boutin and Michael Smith; and from Ward III, Councilor Lucas Herring. Also in attendance were City Manager Steven Mackenzie and Clerk/Treasurer Carolyn Dawes.

Absent: From Ward III, Councilor Anita Chadderton.

Adjustments to the Agenda: NONE

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 April 28, 2015. Clerk Dawes noted a correction in vote under liquor control. Manager Mackenzie noted corrections in the ECS action item and the Enterprise Aly/Bike Path allocation action item. Minutes were approved as corrected.
- 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:

- Fourth quarter property taxes are due by May 15th.

Clerk Dawes called the Council's attention to the memo from Studio Place Arts executive director Sue Higby. The Clerk noted the memo discusses the Semprebou allocations approved by the Council, and Ms. Higby's request that the funds be considered one pool of money available for public art projects, including the art bike racks and public sculptures. Clerk Dawes said Ms. Higby has been invited to come to a meeting in the near future to give an update on the projects and to discuss the allocations. Mayor Lauzon asked that when Ms. Higby attends the Council meeting, the agenda include approval to merge the appropriations.

Approval of Building Permits – NONE

Liquor Control – NONE

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

- The Civic Center Committee is interviewing potential marketing and promotional people. Once the interviews are completed, the Committee will come to the Council with a recommendation.
- The Yard Waste Drop Off at the Barre Town drop off site runs for three weeks beginning this week.

Visitors & Communications –

Ron Tallman from the Barre Area Veterans Council requested approval for the annual Memorial Day parade, scheduled for May 30th beginning at 10:00 AM. Mr. Tallman said the Council is also requesting \$500 in support from the City to help defray costs associated with the parade and services provided to shut-ins. Mayor Lauzon said the funding request will be placed on next week's agenda for action, and suggested the Council seek placement on March ballots for future funding support.

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Council approved the parade request on motion of Councilor Herring, seconded by Councilor Dindo.
Motion carried.

Councilor Poirier said Mr. Tallman is actively working to become the next national VFW commander, which would be a tribute to the Barre community.

Old Business – NONE

New Business –

A) Discussion &/or Approval of CVCLT/Downstreet Parking Lease Agreement (Ormsby Lot).

Mayor Lauzon reviewed the draft lease agreement and proposed changes. The Mayor said the agreement would designate 42 of the 90 proposed parking spaces in the Ormsby Lot to Downstreet for its tenants and employees. Downstreet deputy director Martha Englert confirmed the details in the draft agreement.

There was discussion about the proposed parking space fees, no expected tax stabilization request, projected development costs, returns on investment, impact on the TIF district, and space for the bike patrol bees. There were several additional changes suggested.

Councilor Poirier called the question. Council approved the lease agreement as amended on motion of Councilor Boutin, seconded by Councilor Poirier. **Motion carried with Councilor Smith voting against.**

Mayor Lauzon said he would send around an updated draft incorporating the amendments in advance of when the document will be executed. Ms. Englert said construction bids will be opened next week, and the ground breaking is scheduled for June 6th.

B) Discussion of Replacement of Fire Department Tower Truck.

Chief Tim Bombardier and Deputy Fire Chief Joe Aldsworth reviewed the condition and history of the current town truck. Manager Mackenzie said a new truck generally runs around \$1 million, and the City currently has the opportunity to purchase a demo truck for \$600,000.

There was discussion about the useful life of a tower truck, the conditions and ages of other tower trucks in area, impacts on the City's ISO rating, exploring the possibilities of sharing equipment with Berlin and/or Montpelier, costs associated with refurbishing the current truck, sources of funding for replacement, average usage of the tower truck, and the balance in the Capital Fund.

Mayor Lauzon said the Council will meet at the Public Safety Building on Saturday, May 9th at 9:00 AM for a demonstration of the tower truck. The Mayor requested that New England ISO representative Paul LeVesque be invited to next week's meeting to give an ISO tutorial to the Council.

Chief Bombardier said there is a state burn ban in effect until at least May 19th.

Round Table –

Councilors Herring and Smith thanked people for participating in last weekend's Green Up Day.

Councilor Dindo said he received a complaint about high school students speeding on Boynton Street. Manager Mackenzie said he will talk with the Chief about it.

Mayor Lauzon said Drew Bernier is expected to come home from the hospital in Boston next week, and he will be coordinating City emergency vehicles to meet and escort Drew and his family into the City from the beltline. The Mayor said they will get word out on social media so people can line the route to

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welcome Drew home.

Executive Session: NONE

The Council meeting adjourned at 8:54 PM on motion of Councilor Poirier, 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

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