

**Regular Meeting of the Barre City Council  
Held June 9, 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, Councilors Anita Chadderton and Lucas Herring. Also in attendance were City Manager Steven Mackenzie and Clerk/Treasurer Carolyn Dawes.

**Absent:** NONE

**Adjustments to the Agenda:** Mayor Lauzon said he will be moving items around on the agenda to accommodate those in attendance.

**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 on June 2, 2015.
- City Warrants as presented.
- 2015 Licenses & Permits issued through the clerk's office: NONE

**Old Business –**

**A) Approve Short-Term Lease of Wheelock Building to Pierre Couture.**

Councilor Smith reviewed the draft lease agreement, and noted a couple changes from the draft that was sent around to the Council earlier this afternoon. Buildings & Community Services Director Jeff Bergeron and City Attorney Oliver Twombly have read and approved the document. There was discussion about making sure there is photo documentation of the premises before occupation. Councilor Boutin said he cannot support renting a property for no fee for for-profit use.

Council approved the lease and authorized Manager Mackenzie to sign on behalf of the City on motion of Councilor Herring, seconded by Councilor Dindo. **Motion carried with Councilor Boutin voting against.**

**New Business –**

**A) Appointment of Barre City Dog Park Committee Members.**

Gwynn Zakov reviewed the list of those names being presented for appointment to the committee:

Brenda LaBrie	Dusty McNeil
David Ballenger	Misty Shearer
Danielle Thompson	Gwynn Zakov
Hillary Sedelnick	Amy Richard
Alexander Brigham	Jeff Cochran

Many of the proposed appointees were present and spoke of their interest in serving on the committee.

Council approved unfreezing the Semprebon Funds designated for the Dog Park on motion of Councilor Smith, seconded by Councilor Chadderton. **Motion carried.**

Council approved creation of the Dog Park Committee and appointment of those named above on motion of Councilor Boutin, seconded by Councilor Herring. **Motion carried.**

**B) Introduction of New Executive Director CV Public Safety Authority.**

Councilor Smith, in his capacity as a Barre City representative to the Central Vermont Public Safety Authority, introduced the newly hired CVPSA executive director Francis “Paco” Aumand III. Mr. Aumand is the outgoing deputy director of the Vermont Department of Public Safety. He introduced himself and shared his enthusiasm for starting in this new position. Mayor Lauzon said he hopes Mr. Aumand will make regular reports to the Council.

Council authorized the City Manager and City staff to work with Mr. Aumand as the City’s representative, and to assist in the collection of needed information as the CVPSA embarks on this important endeavor, on motion of Councilor Smith, seconded by Councilor Chadderton. **Motion carried.**

**D) Award of Enterprise Aly Construction Contract to ACCUWORX USA Inc.**

Mayor Lauzon recused himself from this agenda item and Acting Mayor Smith assumed chairing the meeting. Manager Mackenzie reviewed the contract bid matrix and recommended awarding the contract to ACCUWORX USA Inc. John Benson, project manager from Dubois & King was present, as was ACCUWORX owner Jeff Simone.

There was discussion on the project timeline, air quality monitoring, sampling to be performed by ECS, traffic control and public outreach.

Council approved authorizing the Manager to execute a formal signature copy of the contract on motion of Councilor Herring, seconded by Councilor Dindo. **Motion carried.**

Mayor Lauzon resumed chairing the meeting.

**E) Approval of Enterprise Aly Construction Phase Services Agreement with Dubois & King, Inc. / ECS.**

Manager Mackenzie said he is satisfied with the scope of services in the agreement, which includes having a resident project representative on sight at all times, office support and approval of pay requests. The Manager said the cost is less than what was budgeted. John Benson from Dubois & King gave an explanation of the services and a review of the construction timeframe.

There was discussion about this not being a bid contract, and the timeline for the project with final completion expected in late November.

Council approved the service agreement and authorized the Manager to sign on behalf of the City on motion of Councilor Herring, seconded by Councilor Smith. **Motion carried.**

**C) Code Enforcement Program Update.**

Fire Captain Matt Cetin gave his annual program report. Mayor Lauzon asked that a copy be posted on the City website. There was discussion about frequent violations, a reduction in trash complaints, and vacant buildings. Capt. Cetin said there are approximately 98 vacant buildings in the City, and about half of them are in compliance with the vacant building ordinance. The Department has adopted an inspection process for vacant properties and the information is being shared with relevant officials. There was further discussion on how much time City staff should be devoting to vacant properties, the current registration program, better enforcement and stricter penalties, and raising fees to cover costs.

Capt. Cetin said the rental inspection program has been working through all City streets alphabetically and are currently in the “R’s”. He expects the inspections to be completed by the end of the four year cycle.

Mayor Lauzon asked Capt. Cetin to be back in 2 to 3 weeks to discuss what resources are necessary to complete the revisions to the vacant buildings ordinance.

**F) Approval of Irving Propane Renewal Pricing for FY16.**

Manager Mackenzie reviewed the Irving propane bid and recommended Council accept the bid as presented. The Manager said such bids are handled through our fuel broker, Competitive Energy Solutions. He noted the bid is considerably lower than last year and will translate into a substantial savings. The effective dates are July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

Council accepted Manager Mackenzie's recommendation and authorized the Manager to sign on behalf of the City on motion of councilor Smith, seconded by Councilor Herring. **Motion carried.**

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

- Water/sewer payments are due by June 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Tax Anticipation Note proposals are due by Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup>. The paperwork will come to the Council for approval at the June 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting.
- The Clerk's annual compensation presentation will be on next week's agenda.

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

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Address</u>
152 South Main LLC	152 South Main Street
Carroy LLC	163 Circle Street
Thomas & Kathryn Allen	211 Camp Street
Hannah Towne	15 Allen Street
Molly Waldstein	41 Liberty Street
Steven & Debra St. Armour	88 Railroad Street
Alice Cloud	201 S. Main Street
Scott & Monique Tewksbury	57 Elm Street
386 North Main Street LLC	396 North Main Street
Jean Claud & Ghislaine Bonin	101 Summer Street
Sidewalk Village LLC	136 North Main Street

**Liquor Control** – Council approved an Alcohol Day Use Permit for Rotary Park for the Pickel Family Reunion on Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00 AM – dusk on motion of Councilor Smith, seconded by Councilor Herring. **Motion carried with Councilor Boutin abstaining.**

Council approved an expanded, temporary Outside Consumption Permit for Gusto's at 28 Prospect Street for Saturday, July 25<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 PM – 1:00 AM on motion of Councilor Smith, seconded by Councilor Herring. **Motion carried with Councilor Boutin abstaining.**

**City Manager's Report** – NONE

**Visitors & Communications** – NONE

**Round Table:**

Councilor Herring thanked the Manager for the street signage recently erected in his ward. He also thanked the City and state for mowing along the beltline. Councilor Herring asked if the ACCUWORX public relations plan takes the Heritage Festival and other downtown events into account. Manager Mackenzie said yes, the contract schedule includes maintenance of two way traffic during certain downtown events.

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Councilor Smith said the summer Wednesday evening events begin this week, with the Authors at the Aldrich and Concerts in Currier Park.

Councilor Chadderton said 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation is tomorrow, and with school out shortly, there will be more children on the streets. Drivers should be careful.

**Executive Session:**

Councilor Herring made the motion to find that premature general public knowledge of litigation issues to be discussed would clearly place the City of Barre at a substantial disadvantage should the discussion be public. The motion was seconded by Councilor Smith. **Motion carried.**

Council went into executive session at 9:14 PM under the provisions of 1 VSA sec. 313 to discuss litigation on motion of Councilor Smith, seconded by Councilor Herring. **Motion carried.**

Manager Mackenzie was invited into the executive session.

Council came out of executive session at 9:35 PM on motion of Councilor Smith, seconded by Councilor Herring. **Motion carried.**

No action was taken.

The Council meeting adjourned at 9:35 PM on motion of Councilor Smith, 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