Special Meeting of the Barre City Council Held May 13, 2021

The Special Meeting of the Barre City Council was called to order on video conference by Mayor Lucas Herring at 6:00 PM. In attendance, participating on video or phone, were: From Ward I, Councilor Jake Hemmerick; and from Ward II, Councilors Michael Boutin and Teddy Waszazak. City staff members present via video or phone were City Manager Steve Mackenzie, Public Works Director Bill Ahearn, and Clerk/Treasurer Carol Dawes.

Absent: From Ward III, Councilors Ericka Reil and Samn Stockwell.

Adjustments to the Agenda: NONE

New Business -

A) BADC/City Infrastructure Grant.

Barre Area Development Corporation executive director Cody Morrison reviewed the Northern Border Regional Commission grant application to replace the outdated wastewater ejector station at the northern end of the City. Mr. Morrison showed a map of the affected area, and said the current equipment cannot be maintained as replacement parts aren't available. There was discussion on service expansion options, and projected total cost. Manager Mackenzie said this project was selected for the grant application because it is already in the preliminary engineering phase. There was discussion on the wastewater system service area, and Public Works director Bill Ahearn said service stops at the Barre City/Berlin town line on Route 302.

Council approved submission of the grant application to the Northern Border Regional Commission for the replacement of the North Main Street Wastewater Ejector Station and authorized the Manager to sign the application on motion of Councilor Boutin, seconded by Councilor Waszazak. **Motion carried on roll call vote, with all voting in favor.**

Councilor Waszazak left the meeting at 6:23 PM.

There was additional discussion on letters of support. It was noted letters have been received from the Department of Public Works, Central Vermont Economic Development Corporation, and Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission, and a letter is being requested from the North England Central Railroad.

Executive Session – NONE

The Council meeting was adjourned by Mayor Herring at 6:26 PM.

There is no audio recording of this meeting. The meeting was recorded on the video conference platform.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn S. Dawes, City Clerk