

**Special Meeting of the Barre City Council
Held November 8, 2011**

The Special Meeting of the Barre City Council was called to order at 5:40 PM by Mayor Thomas Lauzon. In attendance were: From Ward II, Councilors Michael Boutin and Michael Smith; and from Ward III, Councilors Anita Chadderton and Lucas Herring.

Council went into executive session to discuss personnel issues at 5:40 PM on motion of Councilor Chadderton, seconded by Councilor Boutin. **Motion carried.**

Council came out of executive session at 6:35 PM on motion of Councilor Herring, seconded by Councilor Smith. **Motion carried.**

Mayor Lauzon adjourned the special meeting at 6:35 PM.

**Regular Meeting of the Barre City Council
Held November 8, 2011**

The Regular Meeting of the Barre City Council was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Thomas Lauzon. In attendance were: 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.

Barre Partnership board member Mary Jane Magnan and We Dig Barre mascot, Digger, appeared before the Council for the drawing of the latest winner for the Barre Treasurer Dig. Ms. Magnan said there will be two more drawings for Treasure Dig winners, and on December 1st there will be a “birthday party” for Digger, at which the overall winners for the Treasure Dig will be drawn.

Approval of Consent Agenda: Council approved the following consent agenda items as presented on motion of Councilor Herring, seconded by Councilor Chadderton. **Motion carried.**

- Minutes of the Regular Council meeting of November 1, 2011.
- City Warrants, including community development warrants.
- Building Permits:
 - Eloise Lovatt, 67 Palmisano Plaza
- Licenses & Permits issued through the clerk’s office - NONE

Mayor Lauzon asked that the building permits be returned to the regular portion of the agenda for approval, as members of the public have said they miss hearing the permits read during the meeting.

The City Clerk and Treasurer Report – Clerk Dawes made the following announcements:

- The 2nd quarter property taxes are due by November 15th.
- Proposals for banking and cash management services are due by November 18th, and the Clerk/Treasurer will bring a report and recommendation to Council on the November 22nd.

Liquor Control Board – NONE

Visitors and Communications –

Resident Steve Finner announced that the Barre Area Clergy will hold the annual interfaith Thanksgiving dinner on Tuesday, November 22nd at 6:00 PM at the Church of the Good Shepherd. All are invited.

Resident Art Botz announced that the Salvation Army annual bell campaign begins next week.

Mayor Lauzon recognized the Boy Scouts troop in attendance this evening. Troop leader Joe Aldsworth said Troop 795 is auditing the Council meeting as they work on their Eagle Scout merit badge requirements. He invited Council to an Eagle Scout Court of Honor on November 30th.

City Manager's Report –

Manager Mackenzie's report included a list of meetings attended in the past week. The Manager gave an update on the Big Dig, saying the contractor is currently finishing up utility work. The utility work will shut down by the end of this week, and paving will be done next week. All work will be done for the season by November 18th.

The City received a letter from the EPA letting the City know it has received a \$150,000 grant to continue brownfields work in the Merchants Row/Enterprise Aly area.

The Veteran's Day parade will step off from the Auditorium at 10:30 AM on Friday, November 11th. The ceremony will take place around the gazebo in City Hall Park beginning at 11:00 AM. The events will take place at the Auditorium if there is rain.

The winter parking ban goes into effect on November 15th.

Old Business –

C) FY 2012 1st Quarter Financial Report.

Mayor Lauzon asked that this item be placed on next week's agenda. He asked Manager Mackenzie to include a report on possible sources of funding for the local match share of flood-related expenses.

Other) Sani-Sport Services Vending License.

Manager Mackenzie reviewed the vending license application, and the request to vend either in the BOR parking lot or the municipal parking lot next to the Presbyterian Church. The Manager said use of the municipal lot would require Council to offer an exemption to policy, whereby 24-hour parking spaces cannot be used for commercial purposes. Mayor Lauzon said the size of the Sani-Sport trailer is larger than allowed in City ordinance, and the Council does not have the authority to circumvent ordinance.

Facilities Director Jeff Bergeron reviewed the history of agreements between the City of Barre and Thygesen Sports for the operation of the pro shop at the BOR, and the current 3-year agreement. He said the agreement is in its first year. Mayor Lauzon said the agreement does not give exclusivity. Civic Center Committee chair Jon Valsangiacomo said allowing another vendor in the area would go against the understanding of both parties of the agreement. Mayor Lauzon asked if a competitive environment would not be in the best interest of the facility and its users. Mr. Valsangiacomo said that is the Committee's consensus.

Charlie Thygesen said he has a significant investment in the pro shop, including skate sharpening equipment, rental skates and other supplies.

Sani-Sport owner Jay Milne said he would like to offer his skate sharpening and equipment cleaning services to the people who come to the area.

Mayor Lauzon said he is troubled by the multi-year agreement, and said it should have been put out to bid, as the total agreement is more than \$1,000, which, by policy, requires bidding.

Mayor Lauzon said City ordinance 10-16(d)(2) restricts vending locations and size of vending trailers or

carts, and Council does not have the authority to circumvent ordinance. The Mayor said the Sani-Sport request exceeds both the location and size restrictions of the ordinance, therefore, no action by Council is necessary.

New Business

C) Request by Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War for Memorial in City Hall Park.

Whitney Maxfield, commander of the William Scott Camp #302 of the Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War, said they are looking for a way to honor the men of Barre who went off to the Civil War. There used to be a brass plaque in the City Hall building that burned in 1898, but the plaque was apparently lost after the fire. Mr. Maxfield said they are proposing a series of four granite panels to be installed around the fountain at the east end of City Hall Park. There will be no cost to the City for the creation or installation of the panels.

Mayor Lauzon said he would like those involved in the project to work closely with Manager Mackenzie and Cemeteries and Parks Department Director Dwight Coffrin on the final design and location of the panels.

Council approved the installation of the panels, with final approval vested in the Manager, on motion of Councilor Boutin, seconded by Councilor Smith. **Motion carried.**

Mayor Lauzon asked what the expected cost will be. Mr. Maxfield said \$10,000, and they will begin fundraising immediately.

A) 14 N. Main St. Lash Building Discussion.

Alan Goldman, owner of 14 N. Main Street, reviewed his letter and proposal regarding the inclusion of his property in any projects involving displaced state workers. Mayor Lauzon said Council will consider the proposal, and if there is interest, Mr. Goldman will be invited back for further discussion. The Mayor said the City will contact Mr. Goldman within the next 10 days.

Old Business - continued

A) Review of 219 N. Main Street Redevelopment RFP.

Mayor Lauzon said City representatives will be meeting with senior representatives from the Shumlin administration to discuss the City Place proposal. Barre Area Development Corporation executive director Darren Winham reviewed the draft RFP. Council set dates for the RFP:

- RFP sent out/publicized: November 14th
- Walk-through of site: December 1st
- Responses due back: December 16th
- Proposals forwarded to state: December 23rd

There was discussion about details of the RFP, and Mayor Lauzon asked Mr. Winham to get a final draft to Council so it can be reviewed over the weekend before it goes public on Monday.

Mr. Winham said he is working with the railroad on the noise and vibration issues mentioned at last week's meeting.

B) Equipment Purchase Authorization for 2 Pickup Trucks.

Manager Mackenzie said the staff recommendation is to purchase the trucks from Cody Chevrolet because the business is locally based, and some of the difference in price would be offset by picking up the vehicles at the other bidder, Shearer Chevrolet in Chittenden County. There was discussion about the option of having vehicles delivered, Barre citizens who may be employed at Cody Chevrolet, and the

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desirability of working with a local vendor on continuing service needs.

Council approved the purchase of the pickup trucks from Cody Chevrolet on motion of Councilor Chadderton, seconded by Councilor Smith. **Motion carried with Councilor Boutin voting against.**

New Business

B) Approval of Financing for 219 N. Main St. Purchase and Sales Deposit.

No discussion or action.

D) Resolution 2011-16 Related to CVCAC Grant Agreement – Gable Place.

Council approved the resolution on motion of Councilor Smith, seconded by Councilor Herring. **Motion carried.**

E) Appointment of 2012 Green Up Coordinator.

Council appointed Doug Lapointe and the Spaulding High School Students for Safe Environment (SAFE) to serve as Barre City's 2012 Green Up coordinators on motion of Councilor Smith, seconded by Councilor Herring. Mayor Lauzon asked for a friendly amendment to encourage Mr. Lapointe and SAFE to work closely with the coordinators in Barre Town and Berlin **Motion carried.**

Roundtable –

Councilor Chadderton said she was contacted by representatives from the Christian Life Church, and they will be meeting to discuss needs in Ward 3.

Councilor Herring asked about future meetings and the holidays. Mayor Lauzon said the Council will not meet on November 22nd or December 27th.

Councilor Smith said the Greater Barre Community Justice Center is offering a prisoner simulation workshop on Wednesday.

Mayor Lauzon reminded everyone of Friday's Veteran's Day parade. The Mayor said Thanksgiving is around the corner, and he reminded people to share with those who need help.

Mayor Lauzon said he would like to hold a public presentation next week on City Place. It was decided to hold the presentation next Tuesday as part of the Council meeting, and start the meeting at 6:00 PM.

Council adjourned at 8:50 PM on motion of Councilor Boutin, seconded by Councilor Smith. **Motion carried.**

An audio transcript of this meeting is available through the Clerk's Office. Audio transcripts are kept on file for two years, as per state statute.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn S. Dawes, City Clerk