

**Regular Meeting of the Barre City Council
Held January 10, 2012**

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 I, Councilor Dominic Etli; from Ward II, Councilors Michael Boutin and Michael Smith; and from Ward III, Councilors Anita Chadderton and Lucas Herring. Also in attendance was Clerk/Treasurer Carolyn Dawes.

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

- Minutes of the Regular Council meeting of January 3, 2012.
- City Warrants as presented.
- 2012 Licenses & Permits issued through the clerk's office:

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>License</u>	<u>Address</u>
Brent Ashford	Animal – 4 chickens	122 Camp St.
Bruce Landry	Animal – 18 chickens	85 Blackwell St.
Michelle Carter	Animal – 5 chickens	44 Newton St.
Simply Subs	Food Establishment	70 N. Main St.
Green Mountain Tavern	Food Establishment	10 Keith Ave.
Quality Donuts DBA Dunkin Donuts	Food Establishment	283 N. Main St.
G & J Gosselin DBA Gusto's	Food Establishment	28 Prospect St.
Basil's Pizza Restaurant	Food Establishment	20 S. Main St.
Mapleside Market & Deli	Food Take Out	39 Maple Ave.
Champlain Farms	Food Take Out	169 Washington St.
Champlain Farms	Food Take Out	15 S. Main St.
Fastop	Food Take Out	377 N. Main St.
Dell's Dogs	Food Vending, 1 vehicle	
DJ's Convenience	Food Vending, 2 vehicles	
Green Mountain Tavern	Video Game/Pool Table, 1 pool table	
Gusto's	Video Game/Pool Table, 2 pool tables, 3 video games	
Granite Village Restaurant & Pub	Entertainment	435 N. Main St.
Mulligan's Pub	Entertainment	6 Maple Ave.
KC Taxi	Taxicab Service Operator, 1 vehicle	
Scott Weston	Taxicab Driver, with KC Taxi	

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

- 2012 dog licenses are now available. Dogs must be licensed by April 1st.
- 2012 daytime and 24-hour parking permits are available in the Clerk's office.
- The Clerk said information about the March 2012 Annual (Town) Meeting has been posted on the Clerk's page on the City website. The deadline for nominating petitions is January 30th.
- Third quarter property taxes are due by February 15th.
- The Clerk announced the Celebrate Community Service volunteer program being held on Monday, January 16th in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Volunteer opportunities are being coordinated through the Washington County Youth Service Bureau.

Approval of Building Permits –

Council approved the following Building Permit on motion of Councilor Boutin, seconded by Councilor Chadderton. **Motion carried.**

<u>Application</u>	<u>Address</u>
Ronald Lamell	89 Brook St.

Liquor Control Board – NONE

Visitors and Communications –

Mayor Lauzon introduced Emily Kaminsky, who is doing community outreach and public relations around the City Place development. Ms. Kaminsky handed out postcards announcing a public presentation about City Place on Thursday, January 19th at 7:00 PM in the Opera House. She said she is also speaking to the various civic and service groups in the area. Mayor Lauzon said the public presentation will be the first opportunity for the community to see the conceptual plans for City Place.

A person in the audience asked a question about the bike path planned to run along Smith Street, and whether there will also be a sidewalk. Mayor Lauzon took the man's name and contact information and said someone will be in touch.

City Manager's Report –

Manager Mackenzie was not at the meeting so there was no oral Manager's report. The Manager's written report was included in the Council packets.

Old Business – NONE

New Business -

A) Highgate Housing Non-Profit – Approval to Restructure Primary VHFA Debt

Mayor Lauzon said Highgate Housing is looking to re-finance their existing debt, which will require Council approval. He said he and the Clerk met with representatives from Highgate last week, and he is reviewing the Highgate audits and putting together a packet of materials for Council review. Council will discuss the issue further at Saturday's special Council meeting, and it will be on next week's agenda for consideration.

B) Award of Hilltop Avenue Demolition Contract.

Mayor Lauzon reviewed the memo from Manager Mackenzie, outlining the submissions in response to the City's RFP for demolition services on Hilltop Avenue as part of the hazard mitigation process. The memo included the Manager's recommendation that Council award the contract to the low bidder, Lajeunesse Construction.

Council awarded the contract to Lajeunesse Construction and gave the Manager the authority to execute the contract on motion of Councilor Boutin, seconded by Councilor Chadderton. **Motion carried.**

Councilor Herring noted that the Manager's memo seemed to indicate it might be possible to have a lower total demolition cost by hiring one firm to demolish one property and another firm to demolish the second property. Mayor Lauzon said the question will be posed to the Manager and the item will be placed on next week's agenda under old business, should Council wish to reconsider its action.

C) 2013 Budget – Review/Discussion.

Mayor Lauzon said the Special Council meeting scheduled for Saturday, January 14th, will be a budget work session. There will be discussions about all sections of the budget, including the possibility of additional police officers, efficiencies in departments, and the library appropriation. Councilor Smith said he will be proposing a library appropriation of \$120,000 for FY13, which is an increase over this year's appropriation of \$107,250. Councilor Smith said he will be proposing that the City make increases over the next few years so as to work up to a library appropriation of \$145,000. Mayor Lauzon said his initial proposal for the library appropriation will be \$115,000.

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Mayor Lauzon said the City has received preliminary FY11 audit figures. The Mayor said the Manager and staff are finalizing estimates of FEMA reimbursements to complete the audit.

Mayor Lauzon reminded Council of the Special Meeting to interview possible City Place developers on Thursday, January 12th beginning at 5:00 PM.

Roundtable –

Councilor Boutin said it was discovered that the Community Justice Center by-laws call for the Council to ratify the CJC board members each year, and it hasn't been done for several years. Mayor Lauzon said the CJC director should be invited to come before Council to report on activities and request ratification of board members. The Mayor said such ratification can be included in the annual Council appointments that are made in April each year.

Councilor Smith reminded everyone about the Martin Luther King Jr. Day volunteer opportunities.

Councilor Herring said the City school board is continuing to work on the FY13 budget, and is scheduled to present the budget proposals to Council at next week's meeting.

Mayor Lauzon reminded everyone of the January 19th City Place public presentation.

Council adjourned at 7:40 PM on motion of Councilor Smith, seconded by Councilor Herring. **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