

**Regular Meeting of the Barre City Council
Held February 14, 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 II, Councilors Michael Boutin and Michael Smith; and from Ward III, Councilors Anita Chadderton and Lucas Herring. Also in attendance were Manager Steven Mackenzie and 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 following meetings:
 - Regular Council meeting of February 7, 2012
- City Warrants as presented.
- 2012 Licenses & Permits issued through the clerk's office:
 - Food Establishment License, Burger King, 342-360 N. Main St.
 - Food Establishment License, Mutuo Inc., 20 Beckley St.

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

- Third quarter property taxes are due by February 15th.
- The office is accepting requests for early/absentee ballots for the March 6th Annual Meeting.
- 2012 dog licenses are now available. Dogs must be licensed by April 1st.
- There is an opportunity to hold a food drive at the Annual (Town) Meeting. Interested people or groups should contact the Clerk for more information.
- The Board of Civil Authority is meeting meet on Thursday, February 16th at 5:00 PM to discuss reapportionment and review the census maps.

Approval of Building Permits –

Council approved a building permit for Fecteau Construction to erect a new single family home on Jorgensen Lane on motion of Councilor Smith, seconded by Councilor Herring. **Motion carried.**

Liquor Control Board –

Clerk Dawes informed the Council that the 2012 liquor license renewal applications have been mailed. The Fire Department will be conducting inspections over the next several weeks, and once the inspections are completed, the applications will come to Council for approval. Mayor Lauzon requested that the list of license holders be shared with Chief Bombardier for his review before coming to Council.

Visitors and Communications –

Donna Pouliot and Fire Captain Matt Cetin addressed the Council on the importance of Knox boxes; locked boxes attached to the outside of a building that contain keys for the building. The Fire Department has a key that will open the Knox box, which allows them to enter the property without damaging doors. Ms. Pouliot said the BCFD owns 4 boxes, which it loans out to people who demonstrate a need. She is interested in helping raise funds to purchase additional boxes.

Captain Cetin said the cost for a residential box is approximately \$158 plus shipping. He said they are interested in talking to local service clubs about donations to purchase 10-15 additional boxes. Mayor Lauzon suggested having the boxes on display at the Annual (Town) Meeting, and solicit donations.

City Manager's Report –

- Manager Mackenzie reported on meetings attended over the past week, including: City Place, community recovery partnership meeting, Big Dig, and the museum segment of the bike path.

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- The Manager said he received a complaint about speeding on Summer Street. He reported that the Police Department conducted patrols in unmarked cars, and witnessed that the majority of those traveling the street aren't speeding. They will continue to monitor the street.

Old Business –

A) Police Cruiser Purchase.

Manager Mackenzie reviewed a memo from Chief Bombardier and Deputy Chief Marceau about the purchase of a Tahoe from Cody Chevrolet, as was discussed at last week's Council meeting. The memo addressed issues of delivery or pick-up of the vehicle, fuel efficiency, the size of the vehicle, Chevy vs. Ford and transferring equipment from the retiring vehicle to the new one. Mayor Lauzon said he is prepared to uphold the Manager's recommendation of purchasing the Tahoe from Cody Chevrolet.

Council approved the Manager's recommendation on motion of Councilor Smith, seconded by Councilor Chadderton. **Motion carried with Councilor Boutin voting against.**

Councilor Boutin said his vote was because the Council needs to review the purchase policy. Mayor Lauzon said such a review will be on the agenda for the February 28th or March 5th meeting.

New Business –

A) FY 2013 Budget Presentation.

Manager Mackenzie gave a presentation of the FY2013 budget.

Roundtable –

Councilor Herring said he will be attending Local Government Day in Montpelier tomorrow and will report back next week.

Councilor Smith offered kudos to the Mayor and Manager on the FY2013 budget, and encouraged questions from the public.

Councilor Boutin said he attended the Greater Barre Community Justice Center board meeting, and a memorandum of understanding about the relationship between the City and the CJC will be coming to Council in the near future.

Councilor Chadderton said there are 2 seats on the Barre City Elementary and Middle School Board that are open on the March 6th Annual (Town) Meeting ballot and people should consider running as write-in candidates. Clerk Dawes said there are 2 open positions on the Spaulding Union High School District board also.

Mayor Lauzon said he echoed Councilor Smith's comments about the budget, and the Council will hold an open house before the elections to address public questions. The Mayor wished everyone a Happy Valentine's Day.

Council adjourned at 8:33 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