

**Regular Meeting of the Barre City Council
Held October 25, 2011**

There was no quorum for the meeting, so the following notes are not official minutes.

The meeting was opened at 7:00 PM by Mayor Thomas Lauzon. In attendance were: From Ward II, Councilor Michael Boutin; and from Ward III, Councilor Lucas Herring. Also in attendance were City Manager Steven Mackenzie and Clerk/Treasurer Carolyn Dawes.

The Mayor noted the lack of a quorum of Councilors, therefore, no action can be taken at this meeting, with the exception of adjournment.

Barre Partnership executive director Dan Jones and We Dig Barre mascot, Digger, appeared for the drawing of the latest winner for the Barre Treasurer Dig. Mr. Jones outlined the Scary Barre events coming up this weekend.

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

- The Board of Civil Authority property tax assessment appeal hearings continue tomorrow evening.
- The 2nd quarter property taxes are due by November 15th.
- The paperwork for the refinancing of the water service and sewer service bonds arrived and will be on the Council agenda for next week.
- The Treasurer's office is issuing an RFP for City banking and cash management services.
- The Clerk said there are two entertainment license applications that were to be considered under the consent agenda this evening. The events are more than a week away, and she will contact the applicants to let them know the approvals have been postponed due to the lack of a quorum this evening.

Liquor Control Board – The Clerk said there are two request to cater permit applications that were to be considered by the liquor control board this evening. The events are more than a week away, and she will contact the applicants to let them know the approvals have been postponed due to the lack of a quorum this evening.

Visitors and Communications –

Lori Baker, the executive director of the Greater Barre Community Justice Center, announced the “Yesterday’s Prisoners, Today’s Community Members” experiential event taking place at the Justice Center on November 9th.

City Manager’s Report –

The Manager’s report included the following:

- Attended a number of meetings, including the following:
 - Meeting regarding hazard mitigation on Hilltop Avenue.
 - FEMA discussion on documentation related to the spillway damage and repairs.
 - Meeting with state and local officials to discuss the possibility of the state re-locating displaced employees to Barre City on a permanent basis.
- Paving for the Big Dig area around the junction of Routes 14, 302 and 62 starts tomorrow. The detour will be in effect through the completion of the paving.
- Momentum for Barre is holding its next community forum on Thursday, October 27th at 7:00 PM in the Opera House. The topic is drugs in the community.

To be approved at 11-01-11 Barre City Council Meeting

- Saturday, October 29th is the final lawn debris drop off day, from 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM at the civic center.

Old Business – NONE

New Business –

A) Big Dig Construction Status and 2011 Completion Plan Update.

Manager Mackenzie said this has been rescheduled to next week.

B) FY 2012 1st Quarter Financial Report.

Mayor Lauzon said this has been rescheduled to next week.

Other)

Mayor Lauzon said there have been meetings between Barre City officials and members of the Shumlin administration to discuss the possibility of permanent placement of displaced state workers in Barre City, and the development of the former Brooks Drugs/Coins & Hobbies lot. The Mayor said he will not be bidding on the development of the site in his capacity as an independent developer. He said he will be turning the file of work that he has done on the project to date over to the Manager.

The Mayor said he will be putting together a group to meet weekly to move the project forward. He said there is a draft of a letter to the administration, expressing the City's interest in working with the state to assist in the relocation of workers. The Mayor said Council will consider the letter at next week's meeting.

Roundtable – NONE

Council adjourned at 7:46 PM on motion of Councilor Herring, seconded by Councilor Boutin. Mayor Lauzon adjourned the meeting.

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