

**Regular Meeting of the Barre City Council
Held November 15, 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 I, Councilor Paul Poirier; from Ward II, Councilor Michael Boutin; and from Ward III, Councilors Anita Chadderton and Lucas Herring. Also in attendance were City 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 Chadderton. **Motion carried.**

- Minutes of the Special and Regular Council meetings of November 8, 2011.
- City Warrants.
- Licenses & Permits issued through the clerk's office - NONE

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

- The 2nd quarter property tax deadline was today. The delinquency rate by the end of the day was 8.43%, with additional payments expected by mail over the next few days.
- 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.

Approval of Building Permits –

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

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Address</u>
Dzemaal & Edina Mahmutovic	43 Fortney Place

Barre Partnership executive director Dan Jones and We Dig Barre mascot Digger appeared before the Council for the drawing of the latest winner for the Barre Treasurer Dig. Mr. Jones said there will be one more drawing 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. Mr. Jones also announced the annual Holiday Parade, Saturday, November 26th at 5:00 PM.

Liquor Control Board – Council approved a Special Event Permit for Fresh Tracks Farm Winery for the Granite City Farmers Market at the Old Labor Hall on December 9th from 3:00 – 7:00 PM on motion of Councilor Herring, seconded by Councilor Chadderton. **Motion carried, with Councilor Boutin abstaining.**

Visitors and Communications – NONE

City Manager's Report –

- Manager Mackenzie reported on meetings attended during the past week.
- The Big Dig will be wrapping up for the season by the end of this week.
- The Police Department is working with Norwich University for some criminal justice students to serve internships in the City next semester as a winter version of the summer patrol Bees.
- The RFP for redevelopment of 219 N. Main Street has been published and is on the City website.
- The winter parking ban is in effect as of today.

Old Business –

A) FY 2012 1st Quarter Financial Report.

Manager Mackenzie led the Council through a detailed review of the financial report.

New Business

A) Award of Towing Contract for 2011-2012 Winter Parking Ban.

Council awarded the towing contract to Action Towing, as recommended by Manager Mackenzie, on motion of Councilor Herring, seconded by Councilor Chadderton. **Motion carried.**

B) Award of Annual Audit Contract for FY 2012-2014.

Council awarded the annual audit contract to Sullivan & Powers PC, as recommended by Manager Mackenzie, on motion of Councilor Herring, seconded by Councilor Chadderton. **Motion carried.**

Roundtable –

Councilor Boutin said he attended last week's Justice Center prisoner re-entry simulation and it opened his eyes to problems with the system. He congratulated the Center for a good event, and encouraged people to attend similar events in the future.

Mayor Lauzon said there will be a special Council meeting tomorrow for a presentation and discussion on the proposed development of City Place at 219 N. Main Street. The meeting will begin at 7:00 PM.

The Mayor said next week's Council meeting, which was originally canceled, has been rescheduled. It will be on Tuesday evening, either at 6:00 PM or 7:00 PM.

The Mayor said Thanksgiving is next week, and said we shouldn't forget to share with other people.

The Mayor reminded everyone of the Holiday Parade, Saturday, November 26th at 5:00 PM.

The Mayor said the Council will hold its annual coin drop to benefit the Christmas for Kids program on Saturday, December 3rd.

Council went into executive session to discuss real estate at 8:07 PM on motion of Councilor Herring, seconded by Councilor Boutin. **Motion carried.**

Council came out of executive session at 8:45 PM on motion of Councilor Herring, seconded by Councilor Boutin. **Motion carried.**

Council adjourned at 8:45 PM on motion of Councilor Herring, seconded by Councilor Boutin. **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