

**Regular Meeting of the Barre City Council
Held March 5, 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, Councilors Etli and Poirier; 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 28, 2012
- City Warrants as presented.
- 2012 Licenses & Permits issued through the clerk's office: NONE

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

- The Annual (Town) Meeting and Presidential Primary elections are Tuesday, March 6th at the Civic Center Auditorium. The polls will be open from 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM.
- 2012 dog licenses are now available. Dogs must be licensed by April 2nd.
- Water/sewer bills have been mailed and are due by April 2nd.

Approval of Building Permits – NONE

Liquor Control Board – NONE

Visitors and Communications – NONE

City Manager's Report –

- Manager Mackenzie reported on the following activities over the past week:
 - City Center meeting. Nelson Street hydro project meeting. Budget presentations to local service clubs.
 - City Place developer interviews. A written recommendation from the selection committee is due to Council later this week.
 - There is a Big Dig re-start meeting on March 8th. Representatives from the Big Dig contractor, Luck Bros., will be at next week's Council meeting.
 - There is an ADA pedestrian safety public forum on March 26th.

Mayor Lauzon thanked Secretary of Administration Jeb Spaulding for participating in last week's legislative testimony surrounding City Place. The Mayor also thanked Representatives Paul Poirier and Tess Taylor for setting up a local meeting with legislative representatives.

Old Business – NONE

New Business –

A) CIRCLE Grant Application Authorization Request.

Chief Tim Bombardier and representatives from Circle, Meg Kuhner and Karol Diamond, addressed the Council in support of the grant application. Chief Bombardier reviewed the history of similar grants and the relationship between Circle and the City Police Department, and said this grant would be for almost \$800,000 over two years. The funds would be used in support of the county-wide lethality assessment program.

Council approved the City as lead applicant for the grant on motion of Councilor Etli, seconded by Councilor

To be approved at 03-13-12 Barre City Council Meeting

Boutin. **Motion carried.**

Mayor Lauzon asked that copies of the completed application be forwarded to the Council. The Mayor noted that the authorization papers he signed for the grant application mentioned specific accounting policies. Manager Mackenzie said he confirmed with the accounting department that the City meets the criteria as required in the grant application.

B) Council Approval of City Place Developer.

Mayor Lauzon said the final developer interviews were held last week and thanked the developers for well-developed proposals and for their faith in the community. The Mayor said the selection committee is meeting later this week and will craft a recommendation to the Council. There was discussion about when Council will act on the recommendation and it was decided that it will be on next week's agenda.

C) Resolution #2012-03: Approving of Downtown Tax Increment Financing District.

Mayor Lauzon reviewed the resolution approving the TIF district. Councilor Poirier made the motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Smith. There was discussion about the creation of the TIF district, opportunities to adjust the boundaries, application to and approval by VEPC, and TIF projects in other communities.

Council approved the motion as presented.

E) FY 2013 Budget Review.

Manager Mackenzie presented the proposed FY2013 budget.

D) TIF District Presentation.

Mayor Lauzon presented the proposed TIF district PowerPoint presentation.

Roundtable –

Councilor Chadderton asked people to vote and to support the City and school budgets.

Councilor Boutin said he has enjoyed his time on the Council and hopes to be returned to his seat at tomorrow's election.

Councilor Smith asked people to vote tomorrow and to bring an item of food for the food drive.

Councilor Herring said he participated in last weekend's Freezing Fun for Families winter softball tournament, which raised \$25,000 to benefit two local children with cancer. He said 74 teams participated. Councilor Herring said there will be a Relay for Life kick off meeting at Montpelier High School on March 12th.

Councilor Poirier said he wanted to echo the comments about voting at tomorrow's Annual (Town) Meeting elections, and he would vote for Councilor Boutin if he was a Ward 2 resident.

Council adjourned at 8:45 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