

**TAYLORS FALLS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MONDAY, JANUARY 14, 2008 – 6:30 P.M.**

MINUTES

The Agenda for this Meeting was posted Wednesday, January 9, 2008 at City Hall, the Post Office, and on the City's website. Copies were e-mailed to residents requesting such, and the Press was notified.

The Taylors Falls City Council met for a regular meeting on Monday, January 14, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 637 First Street, Taylors Falls, Minnesota.

CALL TO ORDER

The Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Mike Buchite.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All those present at the meeting recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag.

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mike Buchite, Ross Rivard, John Tangen, Zara Kinnunen (arrived at 6:55 p.m.), Larry Julik-Heine (arrived at 6:47 p.m.)

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Clerk-Treasurer Jo Everson, Zoning Administrator-Coordinator Larry Phillips, Andy & Geri Swenson, Todd & Marianne Rivard, Jim & Linda Grandstrand, Clarence Nelson, Betsy Bradley, Joe Stein, Don Lawrence, Don & Carolyn Lyttle, Sara Joy Wilson, Barbara Young, Diane Dedon, Bill Scott, Lisa Thibodeau, and Bob Porter from the Chisago County Press

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION BY TANGEN/RIVARD TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED FOR THE JANUARY 14, 2008 TAYLORS FALLS CITY COUNCIL MEETING. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION BY RIVARD/TANGEN TO APPROVE/ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS: MINUTES OF PREVIOUS CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS; COMMISSION, BOARD OR COMMITTEE MINUTES/REPORTS; STAFF REPORTS; CONSIDER MINOR CHANGES TO CLERK-TREASURER POSITION DESCRIPTION; CONSIDER PAY REQUEST #1 – ENCOMM MIDWEST, INC., WELLHOUSE #4 PROJECT; APPROVAL OF CLAIMS & PAYROLL; CORRESPONDENCE. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETINGS

THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVED BY CONSENT AGENDA THE MINUTES OF THE TAYLORS FALLS CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS HELD ON DECEMBER 10 AND 27, 2007 AND JANUARY 2, 2008.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

DRAFT DEVELOPMENT CODE (ZONING ORDINANCE) & DRAFT ZONING MAP PUBLIC HEARING

The Mayor opened the Public Hearing at 7:07 p.m. The Clerk read the Public Notice into the record:

*Notice of Public Hearing
City of Taylors Falls*

The Taylors Falls City Council will conduct a series of public hearings on Monday, January 14, 2008 at the Taylors Falls City Hall, 637 First Street, beginning at 7:05 p.m. The hearings to be held are as followed:

1. Consider Adoption of the Draft Development Code and Draft Zoning Map.

2. Consider Adoption of the Proposed Zoning Fees (Appendix A of Chapter One of the Development Code).

The draft Development code, draft Zoning Map, and proposed Zoning Fees are available for review on the City's Website: www.ci.taylors_falls.mn.us or at City Hall.

All interested persons are invited to attend the hearings and be heard on these matters or submit written testimony on these matters.

The Mayor continued by explaining the Public Hearing process. He also announced that the Council would not be deliberating on information received at this hearing until the January 28, 2008 Council Meeting.

Larry Phillips, City Zoning Administrator-Coordinator, summarized his report on the *Draft* Taylors Falls Development Code and Map. The City's new Comprehensive Plan was adopted on July 10, 2006, making significant changes in the allowed uses, space requirements, and design standards for the City. This created a need to review the existing Zoning and Subdivision Ordinances so they would give effect and meaning to the new Plan. Over the next year the Planning Commission, with the assistance of [former City Planner Cliff Knettel], Consultant City Planner Bill Weber from McCombs Frank Roos, and Larry Phillips, City Zoning Administrator-Coordinator, began the task of rewriting the Taylors Falls Development Code to best mirror the vision of the Comprehensive Plan.

The Chapters of the Code cover a multitude of regulatory items that will effectuate the Comprehensive Plan. Chapter 1 is entitled Administration, Chapter 2 provides Zoning Regulations, and Chapter 3 provides Subdivision Regulations. Most significant in these chapters include ten zoning districts, changes in the Zoning Map to reflect these districts, and conservation development through Open Space Design regulations.

On November 28, 2007 the Planning Commission recommended to the City Council that the revised Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map be adopted. Phillips also recommended the Code be adopted based upon the following findings of fact:

- 1. The Comprehensive Plan adopted in 2006 made significant changes in the allowed uses, space requirements, and design standards.*
- 2. The existing Zoning and Subdivision Ordinances are inadequate to give effect and meaning to the Comprehensive Plan whereas the proposed Taylors Falls Development Code will give effect and meaning to the Comprehensive Plan and will be consistent with the Plan (once amended).*
- 3. The proposed Taylors Falls Development will better enable the City to accomplish and achieve the goals and visions established in the Comprehensive Plan.*
- 4. The proposed Taylors Falls Development Code provides regulatory provisions for each of the Comprehensive Plan's land use zones: "Small Town," "River Zone," "Countryside Zone," and "Near Countryside Zone."*
- 5. The current Zoning Map does not have Zoning Districts to reflect the Comprehensive Plan's land use zones so it is inadequate to define the land use zones whereas the proposed Zoning Map does have Zoning Districts to reflect the Plan's land use zones, giving the land use zones effect and meaning.*
- 6. The Zoning District boundaries in the proposed Zoning Map are overall consistent with the current Zoning District boundaries.*

The Mayor asked for public comments IN FAVOR of the *Draft* Taylors Falls Development Code and Map:

Joe Stein, 500 Herberg Road, voiced his overall support of the Development Code. With regard to the Open Space Design Section, Stein indicated that he could see the value of open space in the metro

housing market. However, the benefits become cloudier when the concept is introduced to a small town like Taylors Falls. A potential property owner is interested in the quality of personal space more than open space. An existing property owner, who already has his own personal space, would probably support open space design for future developments. He explained the inconsistency is that the development the City wants for the future is to enhance the lives of the people who don't live in Taylors Falls. The next generation will make decisions based upon what they want, not what we want. The most that we can do is encourage open space design.

Stein encouraged the Council to fix some of the inconsistencies and contradictions in the new Comprehensive Plan. They include terminology issues, boundary issues (rural countryside vs unincorporated areas), open space development and the practical application of a 50% requirement; and the extension of City services to the rural countryside. (see submitted testimony "A Countryside Perspective")

Lisa Thibodeau, 490 West Street, indicated that she was glad to see that the new Ordinance included a parks and trails requirement for the town, and provides a funding structure for these parks and trails.

The Mayor asked for public comments OPPOSED to the *Draft Taylors Falls Development Code and Map*:

Clarence Nelson, 343 Basil Street, indicated that he was opposed to the adoption of the Development Code, Zoning Map, and the Comprehensive Plan amendments. He stated that the Code should have been called the Taylors Falls Conservation and Development Code, which would have then been synonymous with the title of the Comprehensive Plan, A Plan of Conservation and Development. In his opinion the Code has many problems of deficiency and is not ready for approval, and suggested it be sent back to the Planning Commission for correction. He submitted two documents for the record: 1) dated December 31, 2007, on the subject of the December 18 Public Hearing on the Proposed Comp Plan Amendments; and 2) dated January 7, 2008, on the subject of an Urgent Note on a Serious Problem with the [Proposed] Zoning Map. Issues identified were:

Document 1 includes the contention that the Planning Commission did not take into consideration his (Clarence Nelson) and Betsy Bradley's statements opposing the approval of the proposed Comprehensive Plan amendments during that Public Hearing.

- They questioned the Planning Commission's understanding of the role and legal stature of the Comprehensive Plan the City adopted in 2006 in relation to the Zoning Code it has drafted.
- They requested clarification whether the Planning Commission's motivation to amend the Comp Plan was to encourage development or to meet the Comp Plan mandate to balance conservation and development.
- They questioned why the open space design (OSD) development (OSD) parameters written into the Comp Plan, that were based on development codes successful in other communities, do not provide a satisfactory basis for encouraging the best type of OSD development in Taylors Falls.
- They requested evidence or support to allow City services to be extended into the Rural Countryside Zone for OSD development.
- They questioned why experience with OSD development in other municipalities could not be applicable to the Taylors Falls Rural Countryside and Near Countryside areas as defined in the Comp Plan.
- They requested evidence supporting the claim that open space minimum percentage requirements of 50% would not work in Taylors Falls under conditions of a normal housing market.
- They questioned why a reference to specific other cities was deleted in the Comp Plan, which created a need to amend the Comp Plan to do so.

- They questioned the Planning Commission's interpretation of orderly outward growth as envisioned in the Comp Plan.
- They questioned the Planning Commission interpretation of the Comp Plan's vision for the Countryside Zone when fully developed.
- They requested acknowledgement that on their comment that the 2003 SEH Engineering study areas were in conflict with the Comp Plan vision and intent, and wanted reference to it removed.
- They requested acknowledgement that amendments to the City Comp Plan is a public process that needed to involve community participation and input similar in spirit to the process followed in establishing the Com Plan Task Force.
- They requested that the term "City approved methods" to be defined in a restrictive manner similar to their suggestion.

Document 2 claims there is a serious problem with the proposed Zoning Map that would, if not corrected, contradict and effectively undermine the core concept of the Comprehensive Plan pertaining to future land use zones and development patterns. The authors challenge the Rural Transitional classification given to the 138-acre tract north of the Cemetery and MN Hwy 95 currently owned by RTS Development. It is their belief that the property should be zoned Rural Countryside and disagree with the rationalization provided by the Planning Commission, City Staff, and City Planner Consultant.

Betsy Bradley, 313 Basil Street, submitted written testimony for the record, opposing the adoption of the Development Code and Zoning Map. Bradley agreed that the Code should be renamed to The Conservation and Development Code to mirror the name of the Comp Plan. In her document she identifies several Comp Plan mandates that she feels have not been adequately translated into the Code, thereby creating conflict between the Code and the Plan.

- » The Comp Plan requires conservation to be weighed equally with development when City officials and bodies are considering proposals that will alter land use patterns within the City.
- » The Comp Plan requires that planning for continuity and change in Taylors Falls will proceed in a new way, one directed primarily by the principles stated in the Comp Plan. The Plan states that as change takes place, it should do so with respect for the basic building blocks of this place – natural scenic beauty and small town historic character- and will incorporate new models, meaning new ways in zoning.
- » The Comp Plan expressly states that its define Key Principles – truths about the physical attributes of Taylors Falls – *will be the primary filter to use in community decision making and that we will compare proposals for change to these principles before employing more traditional tool like ordinances*. Much of the vision of the Plan is summarized in a few sentences: *Small town historic character and natural beauty are the building blocks of our community*. Conditions that exist are the basis of this plan. Three zones: River, Small Town, and Countryside are the three areas of the City that exist and are to be perpetuated. Yet these ideas are not clearly expressed in the code. (their emphasis, not this author's)
- » The Comp Plan, with no qualifications, states that the City will take a new path with its planning. The adoption of the Plan did not include the option to ignore this critical component.
- » The Comp Plan states that *Creating our Common Future*, that character zoning will be the basis for describing and assessing changes that will be compatible with the existing natural and built character of the City.
- » Code language changes in the introduction that highlights Taylors Falls' unusual approach to comprehensive planning and conservation and development code.
- » The Comp Plan defines in detail three zones within the City. The proposed Code materially alters the concept and requirements for these zones.

- » The Comp Plan mandates that the City recognize and act on stewardship responsibilities and the long-term view of environmental and watershed protection issues noted in it.
- » The Comp Plan specifies that new methods and the continued involvement of the people of Taylors Falls are critical in the implementation of the Plan.
- » The requirements for a parcel character inventory and depictions of the proposal in full build-out state in aerial perspective should be added to the Code.

Bradley summarized her statements by stating that the documents are so different they can only lead to a troubled future in terms of the work of the Planning Commission and the City Council in considering proposals for development. The draft Code, as it now stands, turns its back on the course for the future that the people of Taylors Falls envisioned as the Comp Plan was developed.

Barbara Young, 325 Basil Street, expressed her concern with the proposed Residential Transitional zone near the Kabakong Cemetery. As a member of the Governor's Design Team (from the early 1990's), conservation was key. At that time she did not believe the property would have been zoned in this manner. It appears that "[someone is] putting a foot on public meetings, why have a vision if it is not kept". Young also served as a member of the Design Guidelines Task Force, whose responsibility was to develop guidelines for the downtown area. She encouraged the City to be careful with this area because it includes residential property as well as commercial property. It is essential in keeping the character of the town. She urged the Council to review the downtown guidelines further.

Carolyn Lyttle, 540 Colby Street, expressed her appreciation of the Comprehensive Plan, but also stated she is disturbed that the Code is deviating from it. In her opinion, Taylors Falls is special and outstanding. There is a vision in the Comp Plan that protects this. Taylors Falls does not want heavy-duty development. She encouraged the Council to take its time, and pleaded to leave the City beautiful for those [future generations] to come.

The Mayor asked for public comments NEUTRAL to the *Draft Taylors Falls Development Code and Map*:

Diane Dedon, 33431 Unity Avenue, stated that she is representing the Kabakong Cemetery Board, who expressed concern about the need for a buffer zone between the cemetery and the property to the north. Dedon submitted two documents for the record. The first was a summary of the testimony by Dedon. The Cemetery Board requested that the City keep them informed of future plans on the development of the adjoining properties. The second document was a letter dated November 26, 2007 to the Planning Commission from the Cemetery Board, expressing the same concern regarding buffering and stricter set back requirements.

Council Member John Tangen announced that he is the Vice-President of the Cemetery Board, and has secluded himself from discussions on this subject during past Board Meetings.

Hearing no further comments from the public,

MOTION BY JULIK-HEINE/RIVARD TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE DRAFT DEVELOPMENT CODE AND DRAFT ZONING MAP. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The hearing closed at 8:09 p.m.

PROPOSED ZONING FEES PUBLIC HEARING

The Mayor opened the second Public Hearing at 8:10 p.m. regarding the proposed Zoning Fees, which are Appendix A of Chapter One of the Development Code.

Larry Phillips, City Zoning Administrator-Coordinator, summarized his report on the proposed Zoning Fees, which are itemized in two categories: Zoning Related Fees and Land Dedication Fees. The Zoning Related Fees have not changed from what the City currently requires. The Land Dedication Fees are those proposed to be increased: Park Fees from \$300.00 per lot or unit to \$1,450.00 per dwelling unit for a newly created lot; Trail fees from \$0.00 to \$350.00 per dwelling unit for a newly created lot.

The Park and Recreation Commission have calculated these dollar amounts using the estimated costs of developing and constructing various types of parks. These costs include land acquisition, site preparation, play equipment, engineering costs, inspections, structures, walks, blacktop, play field design and construction, park signage and even trash receptacles.

Trail construction is also based upon estimated construction costs, including excavation, drainage facilities, paving, signage and trail amenities. The Park and Trail Fees can be exchanged in lieu of land, which is established in Section 3000.009 Park and Trail Dedication Requirements of the draft Taylors Falls Development Code.

On November 28, 2007 the Planning Commission recommended to the City Council that the proposed Zoning Fees be adopted. Phillips also recommended that the proposed Zoning Fees be adopted based upon the following findings of fact:

1. *The City has adopted a Parks and Trails Master Plan to create a comprehensive direction for the development of parks and trails to serve the Taylors Falls community.*
 - a. *The Parks and Trails Master Plan established geographic locations for future parks and trails within the City as well as types of parks and trails to best fulfill the needs of the community in each particular area of the City.*
 - b. *The proposed Land Use Dedication Fees will better enable to City to fulfill specific goals established in the Parks and Trails Master Plan regarding park and trail location and type.*
2. *The proposed Land Dedication Fees for both Park Fees and Trail Fees are based upon actual development and construction costs for parks and trails*
3. *The cost of establishing future parks and trails will be paid for by land developers rather than exiting residents of Taylors Falls.*
4. *Parks and trails are an asset to the City.*

The Mayor asked for public comments IN FAVOR of the proposed Zoning Fees.

Lisa Thibodeau, 490 West Street, reported that she was representing the Park & Rec Commission, and stated that the PRC is in favor of the proposed Zoning Fees and Land Dedication Fees. The proposed costs to support the fees are standardized costs for the development of parks and trails in any City.

The Mayor asked for public comments OPPOSED AND NEUTRAL to the proposed Zoning Fees. Hearing none,

MOTION BY KINNUNEN/JULIK-HEINE TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED ZONING FEES. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The hearing closed at 8:19 p.m.

The Mayor reminded Council that deliberations on the testimony submitted at these Public Hearings would begin at 6:30 p.m. on January 28, 2008.

COMMISSION, BOARD OR COMMITTEE MINUTES/REPORTS

LIBRARY BOARD

THE CITY COUNCIL ACCEPTED BY CONSENT AGENDA THE MINUTES OF THE TAYLORS FALLS LIBRARY BOARD MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 19, 2007.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

THE CITY COUNCIL ACCEPTED BY CONSENT AGENDA THE MINUTES OF THE TAYLORS FALLS ECONOMIC DEVELOPEMENT COMMISSION MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 1, 2007.

PUBLIC FORUM

None.

STAFF REPORTS & REQUESTS

CHISAGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

THE CITY COUNCIL ACCEPTED BY CONSENT AGENDA CORPORAL SHANE CARROLL'S DECEMBER 2007 CHISAGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT REPORT.

ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT

THE CITY COUNCIL ACCEPTED BY CONSENT AGENDA THE DECEMBER 2007 FINANCIAL REPORTS PRESENTED BY CLERK-TREASURER JO EVERSON.

PLANNING & ZONING DEPARTMENT

THE CITY COUNCIL ACCEPTED BY CONSENT AGENDA LARRY PHILLIP'S DECEMBER 2007 ZONING ADMINISTRATOR-COORDINATOR'S REPORT.

STAFF REQUESTS

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR-COORDINATOR

Larry Phillips requested permission to attend two Government Training Services workshops in early 2008: A Fresh Look: Rethinking Local Land Use Planning and Resolving the Funding Dilemma.

MOTION BY RIVARD/TANGEN TO AUTHORIZE THE REQUEST FROM ZONING ADMINISTRATOR-COORDINATOR LARRY PHILLIPS TO ATTEND TWO GOVERNMENT TRAINING WORKSHIPS TO BE HELD ON JANUARY 30TH AND MARCH 27TH, 2008 AT THE EARLE BROWN CENTER AT THE U OF M CAMPUS, ST. PAUL, MN AT A REGISTRATION COST OF \$140.00 PLUS MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT, TO BE PAID FROM THE PLANNING & ZONING DEPARTMENT TRAINING EXPENSE BUDGET (41910-208). MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

CONSIDER PAYMENT OF ALEX AIR APPARATUS INVOICE

At the last Council Meeting, it was requested by the Fire Department to purchase a rescue extrication truck kit, which is extra stabilization equipment for the extrication equipment recently purchased. Due to a miscommunication, the Fire Chief was not available to attend the meeting to explain the equipment, so Council Liaison John Tangen requested the purchase be tabled until this meeting.

MOTION BY TANGEN/RIVARD TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE BY THE TAYLORS FALLS FIRE DEPARTMENT OF A RESCUE 42CTC-6002 TRUCK KIT FROM ALEX AIR APPARATUS, INC., AT A COST OF \$3,104.00, TO BE PAID FROM THE 2007 NEW EQUIPMENT BUDGET EXPENSE ACCOUNT (42260-580). MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

NEW BUSINESS

CONSIDER AWARD OF 2007 ST. CROIX RIVER VALLEY STEWARDSHIP AWARD

This is an annual award that is given to someone who has represented the St. Croix Valley in a worthy manner. The Mayor recommended Andy and Geri Swenson to receive the 2007 award.

MOTION BY TANGEN/RIVARD TO AWARD THE 2007 ST. CROIX RIVER VALLEY STEWARDSHIP AWARD TO ANDY AND GERI SWENSON IN APPRECIATION FOR THEIR DEDICATION TO THE TAYLORS FALLS LIONS' PARKS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. (certificate copy attached)

The Swenson's were present to receive the certificate from the Mayor, and expressed their appreciation to the Council for the award.

CONSIDER MNDOT PROPERTY NEGOTIATIONS

Mayor Buchite explained that he and Vice-Mayor Ross Rivard have met with representatives from the Minnesota Department of Transportation to discuss the possibility of re-locating the Taylors Falls MnDOT garage from its current location on Chisago and Bench Street, to the City Hall property, therefore freeing the Bench Street property for possible commercial purposes. It is expected that the revenue from the sale of the MnDOT property would pay for the construction costs to build a one stall and cold storage facility, and a salt/sand storage area in the new location. Another meeting is scheduled for January 23, 2008, at which time negotiations will continue. The City Attorney recommended Council take action on certain authorizations prior to that meeting. Any final decisions on the project will be brought back to the Council for approval prior to execution.

MOTION BY TANGEN/KINNUNEN TO AUTHORIZE THE FOLLOWING WITH REGARD TO THE PROPOSED RELOCATION OF THE MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION BUILDING TO

THE TAYLORS FALLS CITY HALL PROPERTY:

- ✧ AUTHORIZE ATTORNEY PATRICK KELLY TO DO A TITLE SEARCH FOR THE PROPOSED MNDOT BUILDING PROPERTY
- ✧ AUTHORIZE ATTORNEY PATRICK KELLY TO DRAFT A LEASE AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF TAYLORS FALLS AND MNDOT
- ✧ AUTHORIZE MAYOR MIKE BUCHITE AND VICE-MAYOR ROSS RIVARD TO CONTINUE NEGOTIATIONS WITH MNDOT
- ✧ AUTHORIZE MAYOR MIKE BUCHITE AND VICE-MAYOR ROSS RIVARD TO RESEARCH POSSIBLE FINANCING OPTIONS
- ✧ AUTHORIZE MAYOR MIKE BUCHITE AND VICE-MAYOR ROSS RIVARD TO OBTAIN AN APPRAISAL FOR THE MNDOT PROPERTY ON CHISAGO STREET (IN THE EVENT THE STATE APPRAISAL IS NOT ACCEPTABLE).

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CONSIDER ORDINANCE 2008-01-14, AMENDING CHAPTER 6, PARKING REGULATIONS

In light of the Council action taken at the December 27, 2007 meeting to allow parking on a certain street during winter "no parking" hours, the City Attorney has recommended the Council adopt an amendment to the Ordinance that allows special exception by Council authorization.

MOTION BY RIVARD/TANGEN TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 2008-01-14, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TAYLORS FALLS CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 6, TRAFFIC AND MOTOR VEHICLES, WINTER PARKING. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ORDINANCE 2008-01-14

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TAYLORS FALLS CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 6, TRAFFIC AND MOTOR VEHICLES

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAYLORS FALLS DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

The Taylors Falls Code of Ordinances, Chapter 6, Traffic and Motor Vehicles; Section 600.07 Parking Regulations; shall be amended to read:

Subd. 4. Winter Parking

- A. It shall be unlawful for anyone to park motor vehicles, equipment or structures on a street or alley in the City between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. between November 1st and April 15th of the following year, those dates inclusive, unless otherwise authorized by the City Council.

/s/ Michael D. Buchite, Mayor
Jo Everson, Clerk-Treasurer

CONSIDER MINOR CHANGES TO CLERK-TREASURER POSITION DESCRIPTION

THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVED BY CONSENT AGENDA THE AMENDED POSITION DESCRIPTION FOR THE CLERK-TREASURER. (copy attached)

APPROVE PAYMENT OF PAY REQUEST #1, ENCOMM MIDWEST, INC.

THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVED BY CONSENT AGENDA, PAYMENT OF PAY REQUEST #1 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,502.50 TO ENCOMM MIDWEST, INC. FOR THE WORK COMPLETED TO DATE ON THE WELLHOUSE #4 PROJECT TO BE PAID FROM THE NEW WELL BUDGET EXPENSE ACCOUNT (601-590).

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS & PAYROLL

THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVED BY CONSENT AGENDA THE PAYMENT OF CHECK NUMBERS 21311

- 21357 TOTALING \$165,106.54; AND TO APPROVE DECEMBER PAYROLL TOTALING \$34,448.03.

LIAISON OR COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Mayor Mike Buchite reported that the City received payment for the \$5,000.00 owed by the George Vitalis Estate to the Heritage Coalition at the time the Scenic Overlook property was deeded back to the City in 2006.

The 2007 year-end General Fund cash balance was \$309,612.93, up \$101,748.78 from 2006 year-end. The Mayor commended each Department for their prudent spending during the year, which contributed to this record fund balance.

CORRESPONDENCE

THE CITY COUNCIL ACKNOWLEDGED THE CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED IN THE JANUARY 14, 2008 COUNCIL PACKET:

1. LETTER FROM EAST CENTRAL REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, RE: MEETING INVITATION
2. EMPLOYEE VACATION REQUEST
3. MINNESOTA POLLUTION CONTROL HAZARDOUS WASTE LICENSE APPLICATION
4. STAFF CORRESPONDENCE & EMAILS

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY TANGEN/JULIK-HEINE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING OF THE JANUARY 14, 2008 TAYLORS FALLS CITY COUNCIL. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Being no further business to come before the Council, the Meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Michael D. Buchite, Mayor

Jo Everson, Clerk-Treasurer

APPROVED: FEBRUARY 11, 2008