

**TAYLORS FALLS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2008 – 7:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

The Agenda for this Meeting was posted Wednesday, February 20, 2008 at City Hall. The agenda was also posted at the Post Office and on City's web site. 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, February 25, 2008 at 7:00 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 7:00 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, Larry Julik-Heine

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Zoning Administrator-Coordinator Larry Phillips, Bob Porter from the Chisago County Press, Kevin Irwin, and Gerald Lamson.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mayor Buchite stated the 2008 Animal Control Contract is enclosed in the City Council packet and requested the agenda be amended to add the 2008 Animal Contract as item number six under New Business and be considered by consent agenda.

MOTION BY KINNUNEN/JULIK-HEINE TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED FOR THE FEBRUARY 25, 2008 TAYLORS FALLS CITY COUNCIL MEETING. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION BY JULIK-HEINE/RIVARD TO APPROVE/ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS: 2008 ANIMAL CONTROL CONTRACT AND CORRESPONDENCE. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

PUBLIC FORUM

None.

REPORT ON PREVIOUS PUBLIC FORUM REQUESTS

None.

STAFF REPORTS & REQUESTS

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT – CONSIDER PURCHASE OF TWO FIRE HYDRANTS

Public Works Employee Bill Neska requested permission to purchase two fire hydrants from Minnesota Pipe at a cost of \$5133.43.

MOTION BY JULIK-HEINE/KINNUNEN TO AUTHORIZE THE REQUEST FROM PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEE BILL NESKA TO PURCHASE TWO FIRE HYDRANTS FROM MINNESOTA PIPE AT A COST OF \$5133.43. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT – CONSIDER TRAINING REQUESTS

Public Works Employee Eric Gardner requested authorization to attend the 71st Annual Waste Water Operators School at Northland Inn, March 26-28 at a cost of \$270.00, plus mileage and hotel expense.

MOTION BY KINNUNEN/TANGEN TO AUTHORIZE PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEE ERIC GARNER TO ATTEND THE 71ST ANNUAL WASTE WATER OPERATORS SCHOOL TO BE HELD MARCH 26-28, 2008, AT THE NORTHLUND INN, WITH A REGISTRATION COST OF \$270.00, PLUS HOTEL EXPENSE AND MILEGE REIMBURSEMENT. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

CONSIDER ADOPTING ORDINANCE 08-02-25, RIGHT-OF-WAY ORDINANCE

Mayor Buchite explained the Ordinance came from the League of Minnesota Cities and was modified to fit the needs of Taylors Falls. He further explained the intent of the Ordinance was to insure that the integrity of the City's streets and right-of-ways are used appropriately.

MOTION BY KINNUNEN/RIVARD TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 08-02-25, THE RIGHT-OF-WAY ORDINANCE. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. (Attached).

Mayor Buchite explained the fees for the Right-of-Way Ordinances would be incorporated into the existing fee schedule, which is Resolution 08-01-02, and would need to be amended in order to incorporate the fees.

MOTION BY TANGEN/KINNUNEN TO AMEND RESOLUTION 08-01-02, THE 2008 FEE SCHEDULE. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. (Attached).

CONSIDER ADOPTING RESOLUTION 08-02-09, AUTHORIZING PUBLICATION SUMMARY OF RIGHT-OF-WAY ORDINANCE

Mayor Buchite explained publishing a summary Resolution rather than the entire text of the Right-of-Way Ordinance is easier to understand and less expensive to publish.

MOTION BY RIVARD/KINNUNEN TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 08-02-09, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PUBLICATION SUMMARY OF THE RIGHT-OF-WAY ORDINANCE, ORDINANCE 08-02-25. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. (Attached).

CONSIDER ADOPTING ORDINANCE 08-02-26, BUSINESS LICENSING ORDINANCE

Zoning Administrator-Coordinator Larry Phillips stated there were issues remaining in the ordinance that would have to be clarified with legal counsel before the Ordinance would be ready for adoption.

MOTION BY KINNUNEN/JULIK-HEINE TO TABLE ORDINANCE 08-02-26, BUSINESS LICENSING ORDINANCE, UNTIL STAFF FINDS THE ORDINANCE IS READY FOR ADOPTION. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CONSIDER LIQOUR LICENSE FOR JERR'S BORDER BAR

Kevin Irwin, current owner of the Border Bar, stated he is selling the bar to Gerald Lamson, and the transaction will most likely occur March 6, 2008. Mr. Phillips state there is a State plumbing code violation with the sink at the bar. The City Building Inspector recommended a condition of approval be added requiring this plumbing violation be brought to current State plumbing code by April 5th, 2008.

MOTION BY RIVARD/JULIK-HEINE TO GRANT A LIQUOR LICENSE "ON SALE," LIQUOR LICENSE "OFF SALE," AND A SUNDAY LICENSE TO GERALD LAMSON, BORDER BAR & GRILL, EFFECTIVE UPON THE SALE OF THE PROPERTY AND CONDITIONED UPON THE ISSUANCE OF A CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE AND THE PLUMBING VIOLATION WITH THE SINK BE BROUGHT UP TO CURRENT STATE PLUMBING CODE BY APRIL 5TH 2008. FOUR AYES: KINNUNEN, BUCHITE, RIVARD, AND JULIK-HEINE. ZERO NEYS. CONCIL MEMBER TANGEN ABSTAINED BECAUSE OF A CONFLICT OF INTEREST WITH HIS EMPLOYMENT WITH THE CHISAGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. MOTION CARRIED.

CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION OF REWARD FOR ARREST AND CONVICTION OF ARSONIST(S)

Mayor Buchite stated he had been contacted by the Chisago County Sheriff's Department shortly after the four houses were burned by arsonist(s) on February 16, 2008. Minnesota Statute 471.631 allows a City to offer a reward for information leading to the apprehension and charging or conviction of a person alleged to have committed a felony within City limits.

MOTION BY KINNUNEN/JULIK-HEINE TO AUTHORIZE A REWARD FOR THE ARREST AND CONVICTION OF THE ARSONIST(S) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,000. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CONSIDER 2008 ANIMAL CONTROL CONSTRCT

THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVED BY CONSENT AGENDA THE 2008 ANIMAL CONTROL CONTRACT BY AND BETWEEN ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES, INC., AND THE CITY OF TAYLORS FALLS. (Attached).

CORRESPONDENCE

THE CITY COUNCIL ACKNOWLEDGED CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED IN THE FEBRUARY 25, 2008 COUNCIL PACKET:

1. Staff correspondence and emails.

LIAISON OR COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Zara Kinnunen stated that the Heritage Preservation Commission canceled their February meeting and their next meeting will be held in March.

Ross Rivard reported he had meet with the Public Works Department and they are preparing for the spring season.

John Tangen stated the Economic Development Commission would be meeting Thursday, February 28 at City Hall. Council member Tangen also expressed gratitude to the Taylors Falls Fire Department for their quick reaction time to the fires on February 16.

Larry Julik-Heine reported the Park and Recreation Commission (PRC) accomplished a great deal at their February meeting. He stated the PRC planned on presenting plans for Cherry Hill Park at the March 24th City Council meeting.

Mayor Mike Buchite reported he had recently attended conference of Mayor's in Chisago County to discuss ideas on how the cities can work together to benefit the County. Mayor Buchite and Council Member Kinnunen also attended the Economic Summit last Saturday.

Buchite gave an update on Jo Everson's and Jayna Yeske's recovery from surgeries and stated both are on their way back to recovery.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY JULIK-HEINE/KINNUNEN TO ADJOURN THE MEETING OF THE FEBRUARY 25, 2008 TAYLORS FALLS CITY COUNCIL. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Being no further business to come before the Council, the Meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Michael D. Buchite, Mayor

Larry Phillips, ZA - Coordinator

APPROVED: March 10, 2008