

**TAYLORS FALLS CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
MONDAY, JANUARY 12, 2009 – 7:00 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

The Agenda for this Meeting was posted Wednesday, January 7, 2009 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 12, 2009 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 (arrived at 7:17 p.m.)

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Jayna Yeske, Zoning Administrator-Coordinator Larry Phillips, Lee Casperson, and Bob Porter from the Chisago County Press

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

MOTION BY RIVARD/KINNUNEN TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED FOR THE JANUARY 12, 2009 TAYLORS FALLS CITY COUNCIL MEETING. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA**

MOTION BY TANGEN/KINNUNEN TO APPROVE/ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS: MINUTES OF PREVIOUS CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS; COMMISSION, BOARD OR COMMITTEE MINUTES/REPORTS; STAFF REPORTS; CONSIDER RESOLUTION 09-01-07 ACCEPTING DONATION; 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 8 AND 29, 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 17, 2008.

**PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION**

THE CITY COUNCIL ACCEPTED BY CONSENT AGENDA THE MINUTES OF THE TAYLORS FALLS PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION MEETINGS HELD ON NOVEMBER 19 AND DECEMBER 17, 2008.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

None.

**STAFF REPORTS & REQUESTS**

**CHISAGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**

THE CITY COUNCIL ACCEPTED BY CONSENT AGENDA CORPORAL SHANE CARROLL'S DECEMBER 2008 CHISAGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT REPORT.

**ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT**

THE CITY COUNCIL ACCEPTED BY CONSENT AGENDA THE DECEMBER 2008 FINANCIAL REPORTS PRESENTED BY CLERK-TREASURER JO EVERSON.

**PLANNING & ZONING DEPARTMENT**

THE CITY COUNCIL ACCEPTED BY CONSENT AGENDA LARRY PHILLIPS' DECEMBER 2008 ZONING ADMINISTRATOR-COORDINATOR'S REPORT.

**STAFF REQUESTS**

NONE.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**CONSIDER RESOLUTION 09-01-06 AFFIRMING THE COMMITMENT TO THE SWEDISH IMMIGRANT TRAIL IN TAYLORS FALLS**

At the December 29, 2008 City Council meeting, Laird Mork, Chisago County Park Director, presented updated information on the progress of the Swedish Immigrant Trail Project. The proposed trail is a 20 mile, multi-use hard surface trail, providing a safe route for recreation and alternative transportation from Wyoming to Taylors Falls via Chisago City, Lindstrom, Center City and Shafer, and is designed to interpret and celebrate the Swedish immigrant history. Chisago County is seeking approval from the City in their efforts of purchasing property in Taylors Falls and affirming a commitment from the City to cooperate with the establishment of the Swedish Immigrant Trail. The Council tabled the adoption of the resolution allowing Staff and the City Attorney time to review the resolution prior to the Council adopting it.

MOTION BY KINNUNEN/TANGEN TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 09-01-06, AS AMENDED, AFFIRMING TAYLORS FALLS' COMMITMENT TO THE SWEDISH IMMIGRANT TRAIL IN TAYLORS FALLS AND FURTHER TO GRANT APPROVAL OF THE ACQUISITION OF A SPECIFIC PROPERTY THEREOF. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. (attached)

**NEW BUSINESS**

**CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION TO PURSUE DEED REDEVELOPMENT GRANT**

The City received notification from the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) about a redevelopment grant opportunity. After examining the eligibility requirements and speaking with a project manager from DEED, the City may be eligible to receive grant monies for public improvements directly relating to the MNDOT project such as sidewalks, street lights and utility improvements. This is a 50/50 matching grant. Funding for the grant will be determined at the next Council meeting in which the Council will consider adopting a resolution to approve the grant application, committing the City to match the requested amount. If awarded, the grant monies do not need to be spent in 2009. Considering the economic times the State of Minnesota is currently facing, the City has the option of choosing to reject the grant if necessary.

MOTION BY RIVARD/KINNUNEN TO AUTHORIZE ZONING ADMINISTRATOR-COORDINATOR LARRY PHILLIPS TO PURSUE THE MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (DEED) REDEVELOPMENT GRANT FOR THE MNDOT RELOCATION & PROPERTY REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Council Member Kinnunen offered to review the grant and provide necessary editing.

**ACCEPT \$1,000.00 COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT FOUNDATION GRANT**

PRC Chair Tana Havumaki received authorization from the City Council on December 2, 2008, to submit a \$1,000.00 grant from the Lake State Federal Credit Union, Community Improvement Foundation, for assistance in landscaping costs for the Cherry Hill Park. The City received a letter dated January 2, 2009 stating that the City was granted the \$1,000.00 to install trees and shrubs at Cherry Hill Park. This is a non-matching fund grant.

MOTION BY KINNUNEN/RIVARD TO ACCEPT THE \$1,000.00 GRANT FROM THE LAKE STATE FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT FOUNDATION, FOR ASSISTANCE IN LANDSCAPING COSTS AT THE CHERRY HILL PARK. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Special thank you and congratulations to Ms. Havumaki on her first success in applying for and receiving a grant for the City of Taylors Falls.

**CONSIDER RESOLUTION 09-01-07 ACCEPTING A DONATION**

THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVED BY CONSENT AGENDA, MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 09-01-07, ACCEPTING A DONATION FROM THE TAYLORS FALLS FIRE RELIEF ASSOCIATION. (attached)

**APPROVAL OF CLAIMS & PAYROLL**

THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVED BY CONSENT AGENDA THE PAYMENT OF CHECK NUMBERS 22211- 22233 TOTALING \$121,424.17, ADDITIONAL ACCOUNTS PAYABLE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,177.48, AND TO APPROVE DECEMBER PAYROLL TOTALING \$35,575.68.

**LIAISON OR COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS**

**Ross Rivard** reported that the Planning Commission held their election of officers at their January meeting and would like to congratulate Joe Stein as being elected Chair and to thank Irv Stolp for his time served as Chair of the PC.

**Larry Julik-Heine** reported that the Park and Recreation Commission held their elections at their January meeting with Tana Havumaki being elected to continue as PRC Chair and new member Mary Murphy being elected as Vice Chair.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

THE CITY COUNCIL ACKNOWLEDGED THE CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED IN THE JANUARY 12, 2009 COUNCIL PACKET:

1. NOTICE FROM MN DEPT OF REVENUE, RE: LGA REDUCTION
2. MEMO FROM MNDOT, RE: APPOINTMENT OF AREA MANAGERS
3. NOTICE FROM XCEL, RE: RATE INCREASE
4. STAFF CORRESPONDENCE & EMAILS

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION BY TANGEN/JULIK-HEINE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING OF THE JANUARY 12, 2009 TAYLORS FALLS CITY COUNCIL. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Being no further business to come before the Council, the Meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

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Michael D. Buchite, Mayor

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Jayna Yeske, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer

**APPROVED: FEBRUARY 9, 2009**