

**TAYLORS FALLS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MONDAY, MARCH 23, 2009 - 7:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

The Agenda for this Meeting was posted Wednesday, March 18, 2009, at City Hall, the Post Office and the 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, March 23, 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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Clerk-Treasurer Jo Everson, Commissioner Rick Greene, and Bob Porter from the Chisago County Press

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION BY JULIK-HEINE/KINNUNEN TO APPROVE THE AGENDA, AS PRESENTED, FOR THE MARCH 23, 2009 COUNCIL MEETING. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION BY TANGEN/RIVARD TO APPROVE/ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS: CONSIDER PLANNING & ZONING TRAINING REQUESTS; CONSIDER RESOLUTION 09-03-02 CONFIRMING FIRE DEPARTMENT APPOINTMENTS; SET DATE FOR CLERK-TREASURER PERFORMANCE EVALUATION; CONSIDER 2009 WASTE MANAGEMENT PERMITS; CORRESPONDENCE. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

PUBLIC FORUM

Chisago County Commissioner Rick Greene reported that the County has scheduled its 2009 road work, which includes milling and overlaying the County Road 20 hill (First Street) beginning at Highway 95 and back to Highway 95 via County Road 71 (Chestnut Street through Mulberry Street). He indicated that the City must make a decision if it will continue parking on the north side of the 20/95 intersection (Chisago House/Riverview), and if the street should have striping for a right-turn lane. The Public Works Council Liaisons will discuss the issue and report their recommendation to Greene. When questioned if Highway 95 would be repaired in 2009, Greene reported that Taylors Falls would not see its improvements this year, however, Highway 95 from North Branch to County Road 9 would.

Reporter Bob Porter complimented the City on the appearance of the newly completed Wellhouse #4 on County Road 37.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

CONSIDER AUTHORIZING SEH BIDS & SPECS FOR THE 2009 WATERMAIN IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

The City has a water restriction problem in the 6" watermain near Well #3 which is caused by a

buildup of manganese creating a pressure problem. This watermain was “pigged” last year with little improvement. As discussed in previous Council meetings, a solution to the pressure problem can be addressed by replacing 1800’ (or an optional/additional 500’) of the main with a 12” main starting east of Well #3 along County Road 37. In addition to resolving the pressure problem, the increase in watermain size would also be beneficial for a future watermain redundancy loop around the City.

This project was originally bid out in August 2008. The lowest bid was \$159,338, except the Engineer’s estimate was \$148,865. The recommendation from the Engineer was to reject all bids and re-bid the project in 2009, which was agreed to by the Council. The cost of the project this year is now expected to come in lower due to the combined factors of the economy, reduced price of steel, and eliminating two (new) hydrants from the 2008 plans. The proposed timeline is as follows:

- Open bids 10:00 a.m. April 23
- Council award bid April 27
- Work starts [estimated] mid May and ends mid June

MOTION BY JULIK-HEINE/RIVARD TO APPROVE THE PLANS FOR THE 2009 TRUNK WATERMAIN PROJECT AS DRAFTED BY CITY ENGINEERS AT SHORT ELLIOT & HENDRICKSON (SEH). MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. (on file)

MOTION BY KINNUNEN/TANGEN TO AUTHORIZE SEH TO SOLICIT BIDS FOR THE 2009 TRUNK WATERMAIN IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, WITH BID OPENING TO BE APRIL 23, 2009 AT 10:00 A.M. AT CITY HALL IN TAYLORS FALLS, WITH BID CONSIDERATION BY THE CITY COUNCIL AT THEIR APRIL 27, 2009 MEETING. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION BY RIVARD/KINNUNEN TO AUTHORIZE AN ADDITIONAL PAYMENT OF \$450.00 TO SEH FOR REVISIONS TO THE 2009 TRUNK WATERMAIN PROJECT PLANS, TO BE PAID FROM THE WATER FUND (601). MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CONSIDER RESOLUTION 09-03-03 AMENDING THE 2009 BUDGET & LIFTING THE NON-ESSENTIAL SPENDING FREEZE

The Council met recently in a Budget Workshop to review the City’s 2009 budget to determine how to address the 2009 \$45,000.00 cut in Local Government Aid (LGA) proposed by Governor Pawlenty, and to further discuss impacts of the proposed \$95,000 LGA cut in 2010. The Clerk-Treasurer presented Resolution 09-03-03 which includes the budget adjustments recommended at that workshop. *Detailed explanations for each adjustment are included in the March 11th Minutes.*

The Mayor and Council Members commended City Staff for their “group effort” and sacrifices during these difficult economic times. While the City was able to contend with the State’s 2009 cuts to the City’s revenue, the real challenge may well be in the 2010 budget when another proposed \$55,000 could be cut. The Mayor advised caution in spending with continuous monitoring of each Department’s budget.

MOTION BY JULIK-HEINE/RIVARD TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 09-03-03, AS PRESENTED, AMENDING THE 2009 BUDGET AND LIFTING THE FREEZE ON ALL NON-ESSENTIAL SPENDING. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. (attached)

CONSIDER PLANNING & ZONING ADMINISTRATOR-COORDINATOR TRAINING REQUESTS

THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVED BY CONSENT AGENDA THE TRAINING REQUEST FOR PLANNING COMMISSIONERS AND LARRY PHILLIPS, ZONING ADMINISTRATOR-COORDINATOR, AT A COST OF \$570.00 TO BE PAID FROM THE PLANNING & ZONING TRAINING & INSTRUCTION BUDGET (41910-208).

CONSIDER RESOLUTION 09-03-02 CONFIRMING THE 2009 ELECTION OF FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS

THE CITY COUNCIL ADOPTED BY CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTION 09-03-02 CONFIRMING THE 2009 ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR THE TAYLORS FALLS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT.

SET DATE FOR CLERK-TREASURER PERFORMANCE EVAL

THE CITY COUNCIL SET THE DATE BY CONSENT AGENDA, FOR THE MONDAY, APRIL 13, 2009, 6:30 P.M. CLOSED CITY COUNCIL MEETING TO CONDUCT AN ANNUAL PERFORMANCE EVALUATION OF JO EVERSON, CLERK-TREASURER.

CONSIDER 2009 WASTE MANAGEMENT PERMITS

THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVED BY CONSENT AGENDA, THE 2009-2010 SOLID WASTE PERMITS FOR THE FOLLOWING COMPANIES:

ALL-WAYS HAULING, INC.
PO BOX 784
FOREST LAKE MN

SHAFER STORAGE/ROLL-OFF
30225 REDWING AVENUE
SHAFER MN 55074

CHISAGO LAKES SANITATION
9689 STACY TRAIL
PO BOX 365
CHISAGO CITY MN

SRC, INC.
(DBA TOWN & COUNTRY DISPOSAL)
6320 EAST VIKING BLVD
PO BOX 564
WYOMING, MN

CROIX VALLEY PICKUP
9994 292ND STREET
CHISAGO CITY, MN

WASTE MANAGEMENT
311 LASER DRIVE
SOMERSET WI

LIAISON OR COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Zara Kinnunen reported that at a recent EDC meeting an applicant for Commission Member was interviewed, who the EDC would be recommending appointment at the next Council Meeting. They are also looking at possible grants to complete the Riverwalk Project.

Larry Julik-Heine reported that the PRC intends to move forward on completing the construction of the Cherry Hill Park pavillion using several volunteers who have agreed to help John Laier when the park dries up. Laier has also requested assistance from the Public Works Department's equipment. The PRC also discussed the construction and eventual installation of the park sign at Heritage Park.

Julik-Heine reported that several trees were downed by wind last night, which were removed quickly by the Public Works Department.

CORRESPONDENCE

THE CITY COUNCIL ACKNOWLEDGED BY CONSENT AGENDA THE FOLLOWING CORRESPONDENCE PROVIDED IN THE MARCH 23, 2009 CITY COUNCIL MEETING PACKET:

1. LMC FRIDAY FAXES
2. STAFF CORRESPONDENCE & EMAIL'S

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY KINNUNEN/JULIK-HEINE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING OF THE TAYLORS FALLS CITY COUNCIL HELD ON MARCH 23, 2009. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Being no further business to come before the Council, the Meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Michael D. Buchite, Mayor

Jo Everson, Clerk-Treasurer

APPROVED: APRIL 13, 2009

