

**TAYLORS FALLS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2009 – 7:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

The Agenda for this Meeting was posted Wednesday, March 4, 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, March 9, 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, Larry Julik-Heine

MEMBERS ABSENT: Zara Kinnunen

OTHERS PRESENT: Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Jayna Yeske, Carey Hay, Ron & Darlene Schorr

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION BY JULIK-HEINE/TANGEN TO APPROVE THE AGENDA, AS PRESENTED, FOR THE MARCH 9, 2009 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 VACATION REQUEST; CONSIDER APPOINTMENT TO EDC; CONSIDER APPROVAL OF BINGO PERMIT FOR FIRST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH; CONSIDER UPDATE TO DANGEROUS DOG ORDINANCE; CONSIDER DATE FOR BOA MEETING; 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 FEBRUARY 9 AND 23, 2009.

COMMISSION, BOARD OR COMMITTEE MINUTES/REPORTS

LIBRARY BOARD

THE CITY COUNCIL ACCEPTED BY CONSENT AGENDA THE MINUTES OF THE TAYLORS FALLS LIBRARY BOARD MEETINGS HELD ON JANUARY 28 AND FEBRUARY 25, 2009.

PLANNING COMMISSION

THE CITY COUNCIL ACCEPTED BY CONSENT AGENDA THE MINUTES OF THE TAYLORS FALLS PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 5, 2009.

PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION

THE CITY COUNCIL ACCEPTED BY CONSENT AGENDA THE MINUTES OF THE TAYLORS FALLS PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 7, 2009.

PUBLIC FORUM

None.

STAFF REPORTS & REQUESTS

CHISAGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

THE CITY COUNCIL ACCEPTED BY CONSENT AGENDA CORPORAL SHANE CARROLL'S FEBRUARY 2009 CHISAGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT REPORT.

ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT

THE CITY COUNCIL ACCEPTED BY CONSENT AGENDA THE FEBRUARY 2009 FINANCIAL REPORTS PRESENTED BY CLERK-TREASURER JO EVERSON.

PLANNING & ZONING DEPARTMENT

THE CITY COUNCIL ACCEPTED BY CONSENT AGENDA LARRY PHILLIPS' FEBRUARY 2009 ZONING ADMINISTRATOR-COORDINATOR'S REPORT.

STAFF REQUESTS

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR-COORDINATOR

Consider Purchase of GIS Maintenance. The Geographic Information Systems (GIS) software maintenance program expires on March 31, 2009. Keeping the maintenance current helps the City stay up-to-date with the rapid advancement in GIS technology and provides tools that enable more success in using the Environmental Systems Research Institute, Inc. (ESRI) software. The following are some of the maps that have been created using GIS: zoning maps, comprehensive plan maps, future trail maps, street and vacated street maps, heritage preservation district maps, city boundary maps, small scale utility maps, etc. The cost of maintenance for one year is \$405.20.

MOTION BY JULIK-HEINE/TANGEN TO APPROVE ZONING ADMINISTRATOR-COORDINATOR LARRY PHILLIPS' REQUEST TO PURCHASE GIS SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE FROM ENVIRONMENTAL SYSTEMS RESEARCH INSTITUTE, INC. (ESRI), AT A TOTAL COST OF \$405.20, TO BE PAID FROM THE PLANNING AND ZONING REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE EQUIPMENT BUDGET (41910-404). MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Consider Vacation Request. THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVED BY CONSENT AGENDA ZONING ADMINISTRATOR-COORDINATOR LARRY PHILLIPS' VACATION LEAVE REQUEST FOR APRIL 27 THROUGH APRIL 29, 2009, FOR A TOTAL OF EIGHT (8) HOURS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Consider Purchase of Snow Plow Blades. The Public Works Department is requesting authorization to purchase carbide bits for the snow plow blades for the new truck. The blades were already purchased from H&L Mesabi, for a total cost of \$1,858.39, which exceeds the \$1,000.00 spending limit without first obtaining City Council approval.

MOTION BY JULIK-HEINE/RIVARD TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE (AFTER THE FACT) OF CARBIDE SNOW PLOW BLADES FROM H&L MESABI AT A TOTAL COST OF \$1,858.39, TO BE PAID FROM THE PUBLIC WORKS OPERATING SUPPLIES BUDGET (43100-210). MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

CONSIDER KENNEL LICENSE FOR 1054 MULBERRY STREET

Carey Hay of 1054 Mulberry Street applied for a kennel license for her three (3) cats and one (1) dog. City Ordinance only allows two (2) cats unless a kennel license is obtained. The City received a complaint regarding the cats and dog running at large and defecating in her neighbors' yard in which the City responded by sending a letter to Ms. Hay. The letter motivated Ms. Hay to license her animals and apply for the kennel license.

The City received a letter from Ms. Jodi Wolff, 579 Caneday Street, that expressed concerns with Ms. Hay' ability to contain her animals. Ms. Wolff believes that Ms. Hay should be allowed to keep her pets as long as they are taken care of and contained in her own yard.

Mayor Mike Buchite explained to Ms. Hay the consequences of allowing her pet(s) to roam freely and that if the City received future complaints Ms. Hay's kennel license would be revoked and one of her cats would need to be removed from the residence.

Council Member Tangen stated that applying for and being granted a kennel license forces the pet owner to be more responsible.

MOTION BY JULIK-HEINE/TANGEN TO APPROVE A KENNEL LICENSE FOR CAREY HAY, 1054 MULBERRY STREET, FOR NO MORE THAN ONE (1) DOG AND THREE (3) CATS, WITH THE CONDITION THAT THE ANIMALS ARE UNDER CONTROL AT ALL TIMES AS REQUIRED BY CHAPTER 3, SECTION 345 OF THE TAYLORS FALLS CODE OF ORDINANCES. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CONSIDER REDUCTION OF LETTER OF CREDIT FOR GRANITE LEDGE

GP Land Corporation submitted a written request for a reduction in the Letter of Credit for the plat of Granite Ledge from \$237,315.16 to \$126,496.20. Dan Erickson of SEH submitted a letter recommending that the letter of credit be reduced throughout the duration of the one year warranty period.

MOTION BY JULIK-HEINE/RIVARD TO APPROVE A REDUCTION OF THE LETTER OF CREDIT HELD BY KLEINBANK, FOR GP LAND CORP, FROM \$237,315.16 TO \$126,496.20, FOR THE DEVELOPMENT KNOWN AS GRANITE LEDGE IN TAYLORS FALLS, CONDITIONAL UPON THE CITY RECEIVING THE ADJUSTED LETTER OF CREDIT FROM KLEINBANK. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CONSIDER ACCEPTANCE OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AT GRANITE LEDGE SUBDIVISION

GP Land Corporation submitted a written request for the City Council to accept the Public Improvements for the plat of Granite Ledge. Dan Erickson of SEH submitted a letter recommending that the City accept the public improvements for the Granite Ledge Development.

MOTION BY TANGEN/RIVARD TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 09-06-01 ACCEPTING THE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AT GRANITE LEDGE. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. (see attached)

CONSIDER APPOINTMENT TO EDC

THE CITY COUNCIL APPOINTED BY CONSENT AGENDA KEN MOORE AS AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MEMBER FILLING A CURRENT VACANT POSITION.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF BINGO PERMIT FOR FIRST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

THE CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT AGENDA THE REQUEST FROM THE FIRST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH TO CONDUCT EXCLUDED BINGO AT THE TAYLORS FALLS MEMORIAL COMMUNITY CENTER ON APRIL 25, 2009.

CONSIDER UPDATE TO DANGEROUS DOG ORDINANCE

THE CITY COUNCIL ADOPTED BY CONSENT AGENDA ORDINANCE 2009-03-09, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 3 OF THE TAYLORS FALLS CODE OF ORDINANCES. (see attached)

CONSIDER DATE FOR BOA MEETING

THE CITY COUNCIL SET BY CONSENT AGENDA THE DATE OF WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 2009 AT 7:00 P.M. AS THE TAYLORS FALLS BOARD OF APPEALS MEETING, TO BE HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT CITY HALL.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS & PAYROLL

THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVED BY CONSENT AGENDA THE PAYMENT OF CHECK NUMBERS
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22352 TOTALING \$35,310.84, AND TO APPROVE FEBRUARY PAYROLL TOTALING \$12,989.52 AND ADDITIONAL BILLS TOTALLING \$4,714.61.

LIAISON OR COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Larry Julik-Heine reported that the Park and Recreation Commission will be meeting on March 18th and that the Public Works Department is preparing for spring and have patched potholes on West Street.

John Tangen reported that he met with Fire Chief Al Rivard and discussed Shafer Township Contract amendments.

Ross Rivard reported that the Planning Commission met on March 2nd and reviewed the Heritage Preservation Commission's proposal to designate 431 Bench Street as a Taylors Falls Heritage Preservation Site.

Rivard also reported that the basement work at the Community Center is progressing forward however so slowly.

Mayor Mike Buchite reported that he continues to testify before the House of Representatives regarding the Border Cities Development Zone.

CORRESPONDENCE

THE CITY COUNCIL ACKNOWLEDGED THE CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED IN THE MARCH 9, 2009 COUNCIL PACKET:

1. LMC FRIDAY FAXES
2. EAST CENTRAL SOLID WASTE COMMISSION FLYER
3. EAST CENTRAL REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION REGION 7E FORUM NOTIFICATION
4. STAFF CORRESPONDENCE & EMAIL'S

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY JULIK-HEINE/RIVARD TO ADJOURN THE MEETING OF THE MARCH 9, 2009 TAYLORS FALLS CITY COUNCIL. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Being no further business to come before the Council, the Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Michael D. Buchite, Mayor

Jayna Yeske, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer

APPROVED: APRIL 13, 2009