

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

**MINUTES**

The Agenda for this Meeting was posted Wednesday, November 4, 2009 at City Hall, the Post Office. 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, November 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 7:02 p.m. by Vice-Mayor Ross Rivard.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**ROLL CALL**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ross Rivard, John Tangen, Larry Julik-Heine, Zara Kinnunen

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mike Buchite

OTHERS PRESENT: City Clerk-Treasurer Jo Everson and Eric Vargo from the Chisago County Press.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

MOTION BY JULIK-HEINE/TANGEN TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED FOR THE NOVEMBER 9, 2009 TAYLORS FALLS CITY COUNCIL MEETING. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA**

MOTION BY KINNUNEN/JULIK-HEINE TO APPROVE/ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING AMENDED CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS: MINUTES OF PREVIOUS CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS; STAFF REPORTS; COMMISSION, BOARD OR COMMITTEE MINUTES/REPORTS; SET DATE FOR ZONING ADMINISTRATOR-COORDINATOR PERFORMANCE EVAL; CONSIDER RESOLUTION 09-11-01 TO ACCEPT DONATION FROM WILD MOUNTAIN; CONSIDER CLERK-TREASURER'S MEDICAL LEAVE OF ABSENCE; CONSIDER LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING WITH ABDO EICK & MEYERS FOR 2009 AUDIT; APPROVAL OF CLAIMS AND 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 OCTOBER 12 AND OCTOBER 26, 2009.

**COMMISSION, BOARD OR COMMITTEE MINUTES/REPORTS**

**LIBRARY BOARD**

THE CITY COUNCIL ACCEPTED BY CONSENT AGENDA THE MINUTES OF THE TAYLORS FALLS LIBRARY BOARD HELD ON OCTOBER 28, 2009.

**HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

THE CITY COUNCIL ACCEPTED BY CONSENT AGENDA THE MINUTES OF THE HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 8, 2009.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

THE CITY COUNCIL ACCEPTED BY CONSENT AGENDA THE MINUTES OF THE TAYLORS FALLS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 14, 2009.

**PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

THE CITY COUNCIL ACCEPTED BY CONSENT AGENDA THE MINUTES OF THE TAYLORS FALLS

PARK & REC COMMISSION MEETINGS HELD ON SEPTEMBER 16 AND OCTOBER 2, 2009.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

None.

**STAFF REPORTS & REQUESTS**

**ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT**

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

**CHISAGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**

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

**ZONING & PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

THE CITY COUNCIL ACCEPTED BY CONSENT AGENDA THE OCTOBER 2009 ZONING REPORT PRESENTED BY ZONING ADMINISTRATOR-COORDINATOR LARRY PHILLIPS.

**CITY ATTORNEY**

THE CITY COUNCIL ACCEPTED BY CONSENT AGENDA THE OCTOBER BILLING STATEMENT FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE OF KELLY AND LEMMONS, P.A.

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

THE CITY COUNCIL ACCEPTED BY CONSENT AGENDA THE OCTOBER 2009 PUBLIC WORKS REPORT PRESENTED BY PUBLIC WORKS SUPERINTENDENT MIKE KRIZ.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**CONSIDER MAYORAL 2-YEAR TERM vs 4-YEAR TERM (DISCUSSION ONLY)**

This subject has been introduced in the past to allow the Council to periodically discuss the possibility of considering a Mayoral term change from 2 years to 4 years.

**Tangen** stated that 2 years is not long enough for a good Mayor but that a successful Mayor will work to get elected. A 4-year term with a bad Mayor is an eternity.

**Kinnunen** stated that an eternity is long for someone who is not suited for position. Although there is time and costs to running every 2 years.

**Julik-Heine** stated that more than a 2-year term may discourage someone from running because it would be too much of a commitment but that a 4-year term could allow time for implementing his/her game plan.

**Rivard** stated that the Mayoral term has always been a 2-year term and that he has worked with other Mayors that were "not that good" that makes it [seem] longer than an eternity. A good Mayor will run again and always be re-elected.

No action was taken.

**CONSIDER PURCHASE OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE COMPUTERS**

The 2010 budget includes the expense for three new computers for the office. The plans are to rotate the newer ones in the office for the GIS software and for the Public Works Supervisor. The other two are seven and nine years old, so are of little use or could be parted out for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Public Works computer. With the computer costs at its' lowest in many years, HP and Dell were approached for quotes; however, the quotes are only good for 30 days. The purchases could wait until January 1, 2010. We would then obtain new quotes in 2010 gambling that costs that would not increase. If we purchase them now we would need to create an inter-fund loan for payback from the 2010 tax settlements.

**Julik-Heine** stated that we should wait until after holidays stating that post Christmas sales may prove to offer a better price.

**Kinnunen** stated that she would check into obtaining Microsoft Office 7 software at a cheaper cost through the school at which she teaches than that what was proposed.

**Tangen and Rivard** agreed.

MOTION BY TANGEN/KINNUNEN TO TABLE THE PURCHASE OF COMPUTER EQUIPMENT FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE STAFF UNTIL AFTER JANUARY 1, 2010. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**CONSIDER DATE FOR ZONING ADMINISTRATOR-COORDINATOR'S PERFORMANCE EVALUATION**

BY CONSENT AGENDA: MOTION TO SET THE DATE OF MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2009 AT 6:30 FOR AN ANNUAL PERFORMANCE EVALUATION FOR LARRY PHILLIPS, CITY ZONING ADMINISTRATOR-COORDINATOR.

**CONSIDER RESOLUTION 09-11-01 TO ACCEPT A DONATION FROM WILD MOUNTAIN**

BY CONSENT AGENDA: MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 09-11-01, ACCEPTING A DONATION FROM WILD MOUNTAIN RECREATION. (attached)

**CONSIDER CLERK-TREASURER'S MEDICAL LEAVE**

BY CONSENT AGENDA: MOTION TO APPROVE THE MEDICAL LEAVE REQUEST FROM CLERK-TREASURER JO EVERSON FROM NOVEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup> UNTIL DECEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup> IF NOT SOONER.

**CONSIDER LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING WITH ABDO, EICK & MEYERS FOR 2009 AUDIT**

BY CONSENT AGENDA: MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TAYLORS FALLS AND ABDO EICK & MEYERS, LLP; CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS AND CONSULTANTS, TO PERFORM THE 2009 FINANCIAL AUDITS AT A COST OF \$13,689 THE STATE AUDITOR'S REPORTING FORM AT \$530, AND THE SINGLE AUDIT AT \$2,700.

**APPROVAL OF CLAIMS & PAYROLL**

THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVED BY CONSENT AGENDA THE PAYMENT OF CHECK NUMBERS 22800 - 22839 TOTALING \$36,652.42 AND CHECK NUMBERS 22840 - 22855 TOTALING \$6,017.63 FOR CLAIMS AND CHECK NUMBERS 5563 - 5576 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$19,867.77 FOR OCTOBER PAYROLL.

**LIAISON OR COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS**

**Larry Julik-Heine** reported that Public Works submitted a report stating what they had done over the last couple of weeks. The PRC tot lot is moving along with equipment expected to be delivered next week and possibly erected before Thanksgiving. Finally, the Cherry Hill Park pavilion will have cedar shake for the roof rather than steel.

**Ross Rivard** reported that the PC reviewed the proposed designation of two homes on Bench Street and that the PC had no issues with the designations.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

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

1. SCHOOL TALK NEWSLETTER
2. STAFF CORRESPONDENCE & EMAIL'S

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

Being no further business to come before the Council, the Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

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Ross Rivard, Vice-Mayor

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Jo Everson, City Clerk-Treasurer

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Jayna Yeske, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer

**APPROVED: DECEMBER 14, 2009**