

**TAYLORS FALLS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MONDAY, JUNE 28, 2010 – 7:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

The Agenda for this Meeting was posted Wednesday, June 23, 2010, at City Hall, the Post Office and on 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, June 28, 2010 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, Leo Nelson, Chris Eng, Jim McCarville, and Eric Vargo from the Chisago County Press

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION BY JULIK-HEINE/TANGEN TO APPROVE THE AGENDA, AS PRESENTED, FOR THE JUNE 28, 2010 COUNCIL MEETING. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION BY KINNUNEN/RIVARD TO APPROVE/ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS: CONSIDER APPROVAL OF EDC & PRC MEMBERSHIP CHANGES; CONSIDER CLERK-TREASURER'S VACATION REQUEST; CORRESPONDENCE. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

PUBLIC FORUM

Sergeant Karl Schrek of the Chisago County Sheriff's Department, informed the Council that he is running for Sheriff because current Sheriff Todd Rivard has decided to retire and not run for re-election. Schreck is a resident of Chisago County with 22 years of service in this Department. He is the "local guy" running for Sheriff.

STAFF REQUESTS

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

CHISAGO LAKES AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION PRESENTATION

Jim McCarville, the President of the Chisago Lakes Area Community Foundation, and Member Chris Eng, gave a presentation to the Council regarding the Foundation. It was established in 2008 with a Mission Statement "to establish permanently endowed funds for the Chisago Lakes Area that will provide perpetual resources to enhance the quality of life and encourage charitable giving in the Chisago Lakes Area". They help people in the area create their own legacy and have an impact – Giving Back to the Community. The Foundation serves the cities of Almelund, Center City, Chisago City, Lindstrom, Shafer and Taylors Falls, as well as Townships of Chisago Lakes, Franconia, Shafer and Lent, and the surrounding areas.

The Chisago Lakes Area Community Fund is a component fund of the Chisago Lakes Area Community Foundation, under the auspices and control of the St. Croix Valley Foundation, a 501(c)(3) organization. As such, all donations to the Chisago Lakes Area Community Fund are tax deductible and restricted to use in the Chisago Lakes area. Donations to the Community Fund are invested along with other endowments and funds that are under the umbrella of the Foundation. The interest earned on these investments is then *re-invested* in these communities. Because they are a relatively new organization, current efforts are primarily centered on board development and education, and promotional presence at local events and organizations. Their first small grant award is scheduled for fall 2010 (with a deadline submission of June 30, 2010).

The Council expressed their appreciation for the information presented. No action was requested or taken by the Council.

CONSIDER PRC GRANT SUBMISSION

The Taylors Falls Park & Rec Commission has researched the cost of various fence installations for the West Street Pumphouse Playground. The Chisago Lakes Area Community Foundation – Community Fund has a potential grant available that support projects that have broad community support and/or impact. The application is due on or before June 30, 2010.

Larry Julik-Heine, PRC Member and Council Liaison, indicated that a chain link fence would cost upwards from \$1,400.00, but a split rail fence could be purchased for under \$400.00. It would provide a safety barrier for the children playing on the equipment and alert drivers of the play site.

MOTION BY KINNUNEN/JULIK-HEINE TO AUTHORIZE THE TAYLORS FALLS PARK & REC COMMISSION CHAIR TANA HAVUMAKI TO SUBMIT THE CHISAGO LAKES AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$500 (OR LESS) TO BE USED TOWARDS THE COST OF FENCING AT THE WEST STREET PUMPHOUSE TOT LOT PLAYGROUND.

IT WAS FURTHER MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK'S SIGNATURES ON THE GRANT APPLICATION, ACKNOWLEDGING THAT THE GRANT MUST BE PARTIALLY SUBMITTED ELECTRONICALLY. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CONSIDER EDC'S REQUEST TO AMEND 2010 EDC RIVERWALK BUDGET

Ken Moore, Chair of the Taylors Falls Economic Development Commission, submitted a written request to the Council to allow the Commission to use the \$2,000.00 allocated in the 2010 EDC Budget for the completion of the sidewalk construction for the Riverwalk Trail project, rather than for economic development purposes as originally intended. Even with the additional monies, the River Walk Trail Fund may be short the estimated \$16,000 to complete the project.

MOTION BY RIVARD/KINNUNEN TO APPROVE THE TAYLORS FALLS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION'S REQUEST TO AMEND THE 2010 EDC RIVERWALK BUDGET (345) BY TRANSFERRING \$2,000 FROM THE EDC FUND BUDGET (230). MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The Clerk-Treasurer will present an approving resolution at the July 12, 2010 Council Meeting.

PROCLAMATION NAMING JULY 15-25, 2010 AS ST. CROIX RIVER

The City received a request from Buck Malick, Chair of Communications, Education & Outreach Committee of the St. Croix River Association, for Taylors Falls to approve a Proclamation naming July 17th-25th as the St. Croix River Awareness & Cleanup Week. The Cities of St. Croix Falls (WI), Hudson (WI), Afton (WI) & St. Croix County (WI) have all signed the proclamation.

MOTION BY TANGEN/JULIK-HEINE TO AUTHORIZE MAYOR MIKE BUCHITE TO SIGN THE PROCLAMATION NAMING JULY 17-25, 2010 AS THE ST. CROIX RIVER AWARENESS AND CLEANUP WEEK, AND ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO CELEBRATE AND ENGAGE IN VOLUNTARY CLEAN-UP OF THE RIVER BANK LITTER. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. (attached)

CONSIDER WANNIGAN DAY REQUESTS

Romaye's on Main. David McKeag, owner of Romayne's On Main, submitted a request pertaining to

the street dance that he is sponsoring on Saturday, July 17th during Wannigan Days. This would involve the Public Works Department placing cones for no parking and closure of Ravine Street. He also requested the City pay for the installation of Porta-Potties on the street near the dance. Because the City recently completed the remodeling of a public restroom in the lower level of the Community Center, the Council did not agree to this request, but suggested that McKeag rent and install them himself for the event. The City will install additional signage downtown directing the public to the restroom at the Center.

MOTION BY KINNUNEN/TANGEN TO AUTHORIZE/APPROVE THE FOLLOWING REQUESTS BY DAVID McKEAG, OWNER OF ROMAYNE'S ON MAIN:

- AUTHORIZATION TO CLOSE OFF AND BLOCK RAVINE STREET FROM BENCH STREET TO GOVERNMENT STREET FOR THE STREET DANCE BEGINNING AT 1:00 P.M. ON SATURDAY, JULY 17, 2010 UNTIL THE END OF THE STREET DANCE, APPROXIMATELY 3:00 A.M. TO ALLOW TIME FOR THE DISMANTLEMENT OF THE STAGE.
- AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CITY CLERK TO ISSUE A DANCE/MUSIC PERMIT WITH THE FEES TO BE WAIVED TO ROMAYNE'S ON MAIN FOR THE STREET DANCE TO BE HELD FROM 8:00 P.M. TO 12:30 A.M. ON SATURDAY, JULY 17, 2010.
- TO REQUIRE A FENCE TO BE ERECTED SURROUNDING THE ENTIRE STREET DANCE AND BEER GARDEN AREA ON GOVERNMENT, RAVINE, AND BENCH STREETS DURING THE STREET DANCE ON SATURDAY, JULY 17, 2010.
- TO AUTHORIZE/REQUIRE TWO DEPUTIES TO WORK THE STREET DANCE FROM THE HOURS OF 8:00 P.M. – 12:30 A.M. ON SATURDAY, JULY 17, 2010, TO BE PAID FROM THE CONTRACT FEES EXPENSE ACCOUNT (42100-309).
- TO RECOMMEND THE INSTALLATION OF A SATELLITE PORTA-POTTY BY ROMAYE'S ON MAIN ON THE CORNER OF RAVINE AND BENCH STREET DURING THE WANNIGAN DAYS STREET DANCE.

MOTIONS CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Lion's Club Tug Across the St. Croix River. The Taylors Falls Lions Club President Leo Nelson appeared before the City Council to make the annual request for their Wannigan Days event "Tug across the St. Croix River", Minnesota vs. Wisconsin. The temporary beer license has already been obtained by the Almelund Lion's Club, but because the Council makes special exception to allow alcohol on City Park grounds, the Council must officially authorize its sale with any conditions.

The event will be held on Saturday, July 17, 2010, at the Lion's Parks in both Minnesota and Wisconsin. There will be several children's events and a "mini" rope pull in addition to the adult pulls. Concessions and refreshments will be available on both sides of the river, and shuttles will be offered between Parks. There will be upriver excursion rides and music in each park. Proceeds will go to fund Lions Club endeavors. The Lion's Club International has provided the \$1,000,000.00 certificate of insurance.

The Council commended the Lion's Club on their organization and of this very successful event.

MOTION BY RIVARD/JULIK-HEINE TO AUTHORIZE THE TAYLORS FALLS LIONS CLUB TO SERVE BEER IN THE SOUTH LIONS' PARKS DURING THEIR 4TH ANNUAL TUG ACROSS THE ST. CROIX RIVER EVENT ON JULY 17, 2010, WITH THE CONDITION THAT WRISTBANDS BE USED TO IDENTIFY ADULTS WHO ARE DRINKING THAT ARE TWENTY-ONE (21) YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER, AND "NO DRINKING BEYOND THIS POINT" SIGNAGE TO BE INSTALLED AT THE RIVER'S EDGE, COUNTY ROAD 16, AND ALONG THE TREELINE AND TRAILS BETWEEN THE TWO PARKS. MOTION CARRIED, WITH TANGEN ABSTAINING DUE TO HIS EMPLOYMENT WITH THE CHISAGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT.

CONSIDER WANNIGAN DAY DONATION REQUEST

The City received a request from the City of St. Croix Falls for \$500.00 contribution towards the Wannigan Days festivities. The 2010 budget includes \$500.00 for the Wannigan Day Fireworks (already paid), \$500.00 for the Lighting Festival, and \$100.00 towards the Wannigan Day Parade. Other than the parade, the only Wannigan Day event in Taylors Falls is the privately sponsored street dance. The Council was in agreement that no other donations would be made other than that for the parade.

MOTION BY TANGEN/KINNUNEN TO AUTHORIZE A \$100.00 DONATION TO BE MADE TOWARDS THE WANNIGAN DAYS PARADE EXPENSES, TO BE PAID FROM THE DONATIONS TO CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS BUDGET ACCOUNT (101-41110-490). MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CONSIDER AMENDMENT TO 1124 MULBERRY STREET KENNEL LICENSE

On August 23, 2004, the Council issued a kennel license for three dogs at 1124 Mulberry Street. The owners, Bobbie Anderson and Cheryl Krysteck, have applied for an amendment to the license to have a fourth dog. The City Attorney has recommended that the Council take public opinion on the amendment just as it does with an original kennel application.

MOTION BY KINNUNEN/JULIK-HEINE TO TABLE THE AMENDMENT TO THE 1124 MULBERRY STREET KENNEL LICENSE TO ALLOW STAFF TO NOTICE OWNERS WITHIN 350' THAT THE COUNCIL WILL CONSIDER THIS AMENDMENT REQUEST AND WILL HEAR PUBLIC OPINION AT THE JULY 12, 2010 CITY COUNCIL MEETING. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF EDC & PRC MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

The Taylors Falls Economic Development Commission notified the Council by letter that it has removed Jim Schoonmaker from its membership for non-attendance. No action is necessary by the Council for this change. The Taylors Falls Park & Rec Commission also recommended several changes in their membership, which does require Council action.

THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVED BY CONSENT AGENDA THE FOLLOWING CHANGES IN THE TAYLORS FALLS PARK & REC COMMISSION:

- ✚ THE APPOINTMENT OF DIANE NELSON AS AN ALTERNATE MEMBER
- ✚ THE APPOINTMENT OF JULIE MOORE AS A PERMANENT MEMBER, MOVING FROM THE ALTERNATE MEMBER POSITION
- ✚ THE RESIGNATION OF WILLIAM DAVIDS AS THE LION'S CLUB REPRESENTATIVE
- ✚ THE APPOINTMENT OF LEO NELSON AS THE TAYLORS FALLS LIONS CLUB REPRESENTATIVE

CONSIDER CLERK-TREASURER'S VACATION REQUEST

THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVED BY CONSENT AGENDA THE VACATION REQUEST BY JO EVERSON, CLERK-TREASURER, FOR FORTY HOURS BEGINNING THURSDAY AUGUST 12TH - TUESDAY AUGUST 24TH.

LIAISON OR COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Mayor Mike Buchite offered sincere condolences on the passing of Lloyd Rivard, who was a long-term resident of Taylors Falls, and who also served the City as Justice of the Peace in the early 1970's, and Council Member from 1975 - 1979 and 1985 - 1993.

John Tangen reported that the Heritage Preservation Commission would soon be conducting a Public Hearing to consider two local heritage preservation sites.

Ross Rivard reported that the Public Works Department would be working to improve the Highway 8 and 95 island this week by removing the shrubbery, grass and weeds. They intend to install traprock that take much less maintenance in the long run.

CORRESPONDENCE

THE CITY COUNCIL ACKNOWLEDGED BY CONSENT AGENDA THE FOLLOWING CORRESPONDENCE PROVIDED IN THE JUNE 28, 2010 CITY COUNCIL MEETING PACKET:

1. INFORMATION REGARDING CHISAGO LAKES TRIATHLON
2. LETTER TO COUNCIL, RE: HERITAGE PARK
3. PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE, RE: CHISAGO COUNTY LOCAL WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN
4. PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE, RE: EAST CENTRAL REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION BUDGET
5. EMPLOYEE VACATION REQUEST
6. STAFF CORRESPONDENCE & EMAIL'S

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY JULIK-HEINE/KINNUNEN TO ADJOURN THE MEETING OF THE TAYLORS FALLS CITY COUNCIL HELD ON JUNE 28, 2010. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Being no further business to come before the Council, the Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Michael D. Buchite, Mayor

Jo Everson, Clerk-Treasurer

APPROVED: JULY 12, 2010

*Proclamation Naming July 17-25, 2010
St. Croix River Awareness and Cleanup Week*

The St. Croix River watershed or “basin” encompasses 7,760 square miles, over two-dozen major subwatersheds, and hundreds of smaller direct tributaries straddling the Minnesota-Wisconsin border.

Millions of tourists visit annually and support a thriving tourist industry. Hundreds of thousands of boaters, anglers and quiet sports enthusiasts enjoy the water.

Three million people thrive in or near the basin and claim that the St. Croix valley is central to their quality of life.

The basin is at the intersection of three biomes, the Northern Boreal Forest, the Prairie and the Deciduous Forest. It is home to at least forty species of native mussels.

It is a major migration corridor for hundreds of species of waterfowl and other birds.

It is the historical border of the Lakota and Ojibway nations and the location of many historical sites and structures.

The Upper St. Croix and Namekagon Rivers are among the first eight named to the United States Wild and Scenic River system.

Lake St. Croix was named an impaired water for excess phosphorus in 2008. Two major tributaries, the Sunrise and Willow were similarly designated. American Rivers calls it one of the ten most endangered.

Without volunteer efforts the St. Croix River basin will degrade.

For these and other reasons, I hereby proclaim July 17-25, St. Croix River Awareness and Cleanup Week and encourage everyone to celebrate and to engage in voluntary clean-up of river bank litter.

Michael D. Buchite, Mayor
City of Taylors Falls

Dated this June 28, 2010

ATTEST:

Jo Everson, Clerk-Treasurer