

**TAYLORS FALLS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2010 – 6:30 P.M.**

MINUTES

The Agenda for this Meeting was posted Wednesday, February 17, 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, February 22, 2010 at 6:30 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 6:30 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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The Agenda was amended to include under New Business: **Consider Resignation of Deputy Clerk-Treasurer.**

MOTION BY RIVARD/KINNUNEN TO APPROVE THE AGENDA, AS AMENDED, FOR THE FEBRUARY 22, 2010 COUNCIL MEETING. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION BY JULIK-HEINE/TANGEN TO APPROVE/ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS: CONSIDER DATE FOR BOARD OF REVIEW; CORRESPONDENCE. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Mayor stated the Council would enter closed session for the purpose of an annual performance review of Jo Everson, the City Clerk-Treasurer.

MOTION BY JULIK-HEINE/KINNUNEN TO ENTER INTO CLOSED SESSION. AYES: ALL. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The Council entered closed session at 6:32 p.m.

RETURN TO OPEN MEETING

The Mayor declared that the Council ended its closed meeting at 6:45 p.m.

MOTION BY JULIK-HEINE/KINNUNEN TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION. AYES: ALL. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

PERSONS PRESENT AT RETURN TO OPEN MEETING

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: City Clerk-Treasurer Jo Everson

SUMMARY OF CLOSED MEETING

The Mayor declared the Council evaluated the job performance of Jo Everson, City Clerk-Treasurer, in its closed meeting. The closed meeting tape was sealed by the Mayor and placed in the locked employee file cabinet.

OPEN MEETING CALL TO ORDER

The Taylors Falls City Council continued their regular meeting on Monday, February 22, 2010 at 6:45 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 637 First Street, Taylors Falls, Minnesota.

ROLL CALL

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Clerk-Treasurer Jo Everson, Rick Greene, Wade Vitalis, Ken Moore, and Eric Vargo from the Chisago County Press

PUBLIC FORUM

Chisago County Commissioner Rick Greene updated the Council on the status of the LS Power Plant vote recently taken by the Board of Commissioners. The project was voted down at its present location since it did not have the super majority vote necessary to proceed. The company intends to investigate relocating to another area within Chisago County.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

EDC UPDATES

Ken Moore, the new Taylors Falls Economic Development Commission Chair, and Wade Vitalis gave an update to the Council on what the EDC accomplished in 2009 and intend to accomplish in 2010. The second phase of the Riverwalk Trail should be completed in 2010 with the proposed connection to Second and Bench Street. Signage and paving would complete the project. The EDC also intends to focus more on economic development by communicating regularly and directly with property and business owners in the downtown area. They intend to "preach a little and listen a lot". Other plans include working with the St. Croix Festival Theater on potential programming at the Heritage Park Overlook site, pursuing developers and/or businesses for downtown by marketing and networking, dedicating time and energy to identify a business park/industrial site and expansion and development opportunities in the area, and working with the Falls Chamber of Commerce on economic development and legislative actions.

No action was requested or taken by the Council.

CONSIDER CIGARETTE LICENSE AND 3.2 OFF-SALE BEER LICENSE FOR DEAN MIELKE, ADIUM OIL COMPANY, INC.

Dean Mielke of Adium Oil Company, Inc., DBA as Petro Plus #108, is in the process of purchasing the former Riverview Convenience Store, with an anticipated transfer of ownership date of March 15, 2010. The City has received applications for a cigarette license and an off-sale 3.2 beer license.

MOTION BY JULIK-HEINE/KINNUNEN TO APPROVE A 2010 CIGARETTE LICENSE FOR DEAN MIELKE, ADIUM OIL COMPANY, INC. – DBA PETRO PLUS #108, LOCATED AT 341 BENCH STREET IN TAYLORS FALLS, CONDITIONAL UPON LEGAL OWNERSHIP OF SAID PROPERTY. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION BY RIVARD/JULIK-HEINE TO APPROVE A 2010 3.2 OFF-SALE BEER LICENSE FOR DEAN MIELKE, ADIUM OIL COMPANY, INC. – DBA PETRO PLUS #108, LOCATED AT 341 BENCH STREET IN TAYLORS FALLS, CONDITIONAL UPON LEGAL OWNERSHIP OF SAID PROPERTY. MOTION CARRIED, WITH COUNCIL MEMBER TANGEN ABSTAINING SINCE HE IS AN EMPLOYEE OF THE CHISAGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ALCOHOL SALE ENFORCEMENT.

CONSIDER DATE FOR BOARD OF REVIEW

THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVED BY CONSENT AGENDA THE DATE OF WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21, 2010, AT 7:00 P.M. AT CITY HALL, FOR THE TAYLORS FALLS LOCAL BOARD OF APPEALS AND EQUALIZATION MEETING.

CONSIDER RESIGNATION OF DEPUTY CLERK-TREASURER

Jayna Yeske, City Deputy Clerk-Treasurer since September of 2000, submitted her resignation effective Thursday, March 4, 2010. Yeske accepted the full-time position of Deputy Clerk of Circuit Court with Polk County, Wisconsin. The Mayor expressed his regrets with losing a member of "the City family", but was understanding since the Council had reduced her hours beginning January 1st. The Personnel Liaisons would be meeting with Staff soon to determine how to share the workload.

MOTION BY JULIK-HEINE/KINNUNEN TO ACCEPT, WITH REGRETS, THE RESIGNATION OF JAYNA YESKE AS DEPUTY CLERK-TREASURER, EFFECTIVE MARCH 4, 2010. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Council Member Larry Julik-Heine expressed his admiration for Jayna's determination, stating that her resignation was a bittersweet moment.

Council Member Ross Rivard expressed his congratulations on a great job opportunity, stating that he understood the move since her hours were cut to part-time.

Council Member Zara Kinnunen expressed her congratulations on the strong opportunity for Jayna's advancement in her career, stating that this would prove to be very important for her.

Council Member John Tangen expressed his reluctance to bid good-bye but congratulated her on obtaining such a great position.

LIAISON OR COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Mayor Mike Buchite reported that he would be attending the Chisago County HRA/EDA Meeting on Tuesday to discuss the plans for the proposed construction of the MnDOT building project. He also reported that he and Vice-Mayor Ross Rivard would be attending a meeting with Xcel Energy to discuss the right-of-way issues with possible action to be taken by the Council at the next meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

THE CITY COUNCIL ACKNOWLEDGED BY CONSENT AGENDA THE FOLLOWING CORRESPONDENCE PROVIDED IN THE FEBRUARY 22, 2010 CITY COUNCIL MEETING PACKET:

1. NOTICE FROM MDH, RE: QUARTERLY RESOLUTION FOR RADIO CHEMICAL MONITORING
2. CITIZEN COMPLAINT
3. LMC FRIDAY FAX
4. STAFF CORRESPONDENCE & E-MAIL'S

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY KINNUNEN/JULIK-HEINE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING OF THE TAYLORS FALLS CITY COUNCIL HELD ON FEBRUARY 22, 2010. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

Michael D. Buchite, Mayor

Jo Everson, Clerk-Treasurer

APPROVED MARCH 8, 2010