

**TAYLORS FALLS CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
MONDAY, APRIL 9, 2012 - 7:00 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

The Agenda for this Meeting was posted Wednesday, April 4, 2012, 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, April 9, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in 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: Mary Jo Murphy

OTHERS PRESENT: Ali & Zach Ahyai, Jo Everson, Clerk-Treasurer

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

MOTION BY RIVARD/JULIK-HEINE TO APPROVE THE AGENDA, AS PRESENTED, FOR THE APRIL 9, 2012 COUNCIL MEETING. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA**

MOTION BY TANGEN/JULIK-HEINE TO APPROVE/ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS: MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS HELD ON MARCH 12 AND MARCH 26, 2012; STAFF REPORTS; COMMISSION/BOARD OR COMMITTEE MINUTES/ REPORTS; CONSIDER PAYMENT OF INDUSTRIAL SAFETY, INC. INVOICE; CONSIDER PAYMENT OF WILD RIVER CONTRACTING INVOICE; CONSIDER RESOLUTION 12-04-01 ACCEPTING A DONATION FROM THE "FRIEND'S GROUP"; CONSIDER RESOLUTION 12-04-02 CONFIRMING THE 2012 ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR THE TAYLORS FALLS FIRE DEPARTMENT; APPROVAL OF CLAIMS & PAYROLL; AND CORRESPONDENCE. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

**Jo Everson**, Clerk-Treasurer reminded Council of the Board of Review/Appeals meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 18<sup>th</sup>. Secondly, the City was just notified that the City's civil defense siren would be obsolete once the County completely merges to the 800 MHz radio system. Staff will look into what options are available, but may need to recommend the purchase of a whole new system, costing upwards of \$20,000.00.

**STAFF REPORTS & REQUESTS**

**ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT**

THE CITY COUNCIL ACCEPTED BY CONSENT AGENDA THE MARCH 2012 FINANCIAL REPORTS PRESENTED BY CLERK-TREASURER JO EVERSON.

**CHISAGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**

THE CITY COUNCIL ACCEPTED BY CONSENT AGENDA SERGEANT SHANE CARROLL'S MARCH 2012 CHISAGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT REPORT.

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

THE CITY COUNCIL ACCEPTED BY CONSENT AGENDA THE MARCH 2012 PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT REPORT PRESENTED BY SUPERINTENDENT MIKE KRIZ.

**PLANNING & ZONING DEPARTMENT**

THE CITY COUNCIL ACCEPTED BY CONSENT AGENDA THE MARCH 2012 PLANNING & ZONING DEPARTMENT REPORT PRESENTED BY COORDINATOR-ZONING ADMINISTRATOR ADAM BERKLUND.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT**

THE CITY COUNCIL ACCEPTED BY CONSENT AGENDA THE MARCH 2012 FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT PRESENTED BY CHIEF AL RIVARD.

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

**LIBRARY BOARD**

THE CITY COUNCIL ACCEPTED BY CONSENT AGENDA THE MINUTES OF THE LIBRARY BOARD MEETINGS HELD ON JANUARY 25 AND MARCH 28, 2012.

**STAFF REQUESTS**

None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**CONSIDER HIRING SEASONAL PART-TIME PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEE**

Public Works Superintendent Mike Kriz interviewed a potential candidate to fill the seasonal part-time position in his Department. It was his recommendation to move forward and hire this individual.

MOTION BY JULIK-HEINE/RIVARD TO ACCEPT THE RECOMMENDATION FROM THE PUBLIC WORKS SUPERINTENDENT MIKE KRIZ TO HIRE JORDAN ENG AS THE SEASONAL PART-TIME PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEE, AT A RATE OF \$8.30 PER HOUR, FOR A MAXIMUM OF 720 HOURS OR 185 DAYS, WHICHEVER COMES FIRST. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**CONSIDER REPAIRS TO TRANSFER SWITCH FOR LIFT STATION GENERATOR**

The Council approved the purchase of a new generator for the lift station in November 2011, which was just recently delivered. Upon installation, it was discovered that the transfer switch to the generator is not working. There was speculation that it may have been damaged during one of the storms last October, but because the City has not had a generator in use, the switch was never tested until now. Furthermore, there may be a possibility that the generator itself was damaged in that same storm. The Public Works Superintendent notified the insurance company and an adjuster should be out within a day or so. In the interim, Council discussed whether it should authorize the purchase in the event the insurance company does not cover the loss.

MOTION BY RIVARD/JULIK-HEINE TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF A TRANSFER SWITCH FOR THE #1 LIFTSTATION AND GENERATOR, AT AN APPROXIMATE COST OF \$6,000.00, CONDITIONAL UPON THE DETERMINATION FROM LMCIT WHETHER THE COST WOULD BE COVERED BY THE INSURANCE CLAIM. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**CONSIDER PAYMENT OF INDUSTRIAL SAFETY, INC. INVOICE**

THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVED BY CONSENT AGENDA THE PAYMENT OF \$1,210.93 TO INDUSTRIAL SAFETY, INC. FOR THE ANNUAL INSPECTION OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT'S SAFETY PACKS, TO BE PAID FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT MAINTENANCE/REPAIRS BUDGET ACCOUNT (101-42260-404).

**CONSIDER PAYMENT OF WILD RIVER CONTRACTING INVOICE**

THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVED BY CONSENT AGENDA THE PAYMENT OF \$1,960.00 TO WILD RIVER CONTRACTING FOR THE WATER MAIN REPAIR AT THE CORNER OF FOLSOM AND PINE STREETS, TO BE PAID FROM THE WATER FUND (601).

**CONSIDER RESOLUTION 12-04-01 ACCEPTING A DONATION**

THE CITY COUNCIL ADOPTED BY CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTION 12-04-01 ACCEPTING A DONATION FROM THE FRIENDS OF TAYLORS FALLS PARKS & RECREATION. (attached)

**CONSIDER RESOLUTION 12-04-02 CONFIRMING FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS**

THE CITY COUNCIL ADOPTED BY CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTION 12-04-02 CONFIRMING THE 2012 ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND THEIR PAY FOR THE TAYLORS FALLS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT. (attached)

**APPROVAL OF CLAIMS & PAYROLL**

THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVED BY CONSENT AGENDA THE PAYMENT OF CHECK NUMBERS 24513 - 24566 TOTALLING \$112,691.84, AND CHECK NUMBERS 6090 - 6102 TOTALLING \$16,769.56 FOR MARCH PAYROLL.

**LIAISON OR COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS**

**Ross Rivard** reported that the Planning Commission had finished their review of the existing language in the Zoning Ordinance regarding design guidelines for the new business park. A Public Hearing is scheduled for May 1<sup>st</sup> for the recommended changes to the Zoning Ordinances.

**Johns Tangen** reported that the painting at the Fire Hall was completed by donated firefighter time. Many thanks were expressed to the Department.

**Larry Julik-Heine** reported that the Park & Rec Commission would be interviewing two new candidates for the PRC and hoped to make a recommendation for their appointment to the Commission. He also reported on a recent meeting regarding the proposed Valley View Trail. The City received notice that it was awarded two grants, 1) from the Federal Transportation Enhancement Funding and 2) from the Local Trail Connections grant program. However, the requirements associated with the federal ADA requirements may impact the City's acceptance of these grants given the required changes in its design and increased cost projections may make the project cost prohibitive. Alternatives are being looked at.

**Mayor Mike Buchite** reported that there may be a classic car show on the City's vacant lot on the north end of town in May. The Minnesota Street Road Association is in the early planning stages of this event.

The Mayor also updated the Council on the status of the Wannigan Day parade in Taylors Falls. Because the Highway 8 bridge is under construction, the Committee organizing the parade have determined that the parade, which originates in St. Croix Falls, would not travel across the bridge to Taylors Falls this year. The second option would be for Taylors to organize its own parade for this year. Mayor Buchite agreed to keep the Council informed as the planning moves forward.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

THE CITY COUNCIL ACKNOWLEDGED BY CONSENT AGENDA THE FOLLOWING CORRESPONDENCE PROVIDED IN THE APRIL 9, 2012 CITY COUNCIL MEETING PACKET:

1. NOTICE FROM XCEL ENERGY, RE: CREDIT ON ACCOUNTS DUE TO SERVICE OUTAGES
2. DOT CORRESPONDENCE, RE: SUCCESSFUL UTILITY RELOCATION
3. CORRESPONDENCE FROM EHLERS, RE: POTENTIAL REFUNDING OF EXISTING DEBT
4. ARTICLE FROM SOUTHWEST JOURNAL, RE: WEEKEND TOURIST
5. STAFF CORRESPONDENCE & EMAIL'S

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION BY JULIK-HEINE/TANGEN TO ADJOURN THE MEETING OF THE TAYLORS FALLS CITY COUNCIL HELD THIS APRIL 9, 2012. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Being no further business to come before the Council, the Meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

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Michael D. Buchite, Mayor

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Jo Everson, Clerk-Treasurer

**APPROVED:** MAY 14, 2012

**RESOLUTION 12-04-03**

**CITY OF TAYLORS FALLS  
CHISAGO COUNTY  
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING A GAMBLING PREMISE PERMIT  
AT BORDER BAR & GRILL**

WHEREAS the Aliveness Project Gaming, Minneapolis, Minnesota, has submitted a Premise Permit Application in order to conduct Class B Lawful Gambling, including pull-tabs, tipboards, paddlewheels, BINGO and raffles at an establishment known as the Border Bar & Grill, 367 Bench Street, in the City of Taylors Falls; and

WHEREAS THE Aliveness Project was originally born from a community in need in 1985, with a mission that remains clear and purposeful: to encourage self-empowerment and provide direct services for persons living with HIV/AIDS; and

WHEREAS said organization has filed all the necessary information as required in Section 350.03 of the Taylors Falls Code of Ordinances; and

WHEREAS said organization is an established entity and does not require a criminal investigation; and

WHEREAS Minnesota Statute 349.213 Subd 2 requires that the local unit of government must pass a resolution approving the issuance of a Premise Permit by the Gambling Control Board for any establishment where gambling will be conducted; and

SO THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Taylors Falls that it hereby authorizes the Gambling Control Board to issue a Class B Premise Permit to the Border Bar & Grill, 367 Bench Street, Taylors Falls, Minnesota, in order for the Aliveness Project Gaming to conduct lawful gambling on the premises.

BE IT YET FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council hereby waives the requirement in Section 350.08 of the Taylors Falls Code of Ordinances, which requires a contribution of *...no less than 50% of its lawful expenditures of funds derived from gambling activities for the direct benefit of citizens living, working or learning with the "local trade area"....* in view of the fact that said organization provides services to members living in Chisago County.

Adopted this 23<sup>rd</sup> of April, 2012

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Michael D. Buchite, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Jo Everson, Clerk-Treasurer



**RESOLUTION 12-04-02**

**CITY OF TAYLORS FALLS  
COUNTY OF CHISAGO  
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

**A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE 2012 ELECTION OF OFFICERS  
FOR THE TAYLORS FALLS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS Minnesota Statutes and the Taylors Falls City Ordinance requires City Council confirmation of the Fire Department's election of officers;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Taylors Falls City Council that it hereby approves the following 2012 officers of the Taylors Falls Volunteer Fire Department;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the pay for such offices shall be as indicated:

<b><u>POSITION</u></b>	<b><u>OFFICER</u></b>	<b><u>ANNUAL PAY</u></b>
FIRE CHIEF	Al Rivard	\$1,400.00
ASSISTANT CHIEFS	Mike Erding	\$800.00
	Sheldon Magnuson	\$800.00
CAPTAINS	Jeremy Hansen	\$200.00
	Kyle Rivard	\$200.00
TRAINING OFFICERS	Carl Ostling	\$200.00
	Jake Vodenka-Reed	\$200.00
PRESIDENT	Jerry Waltman	\$250.00
SECRETARY	Matt Carlson	\$175.00
TREASURER	Chad Miller	\$250.00
AIR PACK MAINTENANCE	Luke Miller	\$175.00
FIREFIGHTERS	Drills & Meetings	\$8.00
	Fire Calls	\$14.00

ADOPTED ON APRIL 9, 2012

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Michael D. Buchite, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Jo Everson, Clerk-Treasurer