

**TAYLORS FALLS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MONDAY, JUNE 25, 2012 – 7:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

The Agenda for this Meeting was posted Wednesday, June 20, 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, June 25, 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 7:05 p.m. by Mayor Mike Buchite.

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mike Buchite, Larry Julik-Heine, Mary Jo Murphy

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ross Rivard, John Tangen

OTHERS PRESENT: None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The Agenda was amended to include under New Business: **Consider Certificate of Appreciation.**

MOTION BY JULIK-HEINE/MURPHY TO APPROVE THE AGENDA, AS AMENDED, FOR THE JUNE 25, 2012 TAYLORS FALLS CITY COUNCIL MEETING. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION BY MURPHY/JULIK-HEINE TO APPROVE/ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS: CONSIDER EDC'S RECOMMENDATION TO PAY DESIGN IN THE LIGHT FOR RIVERWALK TRAIL SIGNAGE; CONSIDER TAX ABATEMENT AGREEMENT WITH CHISAGO COUNTY; CONSIDER APPROVAL OF APPLICATION TO CONDUCT BINGO BY THE TF LIONS CLUB FOR THE FRIENDS OF TF PARKS & REC; CONSIDER PAYMENT OF PAY REQUEST #1; CONSIDER COORDINATOR-ZONING ADMINISTRATOR VACATION REQUEST; AND CORRESPONDENCE. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

PUBLIC FORUM

None.

STAFF REQUESTS

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

CONSIDER 2012 COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM SUBSCRIBER AGREEMENT

The City has had several discussions with representatives from Chisago County with regard to the proposed Communications System Subscriber Agreement, which defines the use of the new 800MHz region-wide public safety radio communications system, the maintenance and repair of the radios and the administrative and operational support of the radio fleet. Taylors Falls is unique in that it is the only entity in the County that received financial assistance from grants to purchase the number of radios and pagers needed for its Fire Department. As such, the City's expectation was that it should

not be required to pay the same amount of subscriber fees as the other entities who relied solely on the County's purchase of the radios.

The final Agreement provides an annual fee (per radio) of \$480.00 for all County-owned radios. Taylors Falls will pay a reduced rate of \$430.00 for City-owned radios for 2012. Here-in-after the City will pay \$385.00 per radio. The reduction of fees is intended to repay the City for the out-of-pocket expenses incurred to acquire the radios. Taylors Falls will pay more in 2012 because the County must perform special bench-testing on these radios that other radios would not need.

The Agreement also provides that if a City-owned radio is lost, or damaged, the City may petition the County to replace the City-owned unit for a County provided radio. Once this happens, the full subscriber fee applies (for this radio only). As each radio needs repairs over the years, the County subscriber fees are slowly phased in so that Taylors Falls will pay the same rate as all other entities do. The exception is the fact that Taylors Falls acquired the radios at no cost to the taxpayers, while all other radios in the County were purchased by the County with taxpayer dollars.

MOTION BY JULIK-HEINE/MURPHY TO APPROVE THE 2012 COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM SUBSCRIBER AGREEMENT, BY AND BETWEEN CHISAGO COUNTY AND THE CITY OF TAYLORS FALLS REGARDING THE USE OF THE REGIONWIDE PUBLIC SAFETY RADIO COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM, MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF SUBSCRIBER RADIOS, ADMINISTRATIVE AND OPERATIONAL SUPPORT OF THE SUBSCRIBER RADIO FLEET.

FURTHER MOVED TO APPROVE MAYOR MIKE BUCHITE AS THE CITY REPRESENTATIVE TO MANAGE SAID AGREEMENT. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. (attached)

CONSIDER EDC'S RECOMMENDATION TO PAY DESIGN IN THE LIGHT

THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVED BY CONSENT AGENDA THE CONTRACT WITH DESIGN IN THE LIGHT, KAY LAMBERT OWNER, TO DESIGN AND COORDINATE COMPREHENSIVE SIGN DESIGNS AT A COST OF \$425.00, TO BE PAID FROM THE EDC OPERATING BUDGET (230-41920-300). FURTHER, TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR AND CLERK-TREASURER'S SIGNATURES ON THE SAID CONTRACT.

IT WAS FURTHER MOVED TO ACCEPT THE EDC'S RECOMMENDATION AND AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF \$490.00 TO DESIGN IN THE LIGHT AS DOWNPAYMENT OF THE RIVERWALK TRAIL SIGNAGE, THE BALANCE OF \$490.00 TO BE PAID WHEN THE SIGNAGE IS COMPLETELY INSTALLED. TO BE PAID FROM THE RIVERWALK TRAIL FUND 345-41920-500.

MOTIONS CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CONSIDER PAY REQUEST #1 TO TRI-STATE COATINGS

THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVED BY CONSENT AGENDA THE PAYMENT OF PAY REQUEST #1 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$103,075.00, FOR WORK COMPLETED THROUGH JUNE 18, 2012 FOR THE WATER STANDPIPE REHABILITATION PROJECT.

CONSIDER TAX ABATEMENT AGREEMENT WITH CHISAGO COUNTY

In June of 2011 the City and Chisago County adopted similar resolutions authorizing a tax abatement process from the Xcel Energy Substation property taxes so as to pay the bond payment for the new Business Park. The County Attorney recommended that an Agreement be drafted that memorializes each resolution.

THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVED BY CONSENT AGENDA THE TAX ABATEMENT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF TAYLORS FALLS, MINNESOTA, AND CHISAGO COUNTY, MINNESOTA. (attached)

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF APPLICATION TO CONDUCT BINGO

THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVED BY CONSEN1T AGENDA THE APPLICATION TO CONDUCT

EXCLUDED BINGO AT THE TAYLORS FALLS MEMORIAL COMMUNITY CENTER ON FRIDAY, JULY 20, 2012 FOR THE TAYLORS FALLS LIONS CLUB WHO ARE SPONSORING THE EVENT FOR THE FRIENDS OF TAYLORS FALLS PARKS & RECREATION GROUP.

CONSIDER COORDINATOR-ZONING ADMINISTRATOR VACATION REQUEST

THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVED BY CONSENT AGENDA THE VACATION REQUEST FOR COORDINATOR-ZONING ADMINISTRATOR ADAM BERKLUND FOR A FULL DAY ON JULY 9, 2012 AND A FULL DAY ON AUGUST 27, 2012.

CONSIDER CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

Mayor Buchite informed the Council that Friday was the last working day for Chisago County HRA/EDA Executive Director Chris Eng, who has accepted a position for the City of Duluth, Minnesota. The Mayor suggested that the Council send a Certificate of Appreciation for all that Eng has done for Taylors Falls. The Council was quick to agree with the suggestion.

MOTION BY JULIK-HEINE/MURPHY TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR'S SIGNATURE ON THE LETTER OF APPRECIATION AND THE COUNCIL'S SIGNATURES ON THE CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION TO CHRIS ENG, FORMER CHISAGO COUNTY HRA/EDA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. (attached)

LIAISON OR COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Mary Murphy reported that work continues on the archways for the River Walk Trail. The signs should be installed before month-end (approved at this meeting). She also reported that she had attended the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the new Chisago County Emergency Center. Lastly, Murphy would be working with the Friends group at the BINGO event in July, volunteering as the caller.

Larry Julik-Heine reported that he had met with two representatives from the Chisago County Soil and Water Conservation Office to review the proposed clean-up project that is located just south of the City Hall Complex area. The project is expected to cost \$11,000.00, with an additional 20% contingency for a total of \$13,332.00. The City is required to provide a 25% match, either monetary or in kind. They would also like to construct a rain garden along First Street at a cost of \$1,000.00. Julik-Heine invited their attendance at the next Council Meeting for a formal presentation.

Mayor Mike Buchite reported that he had attended the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at the new Visitor Center in the lower level of the Memorial Community Center. He also reminded Council of the upcoming Wannigan Days events in July.

CORRESPONDENCE

THE CITY COUNCIL ACKNOWLEDGED THE CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED IN THE JUNE 25, 2012 COUNCIL PACKET:

1. MEETING NOTICE FROM ECRDC, RE: 2013 BUDGET
2. STAFF CORRESPONDENCE & EMAIL'S

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY JULIK-HEINE/MURPHY TO ADJOURN THE MEETING OF THE JUNE 25, 2012 TAYLORS FALLS CITY COUNCIL. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Being no further business to come before the Council, the Meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Michael D. Buchite, Mayor

Jo Everson, Clerk-Treasurer

APPROVED: JULY 9, 2012