

**TAYLORS FALLS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MONDAY, AUGUST 27, 2012 – 7:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

The Agenda for this Meeting was posted Wednesday, August 22, 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, August 27, 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.

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mike Buchite, Ross Rivard, John Tangen, Larry Julik-Heine, Mary Jo Murphy

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Clerk-Treasurer Jo Everson

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION BY MURPHY/RIVARD TO APPROVE THE AGENDA, AS PRESENTED, FOR THE AUGUST 27, 2012 TAYLORS FALLS CITY COUNCIL MEETING. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION BY JULIK-HEINE/TANGEN TO APPROVE/ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS: CONSIDER HPC APPLICATION FOR MINNESOTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY SCHOLARSHIP FOR PRESERVATION CONFERENCE; CONSIDER TRI-STATE COATINGS FINAL PAY REQUEST; CONSIDER PAY REQUEST #4 FROM DRESSSEL CONTRACTING FOR BUSINESS PARK IMPROVEMENTS; AND CORRESPONDENCE. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

PUBLIC FORUM

None.

STAFF REQUESTS

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

CONSIDER DEPOT RAILING PROJECT

A self-appointed steering committee consisting of Clarence Nelson, representing the Taylors Falls Historical Society, Susan Heaven representing the Heritage Preservation Commission and Joanne Frank, representing the Women's Civic League, submitted a request to proceed with a project that will restore the original decorative ornamental cast iron top pieces to the fence at the 1902 Memorial Community Center/Depot. In 1994 the City replaced the original fence in order to meet code changes. The ornamental top pieces (post-top finials and blunt tooth "loafer rail" strips) were rescued with the intent that they would be re-installed at some point in the future.

The group provided their detailed project plans. All costs of installation are to be covered by contributed funds. The Women's Civic League committed \$800, and other local contributors have

agreed to cover the additional \$200.00 needed for Phase I of the project. No City funding will be needed or requested, other than the normal maintenance on the railings. Phase II of the project may require additional funding, and as such, the Taylors Falls Historical Society will serve as fiscal agent for additional fund raising if needed.

Council discussed potential liability issues, but was reassured by the information received from the City's insurance carriers who indicate that the overall risk to the City would be low. The City Attorney had previously taken a very conservative approach by cautioning the City that the "spiked fence" would be a significant risk, however, with the new information from the League of MN Cities, he urged the Council to weigh it [the liability issues vs. the improvements to the fence] for the benefit of the City.

Council was supportive of the project, agreeing that the addition of the new (old) fence decorative pieces would enhance the historical aesthetics of the entire property. If a problem should occur in the future, the pieces could be removed since they are bolted to the fence rather than welded to the fence.

MOTION BY MURPHY/JULIK-HEINE TO AUTHORIZE THE INSTALLATION OF THE POST-TOP FINIALS AND BLUNT TOOTH STRIPS ON THE ROD IRON RAILING BY THE TAYLORS FALLS MEMORIAL COMMUNITY CENTER (OLD DEPOT) BY TMS ENTERPRISES, DRESSER, WISCONSIN. PROJECT IS TO PROCEED AS FUNDING IS AVAILABLE BY THE WOMEN'S CIVIC LEAGUE, AND THE TAYLORS FALLS HISTORICAL SOCIETY, WHO WILL SERVE AS FISCAL AGENT FOR THE PROJECT IN THE EVENT ADDITIONAL FUNDING IS NEEDED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CONSIDER AUTHORIZING STAFF TO SOLICIT BIDS FOR THE GULLY RESTORATION PROJECT

At the July 9, 2012 Meeting, the Council voted to proceed with the Chisago County Soil and Water Conservation Department (CSWCD) project that would involve correcting what is essentially a large washout/gully behind the public works building which carries rain and runoff from City buildings and parking lot(s) into the St. Croix River. The City would be responsible for a 25% financial match with a 10-year commitment to maintain the project area. CM Julik-Heine expressed concern that there may be extensive on-going maintenance needed which may need further consideration. He agreed to discuss this with the CSWCD representative.

Mary Jo Youngbauer, Water Resource Technician, from CSWCD, submitted a "bid packet" for Council approval that will explain the project and request bids based on the specifications. The City would need to publish for the bid request, send out the bid package, receive and award the project to the contractor. Youngbauer would act as the manager of the project, with the assistance of CM Julik-Heine and Coordinator-Zoning Administrator Adam Berklund.

MOTION BY JULIK-HEINE/MURPHY TO APPROVE THE DOCUMENT PACKAGE FROM MARY JO YOUNGBAUER FROM THE CHISAGO COUNTY STORM WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT, WHICH INCLUDES: DRAFT CONSERVATION PRACTICE ASSISTANCE CONTRACT, DESIGN REPORT, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE PLAN, AND CONSTRUCTION AND MATERIAL SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE PROPOSED TAYLORS FALLS GRADE STABILIZATION PROJECT.

IT WAS FURTHER MOVED TO APPROVE THE **REQUEST FOR BIDS** FOR THE GULLY GRADE STABILIZATION PROJECT, WITH BIDS TO BE RECEIVED UNTIL NOON ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH, TO BE REVIEWED BY MARY JO YOUNGBAUER, CM LARRY JULIK-HEINE, AND COORDINATOR-ZONING ADMINISTRATOR ADAM BERKLUND. AWARD OF THE BID, AND APPROVAL OF THE CONTRACT, IS EXPECTED TO OCCUR AT THE COUNCIL MEETING ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH.

MOTIONS CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CONSIDER HPC APPLICATION FOR SCHOLARSHIP FOR PRESERVATION CONFERENCE

THE CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT AGENDA FOR STAFF TO SUBMIT THE MINNESOTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FOR ALYSSA AUTEN TO ATTEND THE 32ND ANNUAL STATEWIDE HISTORIC PRESERVATION CONFERENCE IN FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA, ON SEPTEMBER 13-14, 2012.

CONSIDER TRI-STATE COATINGS FINAL PAY REQUEST

THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVED BY CONSENT AGENDA, THE FINAL PAY REQUEST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$18,532.00 TO TRI-STATE COATINGS, FOR ALL REMAINING WORK DONE ON THE 150,000 GALLON WATER STAND-PIPE REHABILITATION PROJECT, CONDITIONAL UPON RECEIVING THE PROPER SIGNATURES FROM TRI-STATE COATINGS.

CONSIDER PAY REQUEST #4 – BUSINESS PARK IMPROVEMENTS

THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVED BY CONSENT AGENDA, THE PAYMENT OF PAY REQUEST #4 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$67,170.02, TO DRESEL CONTRACTING, FOR WORK COMPLETED ON THE BUSINESS PARK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, TO BE PAID FROM THE BUSINESS PARK DEVELOPMENT FUND (558), CONDITIONAL UPON THE RECEIVING THE PROPER SIGNATURES FROM DRESEL CONTRACTING.

LIAISON OR COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Ross Rivard reported that West Street sewer pipe lining will be done this week. The paving of Maple Street should occur within the next two weeks.

John Tangen reported that he had recently met with Fire Chief Al Rivard, who informed him that the two new firefighters are attending special training, the cost of which will be reimbursed by the State of Minnesota. Tangen also reported that the Tornado Shelter Area sign will be relocated from the Fire Hall to the City Hall, which is the official shelter area.

Tangen also reported that the Fire Department did not receive the grant to purchase the Indian Poly Backpack 5 gallon tanks, so the \$1,953.70 will need to come from the Fire Department's 2012 budget.

Larry Julik-Heine reported that the Park & Rec Commission is planning a City-wide Clean-up day on October 5th. It is hoped that a grand opening can be organized for the same day for Cherry Hill Park. The Lighting Festival Committee's first organization meeting is tonight.

Mary Jo Murphy reported that members of the Economic Development Commission recently walked the River Walk Trail to visualize where signage will be placed and where trees need to be trimmed. The archway is almost ready to be installed at the entrance.

Mike Buchite reported that the Highway 8 construction project is no longer using County Road 37 as the detour, although many locals still use it to bypass the official detour. MnDOT denied the City's request to adjust the semaphore timing as well as the request to improve the detour signage. Buchite also reported that he had presented Margaret Peterson with the proclamation celebrating her 101st birthday (which was approved by the Council at their last meeting).

The date for future Wannigan Days celebrations may be changed to June 14th beginning in 2014.

CORRESPONDENCE

THE CITY COUNCIL ACKNOWLEDGED THE CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED IN THE AUGUST 27, 2012 COUNCIL PACKET:

1. STAFF CORRESPONDENCE & EMAIL'S

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY MURPHY/JULIK-HEINE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING OF THE AUGUST 27, 2012 TAYLORS FALLS CITY COUNCIL. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Being no further business to come before the Council, the Meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Michael D. Buchite, Mayor

Jo Everson, Clerk-Treasurer

APPROVED: SEPTEMBER 10, 2012