

**TAYLORS FALLS CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2012 - 7:00 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

The Agenda for this Meeting was posted Wednesday, December 10, 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, December 10, 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, John Tangen, Larry Julik-Heine, Mary Jo Murphy

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ross Rivard

OTHERS PRESENT: Jo Everson, Clerk-Treasurer, Dave Muller from the Ledger Press Newspaper

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

MOTION BY JULIK-HEINE/MURPHY TO APPROVE THE AGENDA, AS PRESENTED, FOR THE DECEMBER 10, 2012 TAYLORS FALLS CITY 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 NOVEMBER 13 AND NOVEMBER 26, 2012; STAFF REPORTS; COMMISSION, BOARD OR COMMITTEE MINUTES/REPORTS; APPROVAL OF CLAIMS & PAYROLL; AND CORRESPONDENCE. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**2013 PROPOSED PROPERTY TAXES**

The Mayor opened the Public Hearing at 7:05 p.m. The Clerk read the Public Notice into the record:

*Notice of Proposed Property Taxes  
City of Taylors Falls*

*The Taylors Falls City Council will hold a public hearing on its budget and on the amount of property taxes it is proposing to collect to pay for the costs of services the City will provide in 2013.*

*Monday, December 10, 2012, 7:05 p.m.  
Taylors Falls City Hall*

*All City residents are invited to attend the public hearing of the City Council to express their opinions on the budget and on the proposed amount of 2012 property taxes.*

An informational packet was provided to the public complete with budget information and information regarding Minnesota's taxation system. Taylors Falls was able to reduce the tax rate by 2.096%, which has been the case ten out of the last eleven years.

	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>Change from 2012- 2013</b>
Total Tax Levy	\$618,636.00	\$618,251.00	-0.06%
General Fund Levy	\$296,639.00	\$297,879.00	+0.42%
City Tax Rate	79.108%	77.012%	-2.096%

The Mayor asked for public comment IN FAVOR OF, OPPOSED TO or NEUTRAL TO the proposed 2013 budget and the property taxes the City proposes to collect to pay for the costs of services it will provide.

Hearing none, MOTION BY JULIK-HEINE/MURPHY TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2013 PROPOSED BUDGET. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The Mayor announced that the Council would take final action on the 2012 Property Tax Levy, Payable in 2013 and the 2013 Budget at the December 26, 2012 City Council Meeting. The Public Hearing closed at 7:07 p.m.

#### **PUBLIC FORUM**

None.

#### **STAFF REPORTS & REQUESTS**

##### **ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT**

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

##### **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

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

##### **PLANNING & ZONING DEPARTMENT**

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

##### **CHISAGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**

THE CITY COUNCIL ACCEPTED BY CONSENT AGENDA SERGEANT SHANE CARROLL'S NOVEMBER, 2012 CHISAGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT REPORTS.

##### **CITY ATTORNEY**

THE CITY COUNCIL ACCEPTED BY CONSENT AGENDA THE NOVEMBER 2012 BILLING STATEMENT FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE OF KELLY AND LEMMONS, P.A.

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

##### **LIBRARY BOARD**

THE CITY COUNCIL ACCEPTED BY CONSENT AGENDA THE MINUTES OF THE LIBRARY BOARD MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 28, 2012.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

##### **CONSIDER AUTHORIZING BID REQUESTS FOR COMMUNITY CENTER IMPROVEMENTS**

At their last meeting the Council tabled the kitchen remodel project in order to include the bathroom remodel as an overall larger project. CM's Mary Murphy and Ross Rivard worked with City Staff to improve the project specifications, which were categorized by job and organized for clarity. Wild River Electric has agreed to donate labor costs for the electrical work. Installation of the new gas line to the commercial oven will be contracted separate from the kitchen remodeling.

MOTION BY JULIK-HEINE/TANGEN TO AUTHORIZE SOLICITING BIDS FOR THE PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT IN THE KITCHEN AND THE UPPER BATHROOM AT THE TAYLORS FALLS MEMORIAL COMMUNITY CENTER, WITH BIDS TO BE RECEIVED UNTIL NOON ON DECEMBER 27, 2012, WITH POSSIBLE AWARD AT THE JANUARY 2, 2013 CITY COUNCIL MEETING. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**CONSIDER 2013 LIQUOR LICENSE FOR BORDER BAR & GRILL**

MOTION BY JULIK-HEINE/MURPHY TO APPROVE THE ISSUANCE OF A 2013 LIQUOR LICENSE TO:

LAURIE EVERTS  
DBA: BORDER BAR & GRILL AT 367 BENCH STREET  
ON-SALE LIQUOR LICENSE  
OFF-SALE LIQUOR LICENSE  
ON-SALE SUNDAY LICENSE

APPROVAL IS CONDITIONAL UPON RECEIPT OF A CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE. MOTION CARRIED, WITH TANGEN ABSTAINING SINCE HE IS AN EMPLOYEE OF THE CHISAGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR MONITORING THE ESTABLISHMENTS FOR LEGAL COMPLIANCE.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**CHISAGO LAKES FOUNDATION PRESENTATION – “LIFE IS GREAT ON HIGHWAY 8” PROGRAM**

Noel Stensrud and Brenda Palmquist, representing the Chisago Lakes Area Community Foundation, gave a presentation to the Council on a new campaign currently being organized. The “Chisago Chair” project hopes to bring communities together – from Chisago City to Taylors Falls/Almelund, which are the cities along the Highway 8 corridor. The fund-raising program will involve thirty modified Adirondack chairs that will be designed and built locally, and brightly painted by various artists. They will be displayed at businesses who have agreed to sponsor the chair for \$100.00. Judges will be asked to determine specific “winners”, and those chairs will be sold via live action. The goal is to raise money but more importantly, encourage area residents and visitors to explore the area. The project will end in late September, 2013.

The group was looking for moral and financial support from the City. While the Council expressed complete support of the project, Mayor Buchite explained the financial limitations the City faces when it receives donation requests. Unfortunately, there is no funding available for these requests. It was agreed that the Economic Development Commission would discuss the project at their next meeting.

**CONSIDER DISSOLUTION OF THE CERT TASK FORCE**

The **Community Emergency Response Team** have now completed their training and conducted their first organizational meeting. Gene Andersen, Sarah MacDougal, and Sheryl Grote were voted as the management team. The group recommended that the Task Force be dissolved by the Council, with sincere appreciation for their time and organization in creating the Team.

MOTION BY MURPHY/JULIK-HEINE TO AUTHORIZE THE DISSOLUTION OF THE TAYLORS FALLS COMMUNITY RESPONSE TEAM (CERT) TASK FORCE, WITH GRATITUDE TO MEMBERS: CHAIR JULI HOBSON, JIM STEIN, LEO NELSON, KEVIN SCHUMANN, AND TANA HAVUMAKI. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The second recommendation was to have the Taylors Falls CERT registered on the FEMA web site in order to receive potential disaster clean-up aid. Coordinator-Zoning Administrator Adam Berklund was directed to complete this registration.

**CONSIDER DATE FOR 2013 ORGNIZATIONAL MEETING**

MOTION BY JULIK-HEINE/MURPHY TO SET THE DATE OF WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2013 AT 8:00 A.M. FOR THE TAYLORS FALLS CITY COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**APPROVAL OF CLAIMS & PAYROLL**

THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVED BY CONSENT AGENDA THE PAYMENT OF CHECK NUMBERS 24951 - 24985 TOTTALLING \$53,120.88 AND CHECK NUMBERS 6192 - 6202 TOTTALLING \$11,944.32 FOR NOVEMBER PAYROLL.

**LIAISON OR COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS**

**Mayor Mike Buchite** wished all a very Merry Christmas. The next Council meeting is scheduled for December 26, 2012.

**Larry Julik-Heine** reported that more than 15" of snow fell the past several days. The Public Works Department was busy plowing.

**John Tangen** reported that the HPC would be losing one of its members at the end of the year.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

THE CITY COUNCIL ACKNOWLEDGED BY CONSENT AGENDA THE FOLLOWING CORRESPONDENCE PROVIDED IN THE DECEMBER 10, 2012 CITY COUNCIL MEETING PACKET:

1. STAFF CORRESPONDENCE & EMAIL'S

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION BY JULIK-HEINE/MURPHY TO ADJOURN THE MEETING OF THE TAYLORS FALLS CITY COUNCIL HELD THIS DECEMBER 10, 2012. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Being no further business to come before the Council, the Meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

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Michael D. Buchite, Mayor

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Jo Everson, Clerk-Treasurer

**APPROVED:** JANUARY 2, 2013