

**TAYLORS FALLS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MONDAY, JANUARY 26, 2009 - 7:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

The Agenda for this Meeting was posted Wednesday, January 21, 2009 at City Hall, the Post Office and 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, January 26, 2009 at 7:00 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 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, Zara Kinnunen

MEMBERS ABSENT: Larry Julik-Heine

OTHERS PRESENT: Clerk-Treasurer Jo Everson, Leland & Delores Rivard, Joel Rivard, Tim & Lisa Rivard, Michelle Rivard, Tammie Milberg from the Inter-County Leader, and Bob Porter from the Chisago County Press.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION BY KINNUNEN/TANGEN TO APPROVE THE AGENDA, AS PRESENTED, FOR THE JANUARY 26, 2009 COUNCIL MEETING. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION BY RIVARD/KINNUNEN TO APPROVE/ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING CONSENT AGENDA ITEM: CORRESPONDENCE. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

PUBLIC FORUM

None.

STAFF REQUESTS

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

CONSIDER AWARD OF 2008 ST. CROIX RIVER VALLEY STEWARDSHIP AWARD

This is an annual award that is given to someone who has represented the St. Croix Valley in a worthy manner. The Mayor recommended Leland and Delores Rivard to receive the 2008 award.

MOTION BY KINNUNEN/TANGEN TO AWARD THE 2008 ST. CROIX RIVER VALLEY STEWARDSHIP LELAND AND DELORES RIVARD IN APPRECIATION FOR THEIR DEDICATION TO BEAUTIFYING TAYLORS FALLS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. (certificate copy attached)

The Rivard's were present to receive the certificate from the Mayor, and expressed their appreciation to the Council for the award.

CONSIDER RESOLUTION 09-01-08 TO APPROVE DEED REDEVELOPMENT GRANT APPLICATION
The Council authorized Zoning Administrator-Coordinator Larry Phillips to pursue the Minnesota

Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) redevelopment grant at its last meeting. The grant monies would be used for public improvements directly related to the MNDOT property project, such as sidewalks, street lights and utility improvements. This is a 50/50 matching grant. The Resolution is a requirement of the application which authorizes the submission and commits the City to a financial match. If awarded, the grant monies do not need to be spent in 2009. Considering the economic times the State of Minnesota is currently facing, the City has the option of choosing to reject the grant if necessary.

MOTION BY RIVARD/KINNUNEN TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 09-01-07, AS PRESENTED, APPROVING THE REDEVELOPMENT GRANT APPLICATION TO THE MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND FURTHER, TO COMMIT A LOCAL FINANCIAL MATCH FROM THE CITY OF TAYLORS FALLS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. (attached)

APPROVE TRADE-IN OF 2008 SKIDSTEER

The City participates in a rotation program through Baribeau Implement, St. Croix Falls, Wisconsin, that allows an annual trade-in of a skidsteer for the newest model.

MOTION BY TANGEN/KINNUNEN TO AUTHORIZE THE ANNUAL TRADE-IN AND ROTATION OF THE 2008 SKIDSTEER FROM BARIBEAU IMPLEMENT FOR A 2009 L170B115 SKIDSTEER, AT A COST OF \$500.00, TO BE PAID FROM THE PUBLIC WORKS LEASE BUDGET ACCOUNT (43100-416). MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

APPROVE PURCHASE OF TRAFFIC WARNING LIGHT BAR FOR NEW PLOW TRUCK

The City recently took ownership of the new 2009 Ford L8500 Plow truck purchased through state bid specifications. However, it did not include a warning light bar. Therefore it is a matter of health, safety and welfare for both the driver and the public to purchase and install one as soon as possible.

MOTION BY KINNUNEN/RIVARD TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A JUSTICE ECONOMY 50" LED LIGHTBAR 10-HEAD FROM GALLS, INC. AT A COST OF \$1,421.74 FROM THE PUBLIC WORKS NEW EQUIPMENT ACCOUNT 43100-580. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

LIAISON OR COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Mike Buchite reported that he had testified before the House and Senate Committees regarding the inclusion of Taylors Falls in the Border City Development Zone. Both Committees passed the proposal, which now goes onto tax committees for consideration.

The Mayor also reminded Council that Governor Pawlenty would announce his budget proposals the next day. Cities would then know how much State Aid can expected to be cut in 2009 and going forward. The Council may need to review its 2009 budget accordingly.

CORRESPONDENCE

THE CITY COUNCIL ACKNOWLEDGED BY CONSENT AGENDA THE FOLLOWING CORRESPONDENCE PROVIDED IN THE JANUARY 26, 2009 CITY COUNCIL MEETING PACKET:

1. LMC FRIDAY FAXES
2. ECRDC CORRESPONDENCE, RE: FORUM WITH CONGRESSMAN OBERSTAR
3. ECRDC CORRESPONDENCE, RE: NOMINATION FOR REPRESENTATIVE
4. INVITATION TO TH65 CORRIDOR COALITION MTG
5. LMC INFORMATION, RE: 4- FUND
6. TRAINING NOTICE FROM LMC, RE: MN INFORMATION & POLICY ANALYSIS DIVISION
7. STAFF CORRESPONDENCE & EMAIL'S

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY TANGEN/KINNUNEN TO ADJOURN THE MEETING OF THE TAYLORS FALLS CITY COUNCIL HELD ON JANUARY 26, 2009. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Being no further business to come before the Council, the Meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Michael D. Buchite, Mayor

Jo Everson, Clerk-Treasurer

APPROVED: FEBRUARY 9, 2009