

**TAYLORS FALLS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MONDAY, JULY 14, 2008 – 7:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

The Agenda for this Meeting was posted Wednesday, July 9, 2008 at City Hall. The agenda was also posted at 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, July 14, 2008 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.

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mike Buchite, Ross Rivard, John Tangen, Larry Julik-Heine, Zara Kinnunen

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Clerk-Treasurer Jo Everson and Bob Porter from the Chisago County Press

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The Agenda was amended to include under New Business: **Consider Resolution 08-07-01 Authorizing the Payoff of the Fire Hall Debt Service.**

MOTION BY JULIK-HEINE/RIVARD TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED FOR THE JULY 14, 2008 TAYLORS FALLS CITY COUNCIL MEETING. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION BY KINNUNEN/JULIK-HEINE TO APPROVE/ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS: MINUTES OF PREVIOUS CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS; COMMISSION, BOARD OR COMMITTEE MINUTES/REPORTS; STAFF REPORTS; CONSIDER CONTRIBUITON TO WANNIGAN DAYS FIREWORKS DISPLAY; CONSIDER APPLICATION FOR PAY REQUEST #6 – WELLHOUSE #4 PROJECT; CONSIDER CHANGE ORDER #3 – WELLHOUSE #4 PROJECT; APPROVAL OF CLAIMS & PAYROLL; CORRESPONDENCE. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETINGS

THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVED BY CONSENT AGENDA THE MINUTES OF THE TAYLORS FALLS CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS HELD ON JUNE 4, JUNE 9, AND JUNE 23, 2008.

PUBLIC FORUM

None.

REPORT ON PREVIOUS PUBLIC FORUM REQUESTS

None.

STAFF REPORTS & REQUESTS

CHISAGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

THE CITY COUNCIL ACCEPTED BY CONSENT AGENDA CORPORAL SHANE CARROLL'S JUNE 2008 CHISAGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT REPORT.

ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT

THE CITY COUNCIL ACCEPTED BY CONSENT AGENDA THE JUNE 2008 FINANCIAL REPORTS PRESENTED BY CLERK-TREASURER JO EVERSON.

PLANNING & ZONING DEPARTMENT

THE CITY COUNCIL ACCEPTED BY CONSENT AGENDA ZONING ADMINISTRATOR-COORDINATOR LARRY PHILLIP'S JUNE 2008 PLANNING AND ZONING REPORT.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

THE CITY COUNCIL ACCEPTED BY CONSENT AGENDA FIRE CHIEF KEVIN RIVARD'S APRIL, MAY AND JUNE 2008 FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORTS.

CITY ATTORNEY

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

COMMISSION, BOARD OR COMMITTEE MINUTES/REPORTS

LIBRARY

THE CITY COUNCIL ACCEPTED BY CONSENT AGENDA THE MINUTES OF THE TAYLORS FALLS PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD MEETING HELD ON MAY 28, 2008.

PARK & REC COMMISSION

THE CITY COUNCIL ACCEPTED BY CONSENT AGENDA THE MINUTES OF THE TAYLORS FALLS PARK & REC COMMISSION MEETINGS HELD ON APRIL 16 AND MAY 15, 2008.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

CONSIDER AUTHORIZING REPAIRS TO #2 LIFT STATION

Public Works Utility Worker Bill Neska submitted a written request to the Council for authorization to repair the #2 waste water pump at the #2 lift station due to a worn water seal on the top side of the pump shaft. WW Goetsch is unable to provide an exact bid for this repair since it will depend upon the length of time necessary to do the repair and/or the replacement.

MOTION BY JULIK-HEINE/KINNUNEN TO AUTHORIZE THE REPAIR OF THE #2 WASTE WATER PUMP AT THE #2 LIFT STATION BY WW GOETSCH, AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$2,000.00, TO BE PAID FROM THE SEWER FUND (602). MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION FOR SEH TO PREPARE PLANS & SPECS FOR WATERMAIN REPLACEMENT

There is a 6" water main that runs from the #3 and #4 wells on County Road 37 into the City. Over the years there has been an increasing problem with pressure in that area, presumably due to some kind of restriction in the pipe. The Public Works Department narrowed down the area where they suspected the problem was, and "pigged-out" the line to remove the buildup of manganese (using equipment with a cork-screw type end to router the water line). While this procedure helped somewhat, it did not eliminate the problem. There also remains too much pressure as the Well #3 and/or Well #4 first begins to pump water through the 6" line. Therefore the recommendation was to resolve the existing problem by replacing the 1,800' of 6" water main with a 12" line, which would then also benefit in the long-term by providing a larger water main into the City.

Short Elliot Hendrickson, Inc. (SEH) has submitted a proposal to draft the plans and specifications for this proposed project at a cost of \$5,000.00. Vice-Mayor Rivard reminded Council that the bids for the project would be ready within the next 1½ months. At that time it would be determined as to how to pay for the project. Additionally, the City was not obligated in anyway to proceed with the project if the cost was too prohibitive.

MOTION BY JULIK-HEINE/KINNUNEN TO AUTHORIZE SHORT ELLIOT HENDRICKSON TO PROCEED TO DRAFT PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE COUNTY ROAD 37 WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT, AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$5,000.00, TO BE PAID FROM THE WATER FUND (601). MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CONSIDER PROPOSAL FROM SEH TO PREPARE A REQUEST FOR PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION FROM RURAL DEVELOPMENT

In May, 2008, the City authorized a letter to be sent to the State requesting placement on the 2009 Project Priority List for the Drinking Water Revolving Fund (DWRP) Program. This project would involve the construction of a new 12" transmission redundancy loop water main from Well #3 to Furuby Road to the Granite Ledge Development. Council reviewed a preliminary map illustrating the streets and distance. Initially the City was to include the 1,800' project previously reviewed at this meeting, but the Council agreed that it was a priority over this project, since this project would need to be financed prior to actual construction and the other would not.

Ron Seymour, Engineer from SEH, recommended the City make a formal request to Rural Development, who would provide, upon request, their preliminary estimates for Loan and Grant eligibility based upon certain information that must be provided. He estimated that it would take approximately ten (10) hours of his time to compile the information.

MOTION BY RIVARD/JULIK-HEINE TO AUTHORIZE SHORT ELLIOT HENDRICKSON, INC. AND CITY STAFF TO PREPARE THE REQUEST FOR THE PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION FOR ELIGIBILITY BY RURAL DEVELOPMENT – COMMUNITY FACILITY LOANS AND GRANT, FOR THE FUTURE INSTALLMENT OF A 12" WATER MAIN REDUNDANCY LOOP, THE ROUTE OF WHICH WILL BE DETERMINED AT A LATER DATE. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CONSIDER CONTRIBUTION TO WANNIGAN DAYS FIREWORKS DISPLAY

THE CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT AGENADA A \$500.00 CONTRIBUTION TO THE WANNIGAN DAYS FIREWORKS COMMITTEE TO BE PAID FROM THE CHARITABLE GAMBLING FUND (803).

CONSIDER APPLICATION FOR PAY REQUEST #7 – WELLHOUSE #4 PROJECT

THE CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT AGENDA PAYMENT OF PAY REQUEST #7 FROM ENCOMM MIDWEST, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$73,571.46, AS PAYMENT FOR WORK TO DATE ON THE WELLHOUSE #4 PROJECT, TO BE PAID FROM THE WATER FUND (601).

CONSIDER CHANGE ORDER #4 – WELLHOUSE #4 PROJECT

THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVED BY CONSENT AGENDA, CHANGE ORDER #4 FOR THE WELLHOUSE #4 PROJECT, WHICH AUTHORIZES THE INSTALLATION OF WELL PRELUMBRICATION LINE AND 2" PRESSURE REGULATING VALVE ON THE HOUSE PIPING, AT AN ADDITIONAL COST OF \$1,270.75.

CONSIDER RESOLUTION 08-07-01 AUTHORIZING PAYOFF OF THE FIRE HALL DEBT SERVICE

Jo Everson, Clerk-Treasurer, reported that it would be in the City's best interests to pay off the current Lease Purchase Agreement for the Fire Hall with The RiverBank. It would save the taxpayers nearly \$22,700.00 in interest since it would be paid off prior to the February 1, 2013 scheduled payoff.

MOTION BY KINNUNEN/JULIK-HEINE TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 08-07-01, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PAYOFF OF THE FIRE HALL DEBT SERVICE. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. (attached)

Mayor Buchite, with Council consensus, commended the Fire Department for their commitment and dedication over the years to Charitable Gambling. The contributions they have made to the City have paid for the majority of the costs of the Fire Hall. Additionally, monies received from the State of Minnesota as reimbursement to the City for providing emergency services to Interstate State Park have also made a significant contribution to this end, which would not have been possible without the Mayor and Vice-Mayor testifying at several legislative committees. Council also commended Staff and the Council as a whole for management of the investments, which demonstrates true teamwork.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS & PAYROLL

THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVED BY CONSENT AGENDA PAYMENT OF CHECK NUMBERS 21709 - 21780 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$253,957.24 FOR CLAIMS AND DISBURSEMENTS; AND CHECK NUMBERS 5275 - 5297 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$13,480.69 FOR JUNE PAYROLL.

CORRESPONDENCE

THE CITY COUNCIL ACKNOWLEDGED BY CONSENT AGENDA CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED IN THE JULY 14, 2008 COUNCIL PACKET:

1. INVITATION TO DEED ON THE ROAD DISCUSSION SESSIONS
2. ECRDC NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
3. TF CHAMBER NEWSLETTER
4. CORRESPONDENCE TO COUNCIL, RE: RIGHT TURN ONLY ENFORCEMENT COMPLAINT
5. LETTER FROM CENTRAL MN COUNCIL ON AGAIN, RE: SURVEY RESULTS
6. LMC LETTER, RE: STATE OF THE CITIES REPORT 2008
7. LETTER FROM MPCA, RE: REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON AIR & WATER FEES
8. INFORMATION ON 1914 FIRE AT THE DEPOT
9. XCEL ENERGY SURVEY NOTIFICATION
10. STAFF CORRESPONDENCE & EMAIL'S

LIAISON OR COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Larry Julik-Heine reported that the site at the Cherry Hill Park is progressing and the concrete slab for the pavilion should be poured next week. The Public Works Department is busy getting prepared for Wannigan Days.

John Tangen reported that the EDC did not have a quorum last month so therefore was not able to have an official meeting. The Fire Department recently held a training event for accidental rock falls in the park. Also attending were St. Croix Falls Fire Department and the Chisago County Sheriff's Department. He also announced who had been voted as the Grand Marshall(s) of Taylors Falls for the Wannigan Days Parade. They are Veterans representing each of the conflicts the USA has participated in:

World War II	Roland Berg
Korea	Elwood Holmberg
Vietnam	Jim Hudspeth
Desert Storm	Shane Carroll
Iraq	Tyler Kriedler

Ross Rivard reported that the Planning Commission continued discussion on extraterritorial planning and how it creates the need for possible changes in the Comprehensive Plan.

Zara Kinnunen reported that the Heritage Preservation Commission reviewed a Site Alteration Permit application for the Memorial Community Center at their last meeting. She also reported that the Chisago County Sheriff's Department will have five additional Deputies available for the Wannigan Days Parade, as well as Corporal Shane Carroll and Deputy Dustin Swenson.

Mayor Mike Buchite reported on the following:

- ✧ According to a Wisconsin newspaper article, the Berg family of Taylors Falls has donated seven acres of property and buildings located on Mulberry Street in Taylors Falls to the St. Croix Valley Good Samaritan Society to develop an assisted living center in Minnesota. On behalf of the City and the Council the Mayor extended appreciation for this very generous donation.
- ✧ Bob Claybaugh and Rebecca Schubert who live in Angel Hill, have donated the cedar shake shingles for the Cherry Hill Park pavilion. This donation is valued at \$2,000.00. Claybaugh participated in the initial drawings of the park for the 2001 Strategic Guide that included several projects supported by the Economic Development Commission. Again the Mayor expressed his appreciation on behalf of the City and the Council for this generous donation.
- ✧ MnDOT has provided a copy of the Statute that illustrates the official signage for the State, including a depiction of the new RIGHT TURN ONLY sign which was been placed at the intersection of First Street and Highway 95 near the General Store. The question of legal enforcement has been expressed, but is no longer an issue. The Chisago County Sheriff's Department has issued several tickets and warnings over the past weeks.
- ✧ On Tuesday, July 8th, a semi truck and trailer tipped over on the Highway 8/Highway 95 intersection in the downtown area and spilled its load of garbage on the roadway and onto the grass near Interstate Park. Deputy Dustin Swenson sent the Council a letter of appreciation to the Public Works Department from the Sheriff's Department and the MN State Patrol for the assistance that Public Works Utility Worker Bill Neska and Public Works Street Worker Eric Garner provided on the scene, which included the removal of the garbage and traffic control. According to Swenson, had they not been there to assist, the debris would have remained at the intersection area for at least eight (8) hours, if not till the next day. The Council was in agreement and commended the employees for their work.
- ✧ The Council is invited to participate in the 2nd Annual Wannigan Days Tug-of-War on Saturday, July 19th. There will be other events at the Lion's Parks as well as the "St. Joe's Eats" at the Catholic Church. The Parade begins at 6:00 p.m.

Larry Julik-Heine noted that the invoice that was paid to Rivard Lawn Care was slightly higher than was estimated due to the mowing of additional property that was not anticipated. The Liaisons will monitor the budget closely although the frequency of the mowing seems to be slowing down, therefore the cost will be lower.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY KINNUNEN/TANGEN TO ADJOURN THE MEETING OF THE JULY 14, 2008 TAYLORS FALLS CITY COUNCIL. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Being no further business to come before the Council, the Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Michael D. Buchite, Mayor

Jo Everson, Clerk-Treasurer

APPROVED: AUGUST 11, 2008