TAYLORS FALLS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2008 – 7:00 P.M.

MINUTES

The Agenda for this Meeting was posted Wednesday, February 6, 2008 at City Hall and the Post Office. 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, February 11, 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.

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, Larry Julik-Heine, Zara Kinnunen
MEMBERS ABSENT: None
OTHERS PRESENT: Zoning Administrator-Coordinator Larry Phillips, Steve Gall, and Bob Porter from the Chisago County Press.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA
MOTION BY JULIK-HEINE/RIVARD TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED FOR THE FEBRUARY 11, 2008 COUNCIL MEETING. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA
MOTION BY KINNUNEN/TANGEN TO APPROVE/ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS: MINUTES OF PREVIOUS CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS; STAFF REPORTS; COMMISSION, BOARD OR COMMITTEE MINUTES/REPORTS; APPROVAL OF CLAIMS & PAYROLL; CORRESPONDENCE. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETINGS

PUBLIC FORUM
None.

COMMISSION OR COMMITTEE REPORTS/MINUTES
TAYLORS FALLS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
THE CITY COUNCIL ACCEPTED BY CONSENT AGENDA THE MINUTES OF THE TAYLORS FALLS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION HELD ON JANUARY 17, 2008.

TAYLORS FALLS LIBRARY BOARD

STAFF REPORTS & REQUESTS
PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT
THE CITY COUNCIL ACCEPTED BY CONSENT AGENDA ZONING ADMINISTRATOR-COORDINATOR LARRY PHILLIPS’ FEBRUARY 11, 2008 REPORT.

OLD BUSINESS
None.

NEW BUSINESS
UPDATE ON LION’S CLUB FUTURE PROJECTS – STEVE GALL
Lion’s Club member, Mr. Gall, reported to the Council activities that happened at the Lion’s Club Parks during the 2007 Wannigan Days, such as the tug-of-war across the river. Mr. Gall stated in 2008 the Lion’s would be interested in having more events, such as a three legged race and a dunk tank and asked if the City would provide Liability Coverage for these events. Mr. Gall also asked if the City Crew would be available for setting up and cleaning up for these events. Mayor Buchite instructed Mr. Gall to contact the City’s Insurance Agent, Jim Stein. Vice Mayor Rivard stated the Public Works Department would be able to help with the Lion’s Club events during Wannigan Days.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS & PAYROLL
THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVED BY CONSENT AGENDA THE PAYMENT OF CHECK NUMBERS 21368 – 21410 TOTALING $29,453.37; AND TO APPROVE JANUARY PAYROLL TOTALING $13,899.79.

LIAISON OR COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS
Zara Kinnunen stated that the Heritage Preservation Commission (HPC) Chair has moved out of state and the HPC will be looking for a member to fill the vacancy. The February 12, 2008 meeting has been cancelled.

Ross Rivard stated the Planning Commission was updated with the Comprehensive Plan amendments and final changes to the Development Code. Rivard recently checked in with the Public Works Department to touch base with them.

Larry Julik-Heine stated the Park and Recreation Commission would be meeting Wednesday February 20, 2008. Julik-Heine has also checked in with the Public Works Department and they have organized the shop.

John Tangen reported that the Economic Development Commission (EDC) would have a recommendation for a new EDC member at the next Council meeting.

Mayor Mike Buchite reported that he received an email from the Minnesota Department of Transportation regarding some culvert work at the intersection of State Highway 95 and US Highway 8. Traffic will be detoured and some traffic will be re-routed up Herberg Road. The work is expected to occur between August 11 and August 29, 2008. Congratulations

Buchite also stated City Clerk Jo Everson and Deputy Clerk Jayna Yeske were will not be in the office for an extended period of time due to surgeries, and to please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

CORRESPONDENCE
THE CITY COUNCIL ACKNOWLEDGED THE CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED IN THE FEBRUARY 11, 2008 COUNCIL PACKET:
1. Public Hearing Notice – Chisago County Planning Commission
2. Notice of Commission Meeting – MN Dept. of Commerce
3. Chisago County Adult Use Ordinance
4. The Growth Plan for St. Croix Falls
5. Cobra Notice Requirements
6. Staff Correspondence & Emails

ADJOURNMENT
MOTION BY TANGEN/JULIK-HEINE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING OF THE TAYLORS FALLS CITY
COUNCIL. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Being no further business to come before the Council, the Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

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Michael D. Buchite, Mayor              Larry Phillips, ZA - Coordinator

**APPROVED: March 10, 2008**