

**TAYLORS FALLS CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2011 – 6:30 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

The Agenda for this Meeting was posted Wednesday, February 23, 2011 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 began its regular meeting on Monday, February 28, 2011 in closed session at 6:30 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 6:30 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, Mary Jo Murphy (arrived at 6:35 p.m.)

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: City Clerk-Treasurer Jo Everson

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

The Agenda was amended under New Business: **Consider First Responder Training.**

MOTION BY JULIK-HEINE/RIVARD TO APPROVE THE AGENDA, AS AMENDED, FOR THE FEBRUARY 28, 2011 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: CONSIDER RESOLUTION 11-02-06 CONFIRMING FIRE DEPARTMENT ELECTION OF OFFICERS; CORRESPONDENCE. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Mayor stated the Council would enter closed session for the purpose of an annual performance review of Jo Everson, the City Clerk-Treasurer.

MOTION BY TANGEN/RIVARD TO ENTER INTO CLOSED SESSION. AYES: ALL. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The Council entered closed session at 6:32 p.m.

**RETURN TO OPEN MEETING**

The Mayor declared that the Council ended its closed meeting at 6:47 p.m.

MOTION BY JULIK-HEINE/TANGEN TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION. AYES: ALL. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**PERSONS PRESENT AT RETURN TO OPEN MEETING**

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: City Clerk-Treasurer Jo Everson

**SUMMARY OF CLOSED MEETING**

The Mayor declared the Council evaluated the job performance of Jo Everson, City Clerk-Treasurer, in its closed meeting. The closed meeting tape was sealed by the Mayor and placed in the locked employee file cabinet.

### **OPEN MEETING CALL TO ORDER**

The Taylors Falls City Council continued their regular meeting on Monday, February 28, 2011 at 6:47 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 637 First Street, Taylors Falls, Minnesota.

### **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, Jack Liljenberg, Charlie Anderson, and Eric Vargo from the Chisago County Press

### **PUBLIC FORUM**

None.

### **STAFF REQUESTS**

**Public Works Department.** A request was made by Mike Kriz, Public Works Superintendent, to attend a free training on Thursday, March 17<sup>th</sup> for Gopher State-One Call locate updates in Hinckley, Minnesota.

MOTION BY JULIK-HEINE/RIVARD TO AUTHORIZE THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT TO ATTEND THE GOPHER STATE ONE CALL TRAINING ON THURSDAY MARCH 17, 2011 BEGINNING AT 6:30 A.M. – 10:30 A.M. IN HINCKLEY, MINNESOTA, USING THE CITY TRUCK FOR TRANSPORTATION. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **CONSIDER 2010 STEWARDSHIP AWARD**

Each year the Mayor recommends to the City Council who should receive the Stewardship Award for that year. The recommendation for 2010 is Jack Liljenberg, for all that he does to preserve and promote the history of Taylors Falls.

MOTION BY MURPHY/RIVARD TO AWARD THE 2010 ST. CROIX RIVER VALLEY STEWARDSHIP AWARD TO JACK LILJENBERG. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. (certificate attached). The Mayor presented Liljenberg the framed certificate and engraved nameplate on the wood plaque that hangs on the wall at City Hall. He was given a round of applause in congratulations. As the recipient of the Award, Liljenberg will be the Grand Marshall from Taylors Falls for the 2011 Wannigan Day Parade.

#### **CONSIDER SEASONAL WORKER POSITION**

During the 2011 budgeting process, the Public Works Council Liaisons proposed to increase the number of hours for a summer seasonal worker for the Public Works Department. The Council was in agreement that:

- ✚ the budget remain at \$6,000 for the season
- ✚ the pay range would be \$8.00 - \$9.00 per hour (depending upon qualifications)
- ✚ the position would be limited to 185 days of consecutive employment (to eliminate the need to pay retirement benefits)
- ✚ preference would be given to City Residents, with all ages encouraged to apply
- ✚ position would be open until filled
- ✚ the Public Works Council Liaisons and the City Clerk would initially review the applications and rank them for interviews

- ✚ the entire Council would interview final candidates
- ✚ the position would be advertised in the TidBits Newsletter, the Chisago County Press, and the Ledger Publication

#### *SEASONAL HELP WANTED*

*The City of Taylors Falls is accepting applications for the position of Seasonal Public Works Employee for the 2011 summer/fall. Primary duties will be mowing, landscaping, flowers and park maintenance. Preference will be given to City residents, all ages are encouraged to apply. Applications can be obtained by calling City Hall at 651.465.5133, or on the City's website at [www.ci.taylors-falls.mn.us](http://www.ci.taylors-falls.mn.us) . Position open until filled.*

MOTION BY JULIK-HEINE/RIVARD TO POST FOR THE POSITION OF PUBLIC WORKS SEASONAL HELP, APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED UNTIL THE POSITION IS FILLED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### **CONSIDER FD FIRST RESPONDER TRAINING**

Fire Chief Al Rivard submitted a memo indicating that there are two First Responder classes scheduled to be held at the Taylors Falls Fire Hall. The first one begins on Wednesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> which will be a 16-hour First Responder Refresher course. The second one begins Monday, March 7<sup>th</sup> which is a full 48-hour First Responder course. The exact cost of the classes will depend upon the number of firefighters in attendance. Surrounding Fire Departments have been offered the courses in a effort to keep the costs down.

MOTION BY TANGEN/JULIK-HEINE TO AUTHORIZE THE FIRST RESPONDER TRAINING FOR THE TAYORS FALLS FIRE DEPARTMENT. IF THE COST OF THE TRAINING EXCEEDS \$1,000.00, THE FIRE DEPARTMENT MUST SEEK FORMAL APPROVAL FROM THE COUNCIL PRIOR TO PAYMENT. MOTION CARRIED, WITH RIVARD ABSTAINING SINCE HE WILL BE ATTENDING THE TRAINING COURSE.

#### **LIAISON OR COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS**

**John Tangen** reported that he is attempting to schedule a meeting with Bob Shoemaker of the Chisago County Sheriff's Department who is charge of the 800Mhz radio migration and Fire Chief Al Rivard to determine the actual hard costs to the City.

**Larry Julik-Heine** reported that the Friends of Taylors Falls Parks have changed the date for their 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Cinco de Mayo celebration so that it does not conflict with the Firemen's Smelt Fry. It is now scheduled for April 30<sup>th</sup> at the Community Center.

Julik-Heine also reported that there will be a Sub-Committee meeting in March for the next phase of the Riverwalk Park. Randy Thoreson from the National Park Service and his Intern will be in attendance to offer their assistance.

**Mary Jo Murphy** reported that she had attended the League of Minnesota Cities Newly Elected Training Seminar over the past weekend which she found very informative.

**Mayor Mike Buchite** reported that he had also attended the League of Minnesota Cities Experienced Training Seminar over the weekend and also found it very information. He also reported that he and Chisago County HRA/EDA Director Chris Eng will again testify at the Capital on Wednesday, this time before the House Tax Committee for Taylors Falls' inclusion in the Border Cities Development Zone legislature.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

THE CITY COUNCIL ACKNOWLEDGED THE CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED IN THE FEBRUARY 28, 2011 COUNCIL PACKET:

1. STAFF CORRESPONDENCE & EMAIL'S

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION BY JULIK-HEINE/MURPHY TO ADJOURN THE MEETING OF THE FEBRUARY 28, 2011 TAYLORS FALLS CITY COUNCIL. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

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Michael D. Buchite, Mayor

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Jo Everson, City Clerk-Treasurer

**APPROVED:** MARCH 14, 2011

## 2010 ST. CROIX RIVER VALLEY STEWARDSHIP AWARD Presented to **JACK LILJENBERG**

Merriam-Webster's 11th Collegiate Dictionary defines stewardship *as the conducting, supervising, or managing of something; especially: the careful and responsible management of something entrusted to one's care*. Jack Liljenberg literally takes to heart the roll of stewardship when it comes to the history of Taylors Falls. Whether the question is of great importance to many or of an inconsequential nature to anyone other than the person asking, Jack is able to provide a detailed depiction of the precise facts, often times without conducting much outside research. He has an enormous amount of knowledge stored in his intellect, and he has an amazing personal pictorial archive. If research is needed, you can find him at the Chisago County Courthouse pulling Tomes from the shelves in the recorder's office, smiling as he peruses every word to satisfy his hunger for the facts. Wit and humor and history go hand-in-hand for Jack, and he's eager to share all or any of the three with anyone who asks. He is a very talented writer, authoring the "Stumbling Down Memory Lane" in the City's newsletter since 2003.

Jack was born and raised in Taylors Falls. His Uncles, Kenneth and Harry Ekdahl, and his Mother Minnie, were instrumental in creating the first Wannigan Days celebration in 1958. His Uncles built the Wannigan for the parade, and Jack can share many wonderful stories of riding with his Uncles to parades all over Minnesota and Wisconsin with the Wannigan pulled behind their station wagon. As the Stewardship Award recipient, Jack will be honored as the Grand Marshall of the 2011 Wannigan Day Parade. How very appropriate.

Jack truly has continued the tradition of the Ekdahl-Liljenberg family by preserving so much history of Taylors Falls, artifacts and photos. We consider him as the City's Official Historian, and refer calls to him whenever the need arises. We believe Jack Liljenberg has earned the right to be selected and honored as the Taylors Falls 2010 Stewardship Award recipient. On behalf of the citizens of the City of Taylors Falls, we offer to you our humble and heartfelt appreciation for all that you have done and continue to do to preserve and promote the history of Taylors Falls.



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Michael D. Buchite,  
Taylors Falls Mayor

Presented February 28, 2011