

**TAYLORS FALLS CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2008 – 7:00 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

The Agenda for this Meeting was posted Wednesday, October 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, October 13, 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, Zara Kinnunen, Larry Julik-Heine

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Clerk-Treasurer Jo Everson, Tom Delaney, Ed Everson

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

MOTION BY JULIK-HEINE/TANGEN TO APPROVE THE AGENDA, AS PRESENTED, FOR THE OCTOBER 13, 2008 TAYLORS FALLS CITY COUNCIL MEETING. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA**

MOTION BY RIVARD/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 PRC RECOMMENDATION TO ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF LIZ VALLEEN; CONSIDER PAYMENT OF FOREMAN FIRE SERVICE & REPAIR INVOICE; CONSIDER PAYMENT OF WILD RIVER CONTRACTING INVOICE; CONSIDER APPROVING TF CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BINGO FOR NOVEMBER 29, 2008; 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 AND WORKSHOPS HELD SEPTEMBER 3, 8, 22, AND 25, 2008.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**SMALL CITIES DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM GRANT CLOSE-OUT**

The Mayor opened the Public Hearing at 7:03 p.m. The Public Hearing Notice was read into the record by the City Clerk.

**CITY OF TAYLORS FALLS  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
GRANT CLOSE - OUT  
SMALL CITIES DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**

*A Public Hearing will be held on October 13, 2008 at 7:00 pm at City Hall, 637 First Street, Taylors Falls, Minnesota, to receive residents comments regarding the closing out of the 2006 Small Cities Development Program Grant received for the purposes of rental and rehabilitation.*

*All interested residents are urged to attend and submit comments on this application. If any resident is unable to attend the Public Hearing, you may submit your comments, in writing, in advance, to: City Hall, 637 First Street, Taylors Falls, MN 55084.*

/s / Jo Everson, City Clerk

Mayor Buchite explained that in March 2006, the City of Taylors Falls was awarded a Small Cities Development Grant in the amount of \$308,550, to be used for rental and commercial rehabilitation in the downtown district area. Goals were to rehabilitate approximately seven commercial units and ten rental units.

Six applications were received and inspections completed for commercial rehabilitation. Four of the commercial applications chose not to participate in the program. Two applications were funded at the maximum grant level for a total of \$51,000 grant funds used. The City will receive repayment of these loan funds in the future to begin a revolving loan fund. No applications were received for rental rehabilitation.

The Mayor requested comments in favor, opposing or neutral regarding the close-out of the Program Grant.

**Tom Delaney**, 364 Briar Lane, questioned why more funds were not used by the downtown businesses. *It was reported to the City that the required Davis Bacon Act, which imposed paying prevailing wages for any projects funded by the grant, was the determining factor whether the business would participate or not.*

Hearing no further comments, MOTION BY JULIK-HEINE/TANGEN TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE GRANT CLOSE-OUT OF THE SMALL CITIES DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The Hearing closed at 7:05 p.m.

#### **PUBLIC FORUM**

**Dr. Joy Zasadny** introduced herself as a new business owner on Highway 8 “St. Croix Chiropractic & Wellness” and offered her services for Health Talks to Staff, the Fire Department and/or Police Department. She served her internship under Dr. Curt Schmidt and Dr. Andy Ulvin of the Taylors Falls Chiropractic Office. The Council welcomed her to the area.

#### **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 SEPTEMBER 2008 CHISAGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT REPORT.

##### **ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT**

THE CITY COUNCIL ACCEPTED BY CONSENT AGENDA THE SEPTEMBER 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 SEPTEMBER 2008 PLANNING AND ZONING REPORT.

##### **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 SEPTEMBER 24, 2008.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

THE CITY COUNCIL ACCEPTED BY CONSENT AGENDA THE MINUTES OF THE TAYLORS FALLS

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 14, 2008.

**PARK & REC COMMISSION**

THE CITY COUNCIL ACCEPTED BY CONSENT AGENDA THE MINUTES OF THE TAYLORS FALLS PARK & REC COMMISSION MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 20, 2008.

**STAFF REQUESTS**

None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**CONSIDER APPROVING MUZZLELOADER DEER HUNT IN INTERSTATE STATE PARK**

Park Manager Ron Erickson requested Council authorization to conduct a muzzleloader herd reduction deer hunt within Interstate State Park for November 29<sup>th</sup> through December 14<sup>th</sup>. A map was provided indicating areas within the Park that will be closed to hunting. Parking areas were also indicted. There will be up to twenty permits issued for the hunt.

MOTION BY JULIK-HEINE/RIVARD TO AUTHORIZE THE 2008 MUZZLELOADER DEER HERD MANAGEMENT HUNT IN INTERSTATE STATE PARK FROM NOVEMBER 29, 2008 THROUGH DECEMBER 14, 2008.

IT WAS FURTHER MOVED TO ALLOW THE REQUEST FOR PARKING DURING HUNTING HOURS AT THE TAYLORS FALLS MEMORIAL COMMUNITY CENTER AND THE CITY HALL LOWER PARKING LOT, WITH THE CONDITION THAT THE CARS ARE IDENTIFIED AS HUNTERS PARTICIPATING IN THE SAID HUNT. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Deputy Clerk Jayna Yeske provided a report updating the Council on the City's 2008 Archery Deer Hunt. To date, twenty hunters have submitted permission permits, with two kill tags turned in. The hunt continues through December 31<sup>st</sup>.

**CONSIDER PRC RECOMMENDATION TO ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF LIZ VALLEEN**

THE CITY COUNCIL ACCEPTED BY CONSENT AGENDA THE RESIGNATION OF LIZ VALLEEN FROM THE TAYLORS FALLS PARK & REC COMMISSION, EXTENDING APPRECIATION FOR HER SERVICE.

**CONSIDER PAYMENT OF FOREMAN FIRE SERVICE & REPAIR INVOICE**

THE CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT AGENDA PAYMENT TO FOREMAN FIRE SERVICE & REPAIR IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,494.00, TO BE PAID FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT REPAIR BUDGET (42260-404).

**CONSIDER PAYMENT OF WILD RIVER CONTRACTING INVOICE**

THE CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT AGENDA PAYMENT OF \$1,455.00 TO WILD RIVER CONTRACTING FOR THE HAZEL ALLEY WATER MAIN REPAIRS, TO BE PAID FROM THE WATER FUND (601).

**CONSIDER APPROVING TF CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BINGO**

THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVED BY CONSENT AGENDA THE APPLICATION FOR EXCLUDED BINGO ACTIVITY AT THE TAYLORS FALLS MEMORIAL COMMUNITY CENTER BY THE TAYLORS FALLS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AS PART OF THE 2008 LIGHTING FESTIVAL ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2008.

**APPROVAL OF CLAIMS & PAYROLL**

THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVED BY CONSENT AGENDA PAYMENT OF CHECK NUMBERS 21953 - 22021 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$88,371.19 FOR CLAIMS AND DISBURSEMENTS; AND CHECK NUMBERS 5343 - 5358 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$13,635.50 FOR SEPTEMBER PAYROLL.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

THE CITY COUNCIL ACKNOWLEDGED BY CONSENT AGENDA CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED IN THE OCTOBER 13, 2008 COUNCIL PACKET:

1. LETTER FROM 4M FUND, RE: CREDIT MARKET
2. LETTER FROM CHISAGO CO. DEPT OF PUBLIC WORKS, RE: COUNTY ROAD 20 PROJECT
3. STAFF CORRESPONDENCE & EMAIL'S

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

**Mayor Mike Buchite** reported that the City Attorney hoped to have the legalities completed by the year-end for the acquisition of the Hoglund property, located just north of the Riverwalk Trail. He also informed the Council that MnDOT would be adjusting the timing of the semaphore to allow more traffic to be released from Highway 95 during the busy weekends of the Leaf Festival. Corporal Carroll will be scheduling a Reserve Deputy to assist with the pedestrians at the intersection during these same times.

**Larry Julik-Heine** reported that the Heritage Park deck and sidewalk have been completed, and the reaction from the public appears to be positive, especially with the fantastic view this time of the year. He reported that the Public Works Department continues to prepare for winter, and had several large pine trees removed in the right-of-way on Cedar Court.

**John Tangen** reported that the Economic Development Commission meets tomorrow at the Riverwalk Bridge and deck area. He also stated that two photographers have approached him for permission to use the decks for scenery backdrops during various shoots. They were directed to contact the City Clerk.

**Ross Rivard** reported that the Community Center project is near completion. The lower level basically remains unfinished, but is moving forward. An unforeseen water problem on the lower level was repaired today.

**Zara Kinnunen** reported that the Heritage Preservation Commission meets tomorrow, but that she would not be able to attend due to medical reasons. The HPC continues to look for an additional member. The Council wished her well during her upcoming procedures.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION BY JULIK-HEINE/KINNUNEN TO ADJOURN THE MEETING OF THE OCTOBER 13, 2008 TAYLORS FALLS CITY COUNCIL. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Being no further business to come before the Council, the Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

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Michael D. Buchite, Mayor

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Jo Everson, Clerk-Treasurer

**APPROVED: NOVEMBER 10, 2008**