

**TAYLORS FALLS CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2008 – 8:30 A.M.**

MINUTES

The Agenda for this Meeting was posted Monday, September 22, 2008 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 Special Meeting on Thursday, September 25, 2008 at 8:15 a.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall, 637 First Street, Taylors Falls, Minnesota.

CALL TO ORDER

The Special Meeting was called to order at 8:27 a.m. by Mayor Mike Buchite.

ROLL CALL

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Zara Kinnunen

OTHERS PRESENT: Clerk-Treasurer Jo Everson, Zoning Administrator-Coordinator Larry Phillips

CONSIDER BIDS FOR PUBLIC WORKS BUILDINGS

Mayor Buchite reported that bids for the Public Works Buildings / MnDOT Project were opened on Thursday, September 18, 2008. Only three bids were received and all three were high, with over \$100,000.00 separating the lowest bid from the highest bid. The recommendation after speaking with the Director of the Chisago County HRA/EDA (who is a financial partner), and with a representative from MnDOT, is that the bids are too high and the project should be rebid.

The proposed new timeline would be:

<i>TO CONSTRUCTION BULLETIN PUBLISHED</i>	<i>Monday, September 29, 2008 Monday, October 6, 2008</i>
<i>TO INTER-COUNTY LEADER TO CHISAGO COUNTY PRESS PUBLISHED</i>	<i>Friday, October 3, 2008 Wednesday, October 8, 2008</i>
<i>BID OPENING</i>	<i>Tuesday, October 21, 2008 2:00 p.m.</i>
<i>TO MnDOT REPS</i>	<i>Wednesday, October 22, 2008</i>
<i>TO COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION</i>	<i>Monday, October 27, 2008 OR Monday, November 10, 2008 (depending upon MnDOT's turn-around)</i>

Council Member Larry Julik-Heine questioned if the MnDOT property downtown had been appraised and if the sale of it would compensate the City for the construction expense. *(MnDOT had the property appraised at well over \$300,00.00, which included the buildings. However, they will be tore down prior to vacating the property. The land value is approximately \$200,000.00).*

The Mayor indicated that if the City rebids the project, it will send out invitations to bid to several companies who may be interested in bidding but were not aware of the project.

Council Member Ross Rivard questioned the need to include the language in the advertisement that addresses a possible delay in awarding the contract. *(This language is statutorily required if the City does not intend to approve the contract at the same time it opens the bids. This doesn't mean that the bid couldn't be awarded prior to this date, but that the contract may not be awarded until this date.)*

MOTION BY JULIK-HEINE/TANGEN TO REJECT ALL BIDS SUBMITTED FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS BUILDINGS PROJECT DUE TO RELATIVELY FEW BIDS RECEIVED AND HIGH BID AMOUNTS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION BY RIVARD/JULIK-HEINE TO AUTHORIZE THE REBID OF THE PUBLIC WORKS BUILDINGS PROJECT, AND APPROVE THE REVISED ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS WITH THE NEW BID OPENING TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2008 AT 2:00 P.M. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY TANGEN/JULIK-HEINE TO ADJOURN THE SEPTEMBER 25, 2008 SPECIAL MEETING OF THE TAYLORS FALLS CITY COUNCIL. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Being no further business to come before the Council, the Meeting adjourned at 8:39 a.m.

Michael D. Buchite, Mayor

Jo Everson, Clerk-Treasurer

APPROVED: OCTOBER 13, 2008