

**TAYLORS FALLS CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
MONDAY, JULY 13, 2009 – 7:00 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

The Agenda for this Meeting was posted Wednesday, July 8, 2009 at City Hall, the Post Office, and on the City's website. 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 13, 2009 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: Clerk-Treasurer Jo Everson, Leo Nelson, Don Lawrence, and a reporter from the Chisago County Press.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

The Agenda was amended to include: **Consider Resolution 09-07-02, A Resolution Accepting a Contribution from the Wal\*Mart Foundation; Consider Resolution 09-07-03, A Resolution Acknowledging August 4, 2009 as National Night Out.**

MOTION BY KINNUNEN/TANGEN TO APPROVE THE AGENDA, AS AMENDED, FOR THE JULY 13, 2009 TAYLORS FALLS CITY COUNCIL MEETING. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA**

MOTION BY TANGEN/RIVARD TO APPROVE/ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS: MINUTES OF PREVIOUS CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS; COMMISSION, BOARD OR COMMITTEE MINUTES/REPORTS; STAFF REPORTS; CONSIDER PAYMENT OF INVOICE FOR LAKES REGION EMS FIRST RESPONDER TRAINING; CONSIDER RESOLUTION 09-07-01 TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING DATE FOR STREET VACATION; CONSIDER AGREEMENT FOR VALLEY OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH PROGRAM SERVICES; CONSIDER RESOLUTION 09-07-02, A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A CONTRIBUTION FROM THE WAL\*MART FOUNDATION; CONSIDER RESOLUTION 09-07-03, A RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING AUGUST 4, 2009 AS NATIONAL NIGHT OUT; APPROVAL OF CLAIMS AND 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 8 AND JUNE 22, 2009.

**COMMISSION, BOARD OR COMMITTEE MINUTES/REPORTS**

**PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION**

THE CITY COUNCIL ACCEPTED BY CONSENT AGENDA THE MINUTES OF THE TAYLORS FALLS PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION HELD ON MAY 20, 2009.

**LIBRARY BOARD**

THE CITY COUNCIL ACCEPTED BY CONSENT AGENDA THE MINUTES OF THE TAYLORS FALLS LIBRARY BOARD MEETINGS HELD ON MAY 27 AND JUNE 24, 2009.

**STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING**

THE CITY COUNCIL ACCEPTED BY CONSENT AGENDA THE MINUTES OF THE CHISAGO PROJECT STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON JUNE 8, 2009.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

THE CITY COUNCIL ACCEPTED BY CONSENT AGENDA THE MINUTES OF THE TAYLORS FALLS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MEETING HELD ON MAY 21, 2009.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

None.

**STAFF REPORTS & REQUESTS**

**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.

**PLANNING & ZONING DEPARTMENT**

THE CITY COUNCIL ACCEPTED BY CONSENT AGENDA LARRY PHILLIPS' JUNE 2009 ZONING ADMINISTRATOR-COORDINATOR'S REPORT.

**CHISAGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**

THE CITY COUNCIL ACCEPTED BY CONSENT AGENDA CORPORAL SHANE CARROLL'S JUNE 2009 CHISAGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT REPORT.

**ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT**

THE CITY COUNCIL ACCEPTED BY CONSENT AGENDA THE JUNE 2009 FINANCIAL REPORTS PRESENTED BY CLERK-TREASURER JO EVERSON.

**STAFF REQUESTS**

None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**CONSIDER LION'S CLUB REQUEST FOR 3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL TUG ACROSS THE ST. CROIX RIVER**

The Taylors Falls Lions Club President Leo Nelson and Lion Don Lawrence appeared before the City Council to make the annual request for their Wannigan Days event "Tug across the St. Croix River", Minnesota vs. Wisconsin. The temporary beer license has already been obtained by the Almelund Lion's Club, but because the Council makes special exception to allow alcohol on City Park grounds, the Council must officially authorize its sale with any conditions.

The event will be held on Saturday, July 18, 2009, at the Lion's Parks in both Minnesota and Wisconsin. There will be several children's events and a "mini" rope pull in addition to the adult pulls. Concessions and refreshments will be available on both sides of the river, and shuttles will be offered between Parks. There will be upriver excursion rides and music in each park. Proceeds will go to fund Lions Club endeavors. The Lion's Club International will provide the \$1,000,000.00 certificate of insurance.

MOTION BY KINNUNEN/JULIK-HEINE TO AUTHORIZE THE TAYLORS FALLS LIONS CLUB TO SERVE BEER IN THE SOUTH LIONS' PARKS DURING THEIR 3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL TUG ACROSS THE ST. CROIX RIVER EVENT ON JULY 18, 2009, WITH THE CONDITION THAT WRISTBANDS BE USED TO IDENTIFY ADULTS WHO ARE DRINKING THAT ARE TWENTY-ONE (21) YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER, AND "NO DRINKING BEYOND THIS POINT" SIGNAGE TO BE INSTALLED AT THE RIVERS EDGE, COUNTY ROAD 16, AND ALONG THE TREELINE AND TRAILS BETWEEN THE TWO PARKS. MOTION CARRIED, WITH TANGEN ABSTAINING DUE TO HIS EMPLOYMENT WITH THE CHISAGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT.

**CONSIDER DATES TO BEGIN WORK ON THE 2010 BUDGET**

The Council historically meets in workshops during the month of August to review proposals for the next year's budget. The 2010 preliminary levy and preliminary budget must be certified to the County Auditor on or before September 15<sup>th</sup>.

MOTION BY RIVARD/JULIK-HEINE TO SET THE FOLLOWING DATES FOR THE COUNCIL TO MEET IN WORKSHOPS TO REVIEW THE 2010 BUDGET: WEDNESDAYS AT 8:00 A.M. ON AUGUST 5<sup>TH</sup>, 12<sup>TH</sup>, 19<sup>TH</sup>, AND 26<sup>TH</sup>, SPETEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup> AND SEPTEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup>. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**CONSIDER PAYMENT OF INVOICE FOR LAKES REGION EMS FIRST RESPONDER TRAINING**

THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVED BY CONSENT AGENDA THE PAYMENT OF \$1,815.00 TO LAKES REGION EMS, INC. FOR FIRST RESPONDER TRAINING FOR THE TAYLORS FALLS FIRE DEPARTMENT, TO BE PAID FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT TRAINING BUDGET (42260-208).

**CONSIDER RESOLUTION 09-07-01 TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING FOR STREET VACATION**

THE CITY COUNCIL ADOPTED BY CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTION 09-07-01, A RESOLUTION SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING FOR VACATING A PORTION OF MULBERRY STREET INITIATED BY THE TAYLORS FALLS CITY COUNCIL. (attached)

**CONSIDER AGREEMENT FOR VALLEY OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH PROGRAM SERVICES**

THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVED BY CONSENT AGENDA THE AGREEMENT FOR VALLEY OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH SERVICES. (on file)

**CONSIDER RESOLUTON 09-07-02 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A CONTRIBUTION**

THE CITY COUNCIL ADOPTED BY CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTON 09-07-02, A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A CONTRIBUTION FROM THE WAL\*MART FOUNDATION. (attached)

**CONSIDER RESOLUTION 09-07-03 TO ACKNOWLEDGE NATIONAL NIGHT OUT**

THE CITY COUNCIL ADOPTED BY CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTION 09-07-03, A RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING AUGUST 4, 2009 AS NATIONAL NIGHT OUT. (attached)

**APPROVAL OF CLAIMS & PAYROLL**

THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVED BY CONSENT AGENDA THE PAYMENT OF CHECK NUMBERS 22547 - 22620 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$109,364.63 FOR CLAIMS AND CHECK NUMBERS 5534 - 5547 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$13,874.97 FOR JUNE PAYROLL.

**LIAISON OR COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS**

**Larry Julik-Heine** reported that the PRC was not able to work on Cherry Hill Park the past few weekends, although the Public Works Department did mow the weeds today in preparation for Wannigan Days. He also invited the public to BINGO on Friday night sponsored by the Friends of Taylors Falls Parks, which will be a fund raiser for improvements to all parks in the City.

Julik-Heine informed the Council that the Public Works Department would have the striping done on Highway 95 and City streets before the end of the week, and that they have arranged to have sweeping done prior to the Wannigan Day festivities and following the Saturday parade.

**Ross Rivard** reported the County Road 37 Trunk Water Main Project is completed with all homes along the line now connected to the new main. The new line has significantly improved the water pressure problem in that area by greater than fifty pounds.

Rivard also reported on the status of the Xcel Energy/Chisago Transmission Line Project Route Permit Amendment the City had filed. The Minnesota Public Utilities Commission deferred a ruling until the Army Corp of Engineers made a determination as to the undergrounding of the transmission line through the wetland area east of Highway 95, which was just released. Despite the fact that Xcel Energy would like the transmission line to be constructed above-ground, it must now be buried east of the Highway and almost to the dam site, as agreed to in the 2000 Settlement Agreement. Additionally,

the Agreement required underground construction to begin at a point just west of County Road 20. Again, Xcel Energy proposed otherwise for various reasons. Through further negotiations by the Steering Committee, the terms of the Agreement were again enforced and the transition structure must be placed on the west side of County Road 20.

**Mayor Mike Buchite** reported that the Personnel Liaisons would be meeting with staff individually to discuss the responsibilities of each position and wage expectations prior to the start of the budget process.

**Zara Kinnunen** reported that she had met with Corporal Shane Carroll to ensure that all necessary preparations were made for the weekend's events.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

THE CITY COUNCIL ACKNOWLEDGED THE CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED IN THE JULY 13, 2009 COUNCIL PACKET:

1. PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE FROM CHISAGO COUNTY, RE: AMENDMENT TO CHISAGO COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PARKS & TRAILS PLAN
2. EMPLOYEE LEAVE REQUEST
3. NOTICE FROM PUC, RE: CHISAGO PROJECT ROUTE PERMIT AMENDMENT
4. LETTER FROM US BANK, RE: STABILITY OF BANK
5. CALENDAR FROM ST. CROIX NATIONAL SCENIC RIVERWAY
6. MnDOT MEMO, RE: HIGHWAY 8 ROCK/SLOPE INVESTIGATION & RECOMMENDATIONS
7. THANK YOU FROM BRUCE CARLSTAD
8. STAFF CORRESPONDENCE & EMAIL'S

### **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION BY JULIK-HEINE/KINNUNEN TO ADJOURN THE MEETING OF THE JULY 13, 2009 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: AUGUST 10, 2009**