

**TAYLORS FALLS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MONDAY, JANUARY 14, 2013 - 7:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

The Agenda for this Meeting was posted Wednesday, January 14, 2013, 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 met for a regular meeting on Monday, January 14, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in 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, Mary Jo Murphy

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Jo Everson, Clerk-Treasurer, Clarence & Geri Nelson, Andy & Geri Swenson, Lyle & Lesli Johnson, Priscilla Wegner, Cynthia Holmberg, Joanne Frank, Jean Sampson, and Dave Muller from the Ledger Press Newspaper

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION BY MURPHY/JULIK-HEINE TO APPROVE THE AGENDA, AS PRESENTED, FOR THE JANUARY 14, 2013 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 CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS HELD ON DECEMBER 10, DECEMBER 26, 2012 AND JANUARY 2, 2013; STAFF REPORTS; COMMISSION, BOARD OR COMMITTEE MINUTES/REPORTS; CONSIDER AGREEMENT FOR OSHA TRAINING BY HENNEPIN TECHNICAL COLLEGE; APPROVAL OF CLAIMS & PAYROLL; AND CORRESPONDENCE. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

PUBLIC FORUM

None.

STAFF REPORTS & REQUESTS

ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT

THE CITY COUNCIL ACCEPTED BY CONSENT AGENDA THE DECEMBER YEAR-END 2012 FINANCIAL REPORTS PRESENTED BY CLERK-TREASURER JO EVERSON.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

THE CITY COUNCIL ACCEPTED BY CONSENT AGENDA THE DECEMBER 2012 PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT REPORT PRESENTED BY SUPERINTENDENT MIKE KRIZ.

PLANNING & ZONING DEPARTMENT

THE CITY COUNCIL ACCEPTED BY CONSENT AGENDA THE DECEMBER 2012 PLANNING & ZONING DEPARTMENT REPORT PRESENTED BY COORDINATOR-ZONING ADMINISTRATOR ADAM BERKLUND.

CHISAGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

THE CITY COUNCIL ACCEPTED BY CONSENT AGENDA SERGEANT SHANE CARROLL'S DECEMBER, 2012 CHISAGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT REPORTS.

CITY ATTORNEY

THE CITY COUNCIL ACCEPTED BY CONSENT AGENDA THE DECEMBER 2012 BILLING STATEMENT FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE OF KELLY AND LEMMONS, P.A.

COMMISSION, BOARD OR COMMITTEE MINUTES/REPORTS

HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION

The City Council accepted by Consent Agenda minutes of the Taylors Falls Heritage Preservation Commission, held on March 13, May 8, June 12, September 11, October 9, November 20, December 11, 2012.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

PRESENTATION OF THE 2012 STEWARDSHIP AWARD

At the December 26, 2012 Meeting, the City Council approved the award of the 2012 St. Croix River Valley Stewardship Award to the Taylors Falls Women's Civic League. Members of the League were in the audience as Mayor Buchite presented the Award and certificates to them. Priscilla Wegner's grandmother was the first President of the League, and Priscilla will be the last President, as the League has dissolved effective December 31, 2012. The Council and audience gave a round of applause after the presentation. (certificate attached)

CONSIDER RESOLUTION 12-12-04 TRANSFERRING MONIES FROM ONE FUND TO ANOTHER

Clerk-Treasurer Jo Everson presented the December year-end 2012 financial reports. She explained that the General Fund cash reserves were reduced approximately 12% from \$311,919.59 to \$275,822.22. This reduction was expected due to several unique circumstances. The Street Improvement Fund currently has a -\$7,204.97 deficit, primarily due to the additional seal-coating done in 2012. Since the Public Works Budget ended the year in a surplus of \$8,400, the Council discussed the recommendation to transfer monies from that budget to the Street Improvement Fund so as to eliminate the deficit.

MOTION BY JULIK-HEINE/MURPHY TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 12-12-04, AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF \$7,205 FROM THE GENERAL FUND/PUBLIC WORKS BUDGET (101-43100) TO THE STREET IMPROVEMENT FUND (650), TO DEFRAY THE DEFICIT CASH BALANCE DUE TO THE 2012 STREET IMPROVEMENTS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CONSIDER AGREEMENT FOR OSHA TRAINING

THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVED BY CONSENT AGENDA THE CONTRACT BETWEEN HENNEPIN TECHNICAL COLLEGE AND THE CITY OF TAYLORS FALLS, TO PROVIDE OSHA COMPLIANCE TRAINING FOR THE TAYLORS FALLS PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT AT A COST OF \$670.00, TO BE PAID FROM THE PUBLIC WORKS TRAINING BUDGET (43100-208).

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS & PAYROLL

THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVED BY CONSENT AGENDA THE PAYMENT OF CHECK NUMBERS 25023 - 25046 TOTTALLING \$198,953.52 AND CHECK NUMBERS 6203 - 6251 TOTTALLING \$34,466.89 FOR DECEMBER PAYROLL.

LIAISON OR COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Ross Rivard reported that the check engine light is flashing in the plow truck, which may result in costly repairs. He will keep the Council updated. Rivard also reported that the Planning Commission recently met and Gene Andersen was voted Chair. The Commission still lacks two members. LED

lighted signs were discussed briefly, with Zoning Administrator Adam Berklund continuing to research the issue.

John Tangen reported that there is a Fire Chief's meeting this week where discussion will be held regarding future Fire Service Contracts with Shafer Township.

Mayor Mike Buchite reported that he has taken a new approach in seeking Taylors Falls' inclusion in the Minnesota Border City Development Zone. He recently met with Representative Bob Barrett to discuss his proposed establishment of a New Business Park and Jobs Development Zone. This program would be similar to the Border City program, except that it would apply to new business parks only, and once developed, would provide new jobs. The challenge may be to overcome the current disconnection of the political party affiliations in the Capital.

CORRESPONDENCE

THE CITY COUNCIL ACKNOWLEDGED BY CONSENT AGENDA THE FOLLOWING CORRESPONDENCE PROVIDED IN THE JANUARY 14, 2013 CITY COUNCIL MEETING PACKET:

1. MN PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION NOTICE OF HEARING TO INCREASE RATES BY NSP
2. STAFF CORRESPONDENCE & EMAIL'S

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY JULIK-HEINE/MURPHY TO ADJOURN THE MEETING OF THE TAYLORS FALLS CITY COUNCIL HELD THIS JANUARY 14, 2013. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

Michael D. Buchite, Mayor

Jo Everson, Clerk-Treasurer

APPROVED: FEBRUARY 11, 2013

**2012 ST. CROIX RIVER VALLEY
STEWARDSHIP AWARD
Presented to the
Taylors Falls Women's Civic League**

There are but very few organizations that are in existence today that can boast what the Taylors Falls Women's Civic League is able to. They are celebrating their incredible 100 years of existence this year. In recognition of this group's century of service, they were selected as the Royal Ladies during the 2012 Lighting Festival. To further that recognition, they have also earned the right to be selected and honored as the Taylors Falls 2012 Stewardship Award recipient(s).

Current members of the League include, Geri Nelson, President Priscilla Wegner, Sister Maria Nelson, Annie Lindgren Joanne Frank, Cynthia Holmberg, Edna Curry, Jean Sampson, Carol Johnson, and Geri Swanson. Each of these ladies could be recipients in their own right based upon the criteria for both the Royal Lady and the Stewardship awards. What makes this recognition bittersweet is that the group has decided the League will cease its existence at year-end. No longer will the City benefit from their efforts in various beautification projects throughout town. They have been active in maintaining and later rehabbing the old train depot as it evolved into the Taylors Falls Memorial Community Center.



We want to recognize all the good deeds this group has done for the City. They most certainly have earned the right to be selected and honored as the Taylors Falls 2012 Stewardship Award recipients and Grand Marshall of the 2013 Wannigan Day Parade.

On behalf of the citizens of the City of Taylors Falls, we offer to you, the Taylors Falls Women's Civic League, our humble and heartfelt appreciation for all that you have done to make Taylors Falls a fine place to live.



Michael D. Buchite,
Taylors Falls Mayor

Presented December 26, 2012

RESOLUTION 12-12-04

**CITY OF TAYLORS FALLS
COUNTY OF CHISAGO
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

**A RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING MONIES FROM ONE FUND
TO ANOTHER FOR BUDGET YEAR 2011**

WHEREAS the City Council adopted the 2012 budget on December 26, 2011, with the establishment of an operating budget for each Department; and

WHEREAS Department Heads are charged with the responsibility of prudent spending throughout the year; and

WHEREAS certain Departments have surplus budget balances due to this practice; and

WHEREAS the General Fund cash reserves have steadily increased over the years, primarily due to increased revenues and these budget surpluses; and

WHEREAS the City Council has considered allocating a portion of the monies from certain surplus budget balances for specific purposes.

SO THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Taylors Falls City Council that it hereby authorizes the transfer of the following 2012 budget balances:

- \$7,205.00 shall be transferred from the General Fund/Public Works Department Budget (101-43100) to the Street Improvements Fund (650) to defray the deficit cash balance for the 2012 improvements.

APPROVED THIS 14th DAY OF JANUARY, 2013

Michael D. Buchite, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jo Everson, Clerk-Treasurer