

**TAYLORS FALLS CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
MONDAY, MAY 12, 2014 – 7:00 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

The Agenda for this Meeting was posted Wednesday, May 7, 2014 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, May 12, 2014 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, Larry Julik-Heine, John Tangen, Mary Jo Murphy

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Jo Everson, Clerk-Treasurer, Julie Hildebrand, Clarence & Geri Nelson, Kirsten Kennedy, Doug Ohotto, Barbara Nelson, Jim McCarthy, Sara MacDougall, Harriet Peterson, Rick Globensky, Ryan Rivard, and Paul Ringnell from the Chisago County Press

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

The Agenda was amended to include under New Business: **Consider Payment of Wild River Contracting Invoice**; and **Consider Rivard Lawn Care Proposal**.

MOTION BY JULIK-HEINE/MURPHY TO APPROVE THE AGENDA, AS AMENDED, FOR THE MAY 12, 2014 TAYLORS FALLS CITY COUNCIL MEETING. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA**

MOTION BY RIVARD/MURPHY TO APPROVE/ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS: MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON APRIL 14, 2014 AND 2014 BOARD OF APPEALS MEETING HELD ON APRIL 16, 2014; STAFF REPORTS; COMMISSION/BOARD OR COMMITTEE MINUTES/ REPORTS; CONSIDER RESUME OF EXPEDITED VALUE BETWEEN CITY AND MNDNR FOR LAND EXCHANGE; CONSIDER SOLID WASTE COLLECTION LICENSE FOR ALL-WAYS HAULING, INC.; APPROVAL OF CLAIMS & PAYROLL; AND CORRESPONDENCE. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

**Julie Hildebrand**, 313 Basil Street, spoke regarding the frac sand hauling that has just come to light, voicing her concern that the proposed 200 trucks traveling through Taylors Falls would be detrimental to our local economy. She explained that she is writing a letter to the City of North Branch in opposition of the proposal and encouraged others to also send letters. Hildebrand expressed her appreciation of the Council and all they are doing to mitigate the issue in the best interests of the City.

Jim McCarthy, Sunrise Township (between Taylors Falls and North Branch), appreciate the concerns from Taylors Falls. He stated that their Township roads are not built for these heavy trucks. He indicated that the AUAR<sup>1</sup> (Areawide Urban Alternative Review) document for the business park does not allow frac sand processing, and that North Branch should not approve this proposal without a study first being done.

**Clarence Nelson**, 343 Basil Street, questioned what Taylors Falls can actually do other than “no, you can't come through here”, or setting limitations and/or requirements and what compensation will be

paid for loss of income by the downtown businesses due to the trucks and for the great discomfort of the noise that will be generated for the entire City. He questioned what help and guidance is available to [residents] that will help with this issue. At the very least, he favored bringing a lawsuit against North Branch or MnDOT. His final words were "this proposal is unthinkable and bizarre".

**Barbara Nelson**, 480 Cedar Court, questioned how are they going to instruct their drivers to handle all the tourist traffic, and prevent pedestrian accidents? Is someone going to be monitoring their speed? Will they have GPS capabilities?

**Kirsten Kennedy**, North Branch, was at the Superior Silica Sand presentation to North Branch, where they stated they had met with Taylors Falls, and that TF had agreed to work together with them on truck traffic, and suggested that it wasn't a negative meeting. There are citizens in North Branch that are very concerned about this proposal. Superior says they are starting with 200 trucks, but has not said how many the trucks will ultimately be used. Secondly, these are not farm trucks filled with corn, they are heavy when loaded with the sand. They are contracted trucks, which mean they are not regulated by the company. Superior Silica Sand wants the rail. It has been said that if it isn't built in North Branch it will be built in Cambridge or Isanti. Isanti Mayor told her that he had turned down a similar operation and that there is no place in Isanti for that type of operation. She expressed hope that Taylors Falls will take all the measures they need to take to protect the City.

The Mayor immediately moved to the item in the Agenda #4. *Consider Correspondence to City of North Branch*, located elsewhere in these Minutes.

#### **STAFF REPORTS & REQUESTS**

##### **CHISAGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**

THE CITY COUNCIL ACCEPTED BY CONSENT AGENDA SERGEANT SHANE CARROLL'S MAY 2014 CHISAGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT REPORTS.

##### **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

THE CITY COUNCIL ACCEPTED BY CONSENT AGENDA PUBLIC WORKS SUPERINTENDENT MIKE KRIZ'S MAY 2014 PUBLIC WORKS REPORT.

##### **CITY ATTORNEY**

THE CITY COUNCIL ACCEPTED BY CONSENT AGENDA THE APRIL 2014 BILLING STATEMENTS FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE OF KELLY AND LEMMONS, P.A.

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

##### **LIBRARY BOARD**

THE CITY COUNCIL ACCEPTED BY CONSENT AGENDA THE MINUTES OF THE TAYLORS FALLS LIBRARY BOARD MEETING HELD ON APRIL 30, 2014.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### **CONSIDER LINING OF CERTAIN SEWER MAINS & REHAB OF CERTAIN MANHOLES**

Public Works Superintendent Mike Kriz submitted his recommendation to do the entire line of Hazel Alley for the 2014 sewer lining project. Three companies were contacted with only two responding. The City is nearly all lined or have plastic/PVC lines. The lining should be completed city-wide within four years.

MOTION BY JULIK-HEINE/MURPHY TO APPROVE THE PROPOSAL FROM VISU-SEWER TRENCHLESS TO LINE APPROXIMATELY 1,870 LINEAL FEET OF HAZEL ALLEY WITH 8" NATIONAL LINER AT \$2725 PER LINEAR FOOT, FOR A TOTAL PROJECT COST OF \$50,957.50, TO BE PAID \$30,000 FROM FUND 301, THE SEWER REPLACEMENT FUND AND THE BALANCE OF \$20,957.50 TO BE PAID FROM THE SEWER FUND 602. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION BY TANGEN/MURPHY TO APPROVE THE PROPOSAL FROM VISU-SEWER TRENCHLESS TO RELINE THE WALLS AND BENCH OF FIVE MANHOLES LOCATED ON RIVER STREET (TWO OF WHICH HAD BEEN APPROVED IN 2013) FOR A TOTAL COST OF \$7,791.20 TO BE PAID FROM THE SEWER FUND, CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BUDGET ACCOUNT (602-49450-500). MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**CONSIDER RESOLUTION 14-05-01 CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING**

The property where the former Springs Inn is located has an issue with its deed in that a small section of the building is located on Government Street, which has never been vacated by the City. There have been five previous owners but the error was just discovered at this latest sale. In order to correct the problem, the City needs to vacate that small sliver of street. The process for a street vacation includes publication twice in the City's official newspaper for a public hearing. The final step would be to record the Council action on the deed for the property. This would remedy the deed issue.

MOTION BY JULIK-HEINE/MURPHY TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 14-05-01, A RESOLUTION SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING FOR A PARTIAL STREET VACATION BY PETITION. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. (attached)

**CONSIDER RECOMMENDATION TO APPOINT BILL SCOTT TO EMERITAS STATUS**

Julie Hildebrand, Chair of the Heritage Preservation Commission and Council Liaison John Tangen commended former HPC member Bill Scott for his many years of valuable service to Taylors Falls. His contributions include the establishment of the Commission, and his knowledge of architecture and history were invaluable as the Commission designated each of the designations over the years. As a gesture of gratitude, the HPC is recommending that Bill Scott be appointed to the position of Emeritus Status for the Taylors Falls Heritage Preservation Commission.

MOTION BY TANGEN/RIVARD TO ACCEPT THE HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION AND GENUINELY COMMENDS WILLIAM W. SCOTT FOR HIS ENDURING COMMITMENT IN PRESERVING THE HISTORIC CHARACTER OF TAYLORS FALLS, AND HEREBY APPOINTS BILL SCOTT AS AN EMERITUS STATUS FOR THE HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEMBER. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. (Resolution 14-05-03 adopted June 9, 2014)

**CONSIDER CORRESPONDENCE TO CITY OF NORTH BRANCH**

**Mayor Buchite** explained that he and Vice-Mayor Rivard recently met with Superior Silica Sand, where they explained the proposal to run trucks from Poskin, Wisconsin through Taylors Falls on their way to North Branch. Initially they indicated they were going to have a test run of 60 trucks a day, about one every ten minutes through TF. We expressed concern because it's not only one truck every ten minutes; it is ADDING one truck to the traffic that is already here and already congested. Silica Sand did say they were willing to work with Taylors Falls, but Taylors Falls did not say we were in agreement with their plans. When questioned what the future plans were, they indicated the trucks would increase substantially, and could travel twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. Superior stated that their goal was to be the largest frac sand company in the United States (they are currently #3). They have access to two railroads in Wisconsin, and it would be key to obtain Burlington Northern Railroad in North Branch in order to become #1. They indicated that the truck driver's will be independent therefore creating jobs (according to Superior), and the sand in the trucks would be covered. When asked if they would consider an alternate route rather than through Taylors Falls, they responded that it would be a half-hour longer drive. However, they may have a wait time in the congested traffic much longer than that half-hour.

Mayor Buchite indicated that he had contacted the Minnesota Department of Transportation to question if they knew that the frac sand would be transported through Taylors Falls, and what, if anything, could the City do to stop or control them. MnDOT's response was that there was nothing that could be done, because Highway 95 is a state highway, and built for truck traffic. No permit is required, but if trucks are overloaded, that would be addressed by the State Patrol. The Mayor reported that he had also talked with Representative Bob Barrett, Chisago County Commissioner Rick

Greene, Congressman Nolan, the City Attorney, and former Senator Rick Olseen. They all agreed that there was little that could be done if North Branch were to approve the proposal. What could be done would be enforcement of the crosswalks, speeding, weight limits and crossing the center line. Unfortunately, the City will not know how it could affect us economically until it is too late. The trucks are already here, we can't stop them, and the businesses are hurt. The last thing wanted is for Taylors Falls to be a ghost town.

Mayor Buchite encouraged people to contact the North Branch City Council to voice their concerns with the sale of their business park property to Superior Silica Sand, and how that sale will affect Taylors Falls. "This has nothing to do with whether frac sand is good or bad, it's a matter of what the trucking will do to our City." The Mayor recommended to the Council that the City send a letter to North Branch expressing the Council's concerns.

**Council Member Larry Julik-Heine** reported that he had only recently learned about the proposal, and stated he strongly disapproved of the plans to have trucks traveling through Taylors Falls, but the frustrating thing about it was that the City's hands are somewhat tied as to what it can do. He supported the letter to be sent to the North Branch Council, which suggests an alternative route. He commended Julie Hildebrand on her letter and suggested that she perhaps start a petition for others to sign.

**Council Member John Tangen** indicated that he whole heartedly supported sending a letter to North Branch. He also pointed out that it will not only be one truck every three minutes, but there is a returning truck every three minutes as well. There will be an incredible toll on the infrastructure with that many trucks crossing the bridge and traveling through town. It will compound the parking issues we have in town. With the popularity of the State Parks attracting families, it would only be time until something catastrophic happens, despite the fact that we have a good law enforcement presence. "How much more presence can you have with one truck every three minutes?" The sheer volume of trucks would cause problems with cross walks, and people will no longer want to come downtown. Tangen also reminded everyone that the environmental aspects of the frac sand are still out.

**Council Member Mary Murphy** commented she just heard about it last week, and cannot fathom what this could potentially do to our businesses downtown. She agreed that as frustrating as it was, the City's hands are tied with regard to what it could do since Bench Street is a state highway and the City has no jurisdiction over it. She encouraged everyone to send letters to North Branch voicing their concerns, reminding them that after all, Taylors Falls is a sister city to them.

**Vice-Mayor Ross Rivard** stated that they would start out at 108 loads per day, which would be every ten minutes. Once it changes to every three minutes it would be 3-400 loads. The traffic would be jammed up the entire Highway 8 hill. That would not be good for them [Wisconsin Department of Transportation], and obviously would not be good for us. He encouraged everyone to send letters, to not only the North Branch City Council as a whole but to every member individually as well. He encouraged people to also attend the meetings. "It is unfortunate, but Taylors Falls is at the mercy of North Branch, so the more everyone can do will help Taylors Falls and the entire County".

**Mayor Buchite** stated that it was his understanding that the sale of this business park property will only help North Branch in the short-term. He questioned if it was possible that they were looking at this short-sighted? How much property tax revenue would be generated with having an open area with sand as compared to a \$1 million dollar business? The Mayor suggested "that it just doesn't add up, and that it felt like a short-sighted fix". In closing, the Mayor commented that the fact that Superior Silica Sand requested a meeting with he and the Vice-Mayor might indicate that there are options, because if there weren't any they wouldn't have wasted their time. He suggested that they appear to need a buy-in from Taylors Falls.

MOTION BY MURPHY/JULIK-HEINE TO APPROVE THE LETTER TO NORTH BRANCH CITY COUNCIL, AS AMENDED, FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING THE PROPOSED SUPERIOR SILICA FRAC SAND OPERATION THAT IS TO BE LOCATED IN THE ESSBY BUSINESS PARK IN NORTH BRANCH, WITH SIGNATURES FROM EACH TAYLORS FALLS COUNCIL MEMBER AND THE MAYOR. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. (attached)

**CONSIDER DONATION TO WANNIGAN DAYS EVENTS**

The 2014 Wannigan Days will be held June 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> (rather than the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in July). Wannigan Days Coordinator Woody McBride (for St Croix Falls) requested that the City consider increasing their contribution due to the high cost of providing the annual fireworks display. The Mayor commended City Clerk Jo Everson for the posted she created for the events to be held in Taylors Falls, and questioned why the businesses in town were not asked to donate to the fireworks like they had in previous years, and suggested that this should again be done. Since the City had already budgeted the 2014 contribution, it was:

MOTION BY RIVARD/JULIK-HEINE TO AUTHORIZE A DONATION OF \$300 TO THE WANNIGAN DAYS FIREWORKS COMMITTEE AND A DONATION OF \$300 TO BE USED TOWARDS THE WANNIGAN DAYS PARADE EXPENSES, TO BE PAID FROM THE COUNCIL DONATIONS TO CIVIC EVENTS (101-41110-490). MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**CONSIDER HIRING SEASONAL PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEE**

There were four applications for the seasonal public works position. Mike Kriz, Public Works Superintendent and the Council Public Works Liaisons reviewed the applications, and recommend that the two students be hired, with each working a forty-hour week (weather permitting).

MOTION BY JULIK-HEINE/MURPHY TO HIRE BRENT CONNELL, CENTER CITY, MN; AND TORSTEN SWANSON, TAYLORS FALLS, MN. AS THE TAYLORS FALLS PUBLIC WORKS SEASONAL WORKERS AT A RATE OF \$9.00 PER HOUR, WITH SUPERINTENDENT MIKE KRIZ TO DETERMINE HOURS NEEDED, NOT TO EXCEED THE 2014 BUDGET OF \$6,000. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**CONSIDER ORDINANCE 2014-05-01 AMENDING ORDINANCE FOR AREA FEES**

The Council last reviewed the trunk utility area fees in 2003. These fees are imposed for areas in and around the City of Taylors Falls that are currently undeveloped but could be developed in the future. They will be used to fund the expansion of water and sewer services that become necessary if (when) these properties are developed (single family homes, multi-family homes, commercial districts, subdivisions, etc.) They do not apply to property or homes that are currently serviced by existing services. Since that time the City has accomplished two of the more substantial core costs, which include the addition of a new well and the acquisition of the parcel that would allow expansion of the City's sewer ponds. As a result, City Engineer Steve Heth of Bolten & Menk, Inc. revised these numbers and the following are his recommendation:

<u>Improvement</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>
Trunk Water Main	\$2,089/acre \$835/dwelling unit	\$1,375/acre \$550/dwelling unit
Trunk Sanitary Sewer Plant Expansion	\$4,307/acre \$1,723/dwelling unit	\$517/acre \$207/dwelling unit
Trunk Sewer Main & Lift Station	\$2,123/acre \$849/dwelling unit	\$1,863/acre \$745/dwelling unit

MOTION BY RIVARD/JULIK-HEINE TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 2014-05-01, AMENDING THE TAYLORS FALLS CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 8, SECTION 380 RELATING TO THE APPLICATION OF AREA FEES. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. (copy attached)

**CONSIDER PURCHASE OF CHAIRS FOR COMMUNITY CENTER**

The City has made continual improvements to the Taylors Falls Memorial Community Center over the years. In 2011 new tables were purchased, and as budget would allow, new chairs would be added as well. City Clerk Jo Everson presented quotes for the purchase of 200- 300-series chairs from National Public Seating. Fat Catalog, a Commercial Furniture & Equipment company from Cincinnati, Ohio offered the lowest quote of \$16.88 per chair with \$265.36 shipping and handling.

The Log Jam Jammers have performed at the Memorial Community Center every Monday night for the past two years. They typically have coffee, water and goodies, and use a tip jar for donations. The tips

are donated to the City in lieu of renting the facility. Staff safeguards the donation and spends it on certain projects that improve the Community Center in some way. The Jammers was supportive of the purchase of new chairs.

MOTION BY MURPHY/JULIK-HEINE TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF 200- 300 SERIES BLACK NATIONAL PUBLIC SEATING CHAIRS FROM FAT CATALOG, A COMMERCIAL FURNITURE & EQUIPMENT COMPANY FROM CINCINNATI, OHIO; AND TWO DOUBLE-TIER HANGING CHAIR TRUCK HOLDERS, AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$3,000.00. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.\*\*

**CONSIDER RESOLUTION 14-05-02 ACCEPTING A DONATION FROM LOG JAM JAMMERS**

The Log Jam Jammers have performed at the Memorial Community Center every Monday night for the past two years. They typically have coffee, water and goodies, and use a tip jar for donations. The tips are donated to the City in lieu of renting the facility. In the past a portion was used to repair the entry doors, and now it is recommended by the City Clerk to use \$1,000.00 from the proceeds to purchase the new chairs.

MOTION BY TANGEN/JULIK-HEINE TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 14-05-02, AS AMENDED, ACCEPTING A \$1,000 DONATION FROM THE TAYLORS FALLS LOG JAM JAMMERS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. (attached)

**CONSIDER RESUME OF EXPEDITED VALUE FOR LAND EXCHANGE**

In 2009 Taylors Falls entered into an agreement to accomplish a State Park/City land swap to obtain property for a parking lot expansion at the Community Center. The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources was able to remove a section of property from within the State Park boundaries, which could only be done through legislative action. However, upon completion of legislature, a conflict arose regarding the valuation of both property parcels. In Chisago County Assessor Patrick Poshek's opinion, the values should be the same, despite the fact one is ½ acre (City's) and the other 5.1 acres (Park). Property values were equaled since the State Park's property had a right to build value while the City's did not.

The MnDNR forwarded a document entitled "Resume of Expedited Value", which states that the value of the City land is \$1,500, and the value of the .52 acres of State land is \$1,300. The State has agreed to pay the difference in value to the City. The next step in the exchange process was to obtain City approval accepting the values and authorizing to proceed with the land exchange.

THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVED BY CONSENT AGENDA THE RESUME OF EXPEDITED VALUE AS SUBMITTED BY THE MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES REGARDING THE LAND SWAP OF PROPERTIES IDENTIFIED IN TAYLORS FALLS AS R20.00518.00 AND R20.00260.00. (on file)

**CONSIDER SOLID WASTE COLLECTION LICENSE FOR ALL-WAYS HAULING, INC.**

THE CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT AGENDA THE ISSUANCE OF A 2014-2015 SOLID WASTE COLLECTION LICENSE FOR ALL-WAYS HAULING INC., FOREST LAKE, MINNESOTA.

**CONSIDER PAYMENT OF WILD RIVER CONTRACTING INVOICE**

MOTION BY MURPHY/RIVARD TO APPROVE THE PAYMENT OF \$3,650.00 TO WILD RIVER CONTRACTING FOR THE APRIL 21, 2014 REPAIR OF A WATER MAIN BREAK ON WEST STREET. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**CONSIDER RIVARD LAWN CARE PROPOSAL.**

Ryan Rivard from Rivard Lawn and Landscaping submitted a proposal to provide mowing services in 2014. The areas to be mowed are primarily the same as last year with the exception of the Lions Parks. They no longer will mow the Parks because of the rock landscaping. Julik-Heine complimented the company in that they do a great job and the proposal is within budget for the season.

MOTION BY MURPHY/JULIK-HEINE TO APPROVE THE PROPOSAL FROM RIVARD LAWN CARE AND LANDSCAPING TO PROVIDE MOWING SERVICES AT SIX LOCATIONS IN TAYLORS FALLS FOR THE 2014 GROWING SEASON:

- HERITAGE PARK/OVERLOOK
- VACANT CITY LOT ADJACENT TO THE DRIVE-IN
- RIVERWALK PARK, NORTH AND SOUTH OF HIGHWAY 8
- CITY HALL COMPLEX
- THE FOUR CORNER PARK ON FIRST STREET
- MEMORIAL COMMUNITY CENTER

MOTION CARRIED WITH RIVARD ABSTAINING SINCE HE IS RELATED TO THE OWNERS OF THE COMPANY.

#### **APPROVAL OF CLAIMS & PAYROLL**

THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVED BY CONSENT AGENDA THE PAYMENT OF CHECK NUMBERS 25768 - 25799 TOTTALLING \$27,378.18 IN EXPENDITURES, AND CHECK NUMBERS 6478 - 6486 TOTTALLING \$11,554.71 FOR APRIL PAYROLL.

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

**Ross Rivard** recommended that the City send a letter of thanks to the Log Jam Jammers for their generous donation(s).

**Larry Julik-Heine reported** that the survey of the Riverwalk right-of-way has been completed and should be available soon for review by the City.

**Mayor Mike Buchite** reported that the proposed Assisted Living Facility on Mulberry Street is moving forward slowly with hopes of seeing drawings by the end of May. Recently a survey crew was at the Verna Berg house to survey the property (where it will be located), but first had to remove and trim a few trees that were blocking the views for the transit lines. Several neighbors called and were upset assuming that the construction of the facility was beginning and that they were not given the opportunity to comment on the project at a public meeting.

Mayor Mike informed the Council that John Tangen would be stepping down temporarily as a Personnel Liaison due to a conflict of interest. Lastly, the Mayor informed the Council that Coordinator-Zoning Administrator Adam Berklund would be on a leave of absence until June 9<sup>th</sup>.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

THE CITY COUNCIL ACKNOWLEDGED BY CONSENT AGENDA THE FOLLOWING CORRESPONDENCE PROVIDED IN THE MAY 12, 2014 CITY COUNCIL MEETING PACKET:

1. LETTER FROM FISH LAKE TOWNSHIP, RE: CHISAGO COUNTY'S PLANS TO TRANSFER OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN ROADS TO THE TOWNSHIP
2. INFORMATION SHEET FROM XCEL ENERGIE, RE: OUTAGE RESTORATION INFORMATION
3. STAFF CORRESPONDENCE & EMAIL'S

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION BY JULIK-HEINE/MURPHY TO ADJOURN THE MEETING OF THE TAYLORS FALLS CITY COUNCIL HELD THIS MAY 12, 2014. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Being no further business to come before the Council, the Meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

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Michael D. Buchite, Mayor

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Jo Everson, Clerk-Treasurer

**APPROVED:** JUNE 9, 2014

<sup>1</sup> AUAR refers to an Areawide Urban Alternative Review, which is a form of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The purpose of an AUAR is to analyze potential impacts from a number of projects within a specific geographic area.