

**TAYLORS FALLS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MONDAY, JUNE 9, 2014 – 7:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

The Agenda for this Meeting was posted Wednesday, June 4, 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, June 9, 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 (arrived at 7:32 p.m.), Larry Julik-Heine, John Tangen, Mary Jo Murphy

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Jo Everson, Clerk-Treasurer, Julie Hildebrand, Clarence Nelson, Melba Johnson, Donna Miller, Tom & Meg Chaklos, Reid Gache from the Standard Press, and Paul Ringnell from the Chisago County Press.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The Agenda was amended to include under New Business: **Consider Approval of Fire Department Volunteer Fire Assistance Matching Grant.**

MOTION BY JULIK-HEINE/MURPHY TO APPROVE THE AGENDA, AS AMENDED, FOR THE JUNE 9, 2014 TAYLORS FALLS CITY COUNCIL MEETING. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION BY JULIK-HEINE/MURPHY TO APPROVE/ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS: MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MAY 12, 2014; STAFF REPORTS; COMMISSION/BOARD OR COMMITTEE MINUTES/ REPORTS; CONSIDER PREMISE PERMIT FOR BORDER BAR & GRILL TO CONDUCT CHARITABLE GAMBLING; CONSIDER APPROVING EXCLUDED BINGO FOR LIONS CLUB FOR THE FRIENDS OF TF PARKS & RECREATION; CONSIDER RESOLUTION 14-06-03 ACKNOWLEDGING AUGUST 5, 2014 AS NATIONAL NIGHT OUT; CONSIDER RESOLUTION QR-06-04 PROCLAIMING NOVEMBER 2014 AS NATIONAL HOSPICE PALLIATIVE CARE MONTH; APPROVAL OF CLAIMS & PAYROLL. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

PUBLIC HEARING

TO VACATE BY PETITION A PORTION OF GOVERNMENT STREET

The Mayor opened the Public hearing at 7:05 p.m. and requested the *Notice of Public Hearing* be read into the record:

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held by the City Council of Taylors Falls at City Hall on Monday, June 9, 2014 beginning at 7:00 p.m. to consider the petition by Richard Anderson to vacate a small sliver of Government Street in order to correct the deed for the property known as the former Springs Inn property, with PID R20.000254.00 at 361 Government Street in Taylors Falls. All interested persons are invited to attend said hearing and be heard on this matter.

The Public Hearing was to consider a petition from Richard Anderson to vacate a small sliver Government Street. When the Springs Inn motel built their restaurant addition, it was actually built upon a portion of Government Street. The property has been sold and resold to various new owners, and assumed that the title had been corrected several years ago. It has again been sold, although this time the error was discovered in the deed and abstract by the title company. In order to correct the error, the owner petitioned the City to vacate that small sliver of right-of-way. This would then allow for a clean title/abstract to be recorded.

The street vacation does not affect any other property owners. The Mayor called for public comments in favor of the proposed street vacation, comments opposed to the proposed street vacation, and those comments neutral to the proposed street vacation. Hearing none,

MOTION BY TANGEN/JULIK-HEINE TO CLOSE THE GOVERNMENT STREET VACATION PUBLIC HEARING. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The hearing concluded at 7:08 p.m.

Council deliberation on the street vacation occurred later in these minutes.

PUBLIC FORUM

Julie Hildebrand, spoke regarding what she referred to as a severe truck traffic downtown, noticed by residents, businesses and tourists. She and other volunteers monitored the number of trucks during certain time frames. Hildebrand contends that 90% of the covered semi-truck beds are those carrying frac sand, although she admitted that several were transporting garbage and grain. During an 8 hour 30 minute time frame, on what she believed was a slow day, 122 semi trucks traveled through Taylors Falls, with an additional 27 covered trucks hauling gravel and/or sand. On another occasion, during a 2 hour 20 minute period they counted 36 semi's and 60 covered trucks. The covered trucks are assumed to be sand transporters, traveling back to back. Bill Hughes from the Rocky River Bakery counted 112 trucks in 7 hours. Another period on a different day saw basically the same pattern with 23 semi's and 17 covered trucks (in a 2 hour 20 minute period). Bill Hughes counted 90 trucks in 6 hours. Hildebrand reported that information in the local newspaper claims that Tiller (a company located near Poskin, Wisconsin who transports their sand to a trans-loading facility in North Branch) was loading/unloading 15 trucks per hour while they are in operation. Given the average of trucks traveling through Taylors Falls, it appears that half of the Tiller trucks are using this route.

Hildebrand told the Council that she (and others) felt it was important this information be shared so that something can be done to deal with this "significant truck traffic". She reiterated that it has expanded to one truck every three minutes traveling through downtown.

Melba Johnson, called Steve Zurlos from the MN State Patrol to report that trucks are driving around the portable pedestrian signs and crossing into the other lane to do so. Several other moving violations are occurring as well, i.e. running the red light, several close calls with other vehicles and with pedestrians trying to cross the street. She has seen 3 or 4 trucks traveling nose-to-nose, and any attempts to stop trucks to question its cargo weights are thwarted because they radio the trucks behind them telling them of the impending stops. Johnson questioned if there had been any follow through on the historic designation of the downtown buildings. She also questioned how can we protect ourselves, how can we stop it, slow it down or prevent this increasing truck traffic? Can the State Patrol implement truck inspections? She stated that she had seen empty sand trucks that were not tarped following their dumping of the frac sand in North Branch. Another truck was visibly losing his load as sand poured out under his trailer.

John Chaklos, who lives 50' off Highway 95, reported that there has been a significant increase in truck traffic in the past six months. Some of the increase is due to Cambridge's bridge rebuild, but there are visible differences between these gravel trucks and the frac sand trucks. He commended the Mayor and City Council for being open on the whole subject, while North Branch is not. He presented a respirator as the only option for protection from the frac sand particles. Chaklos also reported that he had contacted Governor Dayton, who has now commissioned a panel to seek comments and suggestions on legislature governing frac sand mining and hauling.

Chisago County Commissioner Rick Greene reported that the senior citizen “meals on wheels” program is in jeopardy. Seniors are able to purchase meal discount tickets at area banks and use them at participating restaurants to purchase their meals. The Catholic Charities Organization run the program and the only restaurants participating are located in the northern part of Chisago County. If Taylors Falls were interested in retaining a site in the southern sections, it should send a letter of support to the Council on Aging. Contracts for 2015 are still open so now would be the best time to do that. Mayor Buchite directed the City Clerk to add this to the next Council Meeting Agenda.

Greene also reported that the improvements to the Chisago County Government Center are still in progress, with windows and boiler yet to be replaced.

STAFF REPORTS & REQUESTS

ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT

THE CITY COUNCIL ACCEPTED BY CONSENT AGENDA THE JUNE 2014 FINANCIAL REPORTS PRESENTED BY CLERK-TREASURER JO EVERSON.

CHISAGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

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

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT

THE CITY COUNCIL ACCEPTED BY CONSENT AGENDA FIRE CHIEF AL RIVARD'S MAY 2014 PUBLIC WORKS REPORT.

CITY ATTORNEY

THE CITY COUNCIL ACCEPTED BY CONSENT AGENDA THE MAY 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 MAY 28, 2014.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

UPDATE ON NORTH BRANCH/SUPERIOR SILICA SAND TRUCKING ISSUE*

Mayor Buchite reported that he and Vice-Mayor Ross Rivard attended a meeting today with representatives from North Branch. In that discussion North Branch expressed how important it was for them financially to have Superior Silica Sand locate in their business park. They wanted to address the City's concerns at this meeting. The topic discussed was the need for a Highway 95 bypass around Taylors Falls. This would mean truck traffic would be required to travel south on Highway 8 to Tern Avenue then to Highway 95. This proposal has been discussed many times over the years, but the challenge has always been how much (or little) Taylors Falls has to say when all roads leading to the City are County Roads or State Highways. The Mayor has conferred with Representative Bob Barrott, Chisago County Commissioner Greene and other leaders advocating that the need is greater now than ever before with the uptick in truck traffic that is becoming more unacceptable each day. The true issue is not whether it is right or wrong to haul frac sand, it is the truck traffic itself that is doing the hauling, whether that be frac sand, dog food, grain or gravel he increase in truck traffic that must be addressed,

The Mayor indicated that he had made contact with Tiller to question the number of trucks they are using, whether that number has increased and if they intend to continue trucking through Taylors

Falls. He is waiting for Tiller for that information, and will in turn send it out to the Council once it is available.

The Mayor reminded the audience that unfortunately Bench Street is a State Highway, and as a State Highway, MnDOT stands firm in that the City does not have the authority to stop or limit truck traffic through Taylors Falls.

At the meeting today, North Branch revealed that they were actively attempting to get Superior Silica Sands back to the table. They did not, however, ask Taylors Falls to support this endeavor. They are fully aware that Taylors Falls has not changed its position since the initial letter was sent to them a few weeks ago (see Minutes from May 12, 2014 Meeting).

Julie Hildebrand submitted a petition for the record with 3,258 signatures supporting the following:

"Stop the city of North Branch from selling land to Superior Silica Sands and allowing a frac sand trans-loading station. Superior Silica Sands intends to route trucks through Taylors Falls, MN. This will add 100, and eventually 200 or more trucks, seven days a week, to the already extremely congested main intersection of this charming and historic tourist town.

Those of us who love the beauty of Taylors Falls, Minnesota, worry about the risk to our businesses, and our more than 300,000 annual visitors, if Superior Silica Sands is allowed to transport hundreds of trucks daily through Taylors Falls to North Branch. We want North Branch to say "no" to Superior Silica Sands, and we urge Superior Silica Sands to NOT route trucks through Taylors Falls"

The majority of the signatures were taken from an on-line survey, albeit there were several hard copies available with signatures. Also submitted by Hildebrand were the results from another survey she had sent to Taylors Falls businesses that who experience the highest levels of summer visitor traffic (14 surveys were sent with 7 returns). (attached) Averages were used for each question, but overall it appeared that the downtown businesses are suffering due to the existing increased truck traffic and would most definitely experience a negative result if Superior Silica Sand were able to begin trucking their sand from Wisconsin to North Branch. The increased truck traffic would be unbearable. Mayor Buchite extended appreciation to Hildebrand for continuing efforts in monitoring these issues.

Council Member John Tangen reported that last year there were 395,000 visitors to the Interstate State Park, which, he reminded the Council, is a family oriented park. Increased truck traffic and increased visitors/tourists simply do not mix well. He also commented that the Highway 95 bi-pass subject has been discussed as far back as the 1991 with the Downtown Design Guidelines Task Force and the Highway 8 Task Force and Study Advisory Group.

Council Member Mary Murphy stated that it makes being a Council Liaison to the Economic Development Commission very difficult when the EDC is trying to promote businesses with this issue hanging over the City.

Council Member Larry Julik-Heine stated that this issue affects the entire community. It is great to see the support of so many efforts, and thanked Julie Hildebrand for her involvement.

No action was taken or requested.

RE-CONSIDER PURCHASE OF CHAIRS FOR COMMUNITY CENTER

At the May 12th Meeting the Council had approved the purchase of 200- 300 series black National Pubic Seating folding chairs for the Community Center. However, when Clerk Jo Everson went to order the chairs, the vendor discovered an error on his quote, which once corrected increased the price to more than what the Council previously authorized.

The Clerk researched the cost of a folding chair that would be one step below in quality from the 300-series. There would be a cost savings of approximately \$500.00 for the entire order. Each of the Council Members was in agreement to purchase the higher quality chair since the savings was not substantial enough.

MOTION BY RIVARD/JULIK-HEINE TO RECONSIDER THE MAY 12, 2014 COUNCIL AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE 200 CHAIRS FROM FAT CATALOG AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$3,000.00.

FURTHER MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF 200- 300 SERIES BLACK NATIONAL PUBLIC SEATING CHAIRS, AND TWO DOUBLE-TIER HANGING CHAIR TRUCKS AT A COST OF \$4,678.03 PLUS SHIPPING COSTS OF \$742.33 FROM FAT CATALOG, A COMERCIAL FURNITURE & EQUIPMENT COMPANY FROM CINCINNATI, OHIO. SAID PURCHASE SHALL BE PAID FROM THE MEMORIAL COMMUNITY CENTER FUND (350).

MOTIONS CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The Log Jam Jammers donation of \$1,000.00 would reduce the total costs from \$4,588.09 to \$3,588.09.

RE-CONSIDER 2014 FIRE CONTRACT WITH SHAFER TOWNSHIP

The Council approved the 2014 Fire Contract with Shafer Township on April 14th after Council Liaison Mary Murphy's extensive reviews and meetings with the Township. During those meetings discussion was held to revise the contract using a formula endorsed by the League of Minnesota Cities and Townships to calculate the percentage that would be Shafer's financial responsibility. Two months later CM Murphy was again notified by the Township that even more language in the Contract would need to be adjusted before they would approve it. CM Murphy requested that Council table any further action on the Contract until she has had time to research it further.

MOTION BY MURPHY/JULIK-HEINE TO RECONSIDER THE APPROVAL OF THE 2014 CONTRACT FOR FIRE SERVICE BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF TAYLORS FALLS AND SHAFER TOWNSHIP UNTIL COUNCIL MEMBER MARY MURPHY HAS COMPLETED HER NEGOTIATIONS WITH SHAFER TOWNSHIP AND IT IS READY TO PRESENT TO COUNCIL FOR APPROVAL. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

NEW BUSINESS

CONSIDER ADOPTING RESOLUTION 14-06-01 APPROVING A STREET VACATION

The City received a petition from Richard Anderson, owner of Croix Valley Properties, LLC, to vacate a sliver of Government Street on which his building (the former Springs Inn) at 361 Government Street, encroaches upon the street's right-of-way. After consulting the City Attorney Chad Lemmon, he advised that this is standard practice when City's are faced with this type of dilemma. He recommended to City grant a partial vacation on the portion of the street right-of-way underlying the encroachment. The alternative would be to tear down the building that encroaches, and that would seem punitive he believes.

The Public Hearing was held at 7:05 pm earlier in this meeting, where there were no comments submitted. There were no objections by the Council, except to comment except that is good that the error is finally corrected after so many years (15+).

MOTION BY JULIK-HEINE/TANGEN TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 14-06-01 VACATING A PORTION OF GOVERNMENT STREET AS DESCRIBED IN ATTACHMENT A OF THE RESOLUTION. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MN HISTORICAL SOCIETY GRANT ACCEPTANCE FORM

The City was awarded a \$10,000 grant from the Arts & Cultural Heritage Fund through the Minnesota Historical Society. It will be used to update the existing National Register Nomination for the Angel Hill Historic District that was first submitted in 1972. The City must now seek competitive quotes/bids from qualified historians based upon written specifications.

MOTION BY MURPHY/JULIK-HEINE TO ACCEPT THE \$10,000 GRANT FROM THE ARTS & CULTURAL HERITAGE FUND THROUGH THE MINNESOTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY, AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO SIGN THE GRANT ACCEPTANCE FORM.

IT WAS FURTHER MOVED TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS TO UPDATE THE EXISTING NATIONAL REGISTRY NOMINATION FOR THE ANGEL(S) HILL HISTORIC DISTRICT IN TAYLORS FALLS, WITH PROPOSALS DUE BY NOON ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 9, 2014. (attached)

MOTIONS CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Per John Tangen: *"The more we can protect our history the more we guard our future. This couldn't be more crystal clear than right now."*

CONSIDER THE TAYLORS FALLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL/WEST STREET PROJECT

Council Member Larry Julik-Heine reported that the Chisago Soil & Water Conservation District has money remaining from their 2012-2013 projects, and are now proposing a second project in Taylors Falls that is described as *"the roadside ditch along West Street on the TF Elementary School side (the east side) is the project site. It is currently a grassy ditch that slopes down to a culvert, which empties under West Street and outlets into a gully. The project includes installing ditch checks in the swale to slow down and hold water in a series of basins. Minor excavation and grading will be needed to make the basin floors level. Plantings will also be required."* (per RFB)

The City will be responsible for the bid process with this project as it was in the 2012-2013 project. Publication for the RFB is not necessary, but the bid packet will be sent to the same contractors that bid last year. Mary Jo Youngbauer, the Water Resource Technician from Chisago Soil and Water Conservation District, will review the bids and they will make a recommendation to the Council. The project will be awarded by the Council accordingly. The project is expected to be approximately \$11,000, but that number will not be solid until after the bids are received. Any expenses incurred by the City will be reimbursed by the Chisago Soil and Water Conservation District.

Several contracts are required to be signed prior to the solicitation of bids.

- ✚ The Conservation Practice Contract-this is the main cost share contract that will allow the SWCD to reimburse the City for expenses on the project.
- ✚ Group Contract Addendum-Because a portion of the project is also on the school and the neighbor's property, this addendum gives the City permission to act as the contract holder on their behalf.
- ✚ Maintaining native plants agreements-there are two of these. One is the contract between the SWCD and the City for maintenance, and the second one passes that maintenance requirement from the City to the School.

MOTION BY MURPHY/RIVARD TO APPROVE THE PROJECT DESCRIPTION BY MARY JO YOUNGBAUER FROM THE CHISAGO COUNTY STORM WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT, FOR THE PROJECT SITE AS DESCRIBED IN THE ABOVE MINUTES. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION BY JULIK-HEINE/TANGEN TO APPROVE THE CONSERVATION PRACTICE ASSISTANCE CONTRACT WITH CHISAGO SOIL & WASTER CONSERVATION DISTRICT, AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR AND CLERK-TREASURER'S SIGNATURE ON SAID CONTRACT. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION BY RIVARD/JULIK-HEINE TO APPROVE THE GROUP CONTRACT ADDENDUM BY AND BETWEEN THE CHISAGO SOIL & WASTER CONSERVATION DISTRICT, THE TAYLORS FALLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, AND THE CITY OF TAYLORS FALLS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION BY TANGEN/MURPHY TO APPROVE THE MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT REQUIREMENT FOR MAINTAINING THE NATIVE PLANTINGS ONCE PLANTED, 1) BY AND BETWEEN THE CHISAGO SOIL & WASTER CONSERVATION DISTRICT AND THE CITY OF TAYLORS FALLS; AND 2) APPROVING THE TRANSFER OF THE MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT REQUIREMENT FROM THE CITY OF TAYLORS FALLS TO THE TAYLORS FALLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION BY JULIK-HEINE/MURPHY TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FOR BIDS FOR THE TAYLORS FALLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PROJECT ON WEST STREET, WITH BIDS DUE TO THE CITY BY NOON ON JULY 2, 2014. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CONSIDER AUTHORIZING REPAIR OF LIFT STATION #1 PUMPS

MOTION BY RIVARD/JULIK-HEINE TO TABLE DISCUSSION ON THE REPAIR OF THE PUMPS ON LIFT STATION #1 UNTIL SUCH TIME SUFFICIENT BIDS ARE OBTAINED BY PUBLIC WORKS FOR FURTHER COUNCIL CONSIDERATION. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CONSIDER HIRING ADDITIONAL SEASONAL PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEE

The Council approved hiring two seasonal public works employees on the May 12th Meeting, however, one resigned even before he started. The City received yet another application, who was interviewed by Mike Kriz, Public Works Superintendent, who recommended that he be hired to replace the one that had resigned.

MOTION BY JULIK-HEINE/RIVARD TO HIRE ROBERT MEYER AS THE TAYLORS FALLS PUBLIC WORKS SEASONAL WORKER AT A RATE OF \$9.00 PER HOUR, WITH SUPERINTENDENT MIKE KRIZ TO DETERMINE HOURS NEEDED, YET NOT TO EXCEED THE 2014 BUDGET OF \$6,000. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CONSIDER A PREMISE PERMIT FOR BORDER BAR & GRILL

The American Legion Post 35 from North Branch will be conducting charitable gambling (pull tabs) at the Border Bar & Grill in Taylors Falls. The City must approve a "Premise Permit" before the State will grant the license.

THE CITY COUNCIL ADOPTED BY CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTION 14-06-02 APPROVING A GAMBLING PREISE PERMIT AT BORDER BAR & GRILL, 367 BENCH STREET, IN ORDER TO ALLOW THE AMERICAN LEION POST 85 TO CONDUCT CHARITABLE GAMBLING ON THE PREMISES.

CONSIDER APPROVING EXCLUDED BINGO FOR LIONS CLUB SPONSORING PARK FRIENDS

The Lions Club sponsor BINGO for the Friends of Taylors Falls Parks and Recreation for their annual BINGO for BUCKS during the Wannigan Days weekend. The timing did not work out so that Council could approve the Permit prior to sending it to the State. Since this an annual event, and has been approved by the City every year, the application was completed and signed off by the Mayor, with the understanding it would be submitted to the full Council as a formality.

THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVED BY CONSENT AGENDA THE REQUEST FROM THE TAYLORS FALLS LIONS CLUB, ON BEHALF OF THE FRIENDS OF TAYLORS FALLS PARKS AND RECREATIONS TO CONDUCT EXCLUDED BINGO AT THE TAYLORS FALLS MEMORIAL COMMUNITY CENTER ON JUNE 14, 2014 DURING WANNIGAN DAYS.

CONSIDER RESOLUTION 14-06-03 ACKNOWLEDGING NATIONAL NIGHT OUT IN TAYLORS FALLS

THE CITY COUNCIL ADOPTED BY CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTION 14-06-03 ACKNOWLEDGING TUESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2014 AS NATIONAL NIGHT OUT. (attached)

CONSIDER RESOLUTION 14-06-04 PROCLAIMING NOVEMBER AS NATIONAL HOSPICE CARE MONTH

Mayor Buchite had received a request from Heather Bartness of the St. Croix Hospice, requesting the City adopt a resolution to bring public attention to the benefits that this worthy Organization provides to families.

THE CITY COUNCIL ADOPTED BY CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTION 14-06-04 PROCLAIMING NOVEMBER 2014 AS NATIONAL HOSPICE PALLIATIVE CARE MONTH. (attached)

CONSIDER AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF THE 2014 VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSISTANCE GRANT

On May 31st the Fire Department submitted the 2015 Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant prior to approval by the Council since it was to be postmarked by the June 1st deadline. The proposal is to purchase hoses, nozzles and water movement items for a total of \$550.00. The grant is a 50/50 match, to be paid from the Fire Department Fire Equipment Fund (407).

THE CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT AGENDA THE SUBMISSION OF THE 2015 VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSISTANCE GRANT BY FIRE CHIEF AL RIVARD FOR THE PURCHASE OF HOSES, NOZZLES AND WATER MOVEMENT ITEMS FOR A TOTAL OF \$550.00 ACKNOWLEDGING THE GRANT WAS SUBMITTED PRIOR TO COUNCIL APPROVAL DUE TO THE DEADLINE DATE OF JUNE 1ST, AND PRIOR TO THE COUNCIL MEETING. IF AWARDED, THE 50% MATCH WILL BE PAID FROM THE FIRE EQUIPMENT FUND (407).

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS & PAYROLL

THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVED BY CONSENT AGENDA THE PAYMENT OF CHECK NUMBERS 25804 - 25833 TOTTALLING \$33,445.30 IN EXPENDITURES, AND CHECK NUMBERS 6487 - 6494 TOTTALLING \$10,546.40 FOR MAY PAYROLL.

LIAISON OR COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

John Tangen congratulated the City again for obtaining another grant. "We are the City of Grants" he boasted. These grants confirm how the State feels about Taylors Falls and what we are trying to accomplish.

Larry Julik-Heine reminded everyone that Wannigan Days is this weekend, so the Public Works guys are getting the City spiffed up. The new flowers are up and are quite pretty. The Friends of Taylors Falls Parks and Recreation will host their annual BINGO for BUCKS on Friday night. The St. Joseph's Eats will be in operation on Saturday. "Come One, Come All, Come Often!"

Julik-Heine also reported that unfortunately the Park and Rec Commission was not able to find someone to run the Summer Rec Program. Robert Zemlin, how was an outstanding leader, as taken a new position and is not able to organize the program this year.

Ross Rivard reported that the Planning Commission recently saw a presentation from the developers of the proposed new Taylors Falls Lodges, which will be a 24-unit assisted living facility on Mulberry Street. There are making the same presentation in a community meeting on Tuesday night. Rivard also reported that the PC had also met with the new owner of the former Springs Inn, to discuss potential plans for the property.

Mary Murphy reported that the Economic Development Commission has plans to make a five minute video to be posted on U TUBE which would aid in revitalizing the downtown businesses. Murphy also reported that she is organizing the Wannigan Days Kiddie Parade on Saturday morning. A magic show is planned on Saturday after the kiddie parade.

Mayor Mike Buchite reported that Coordinator-Zoning Administrator Adam Berklund would be returning to work on Monday, June 16th.

CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence was included in this packet.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY JULIK-HEINE/MURPHY TO ADJOURN THE MEETING OF THE TAYLORS FALLS CITY COUNCIL HELD THIS JUNE 9, 2014. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Being no further business to come before the Council, the Meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Michael D. Buchite, Mayor

Jo Everson, Clerk-Treasurer

APPROVED: JULY 14, 2014

*On May 31, 2014 the Mayor had received a copy of a letter sent to the City of North Branch from Superior Silica Sand stating that they had decided to discontinue any additional effort towards developing a trans-loading facility in the ESSBY industrial park in North Branch.

RESOLUTION 14-06-01

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

A RESOLUTION VACATING A PORTION OF GOVERNMENT STREET

WHEREAS the City Council of Taylors Falls has determined to vacate a portion of Government Street, as dedicated in the Original Townsite of Taylors Falls, Chisago County, Minnesota, which

WHEREAS a Public Hearing was held on June 9, 2014 before the City Council at City Hall after a duly published and posted notice had been given by acting Zoning Administrator beginning May 28, 2014, all persons interested were given an opportunity to be heard; and

WHEREAS the Springs Inn property, R20.00254.00, located at 361 Government Street in Taylors Falls has been sold numerous times in the past ten years; and

WHERE it was only recently discovered that according to the survey dated December 9, 2013 by E.G. Rud & Sons, Inc., a portion of the Springs Inn building on said property may encroach on the existing street right-of-way; and

WHEREAS the property's deed cannot be recorded unless the street is vacated, or in the alternative, the portion of the building encroaching on right-of-way is removed; and

WHEREAS it would be in the best interests of the City to protect the structural integrity of said building rather than to order removal of the encroachment; and

WHEREAS it would appear that the better solution would be to allow a partial vacation of that street right-of-way on which the building is located; and

WHERE a partial vacation of Government Street would not adversely affect the public's use of said right-of-way;

SO THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Taylors Falls City Council that it hereby approves the vacation of that portion of Government Street as described in Attachment A.

Adopted by the City Council on June 9, 2014

Michael D. Buchite, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jo Everson, Clerk-Treasurer

ATTACHMENT A

All that part of Government Street, according to the plat of TAYLORS FALLS, Chisago County, Minnesota, described as follows:

Commencing at the southeast corner of Lot 1, Block 52 of said plat of TAYLORS FALLS; thence South 88 degrees 21 minutes 34 seconds West , assumed bearing along the south line of said Lot 1, Block 52, a distance of 69.53 feet; thence South 02 degrees 41 minutes 11 seconds East, a distance of 139.61 feet, to the westerly line of said Government Street and to the point of beginning of the parcel of land to be described; thence South 04 degrees 21 minutes 49 seconds West, along said westerly line, a distance of 48.22 feet to its intersection with the north line of CHISAGO COUNTY RIGHT-OF-WAY PLAT NO. 16, Chisago County, Minnesota; thence North 31 degrees 19 minutes 30 seconds East, a distance of 12.69 feet; thence North 02 degrees 21 minutes 14 seconds West, a distance of 49.18 feet, to said westerly line of Government Street; thence South 04 degrees 21 minutes 49 seconds West, along said westerly line, a distance of 11.94 feet to the point of beginning of the parcel described.

RESOLUTION 14-05-02

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

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING A GAMBLING PREMISE PERMIT
AT BORDER BAR & GRILL**

WHEREAS the American Legion Post 85 from Forest Lake, Minnesota, has submitted a Premise Permit Application in order to conduct Class B Lawful Gambling, including pull-tabs, tipboards, paddlewheels, BINGO and raffles at an establishment known as the Border Bar & Grill, 367 Bench Street, in the City of Taylors Falls; and

WHEREAS the American Legion Post 85 is very well known for their humanitarian efforts; and

WHEREAS said organization has filed all the necessary information as required in Section 350.03 of the Taylors Falls Code of Ordinances; and

WHEREAS said organization is an established entity and does not require a criminal investigation; and

WHEREAS Minnesota Statute 349.213 Subd 2 requires that the local unit of government must pass a resolution approving the issuance of a Premise Permit by the Gambling Control Board for any establishment where gambling will be conducted; and

SO THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Taylors Falls that it hereby authorizes the Gambling Control Board to issue a Class B Premise Permit to the Border Bar & Grill, 367 Bench Street, Taylors Falls, Minnesota, in order for the American Legion Post 85 to conduct lawful gambling on the premises.

BE IT YET FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council hereby reduces the requirement in Section 350.08 of the Taylors Falls Code of Ordinances, which requires a contribution of *...no less than 50% of its lawful expenditures of funds derived from gambling activities for the direct benefit of citizens living, working or learning with the "local trade area"....* to no less than 25%, in view of the fact that said organization provides services to members living in Chisago County.

Adopted this 9th of June, 2014

Michael D. Buchite, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jo Everson, Clerk-Treasurer

RESOLUTION 14-06-03

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

A RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING AUGUST 5, 2014 AS NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

WHEREAS, The National Association of Town Watch (NATW) is sponsoring a unique, nationwide crime, drug and violence prevention program on August 5, 2014 entitled "National Night Out"; and

WHEREAS, the "31st Annual National Night Out" provides a unique opportunity for Taylors Falls to join forces with thousands of other communities across the country promoting cooperative police-community crime prevention efforts; and

WHEREAS, Taylors Falls residents play a vital role in assisting the Chisago County Sheriff's Department through joint crime, drug and violence prevention efforts in the City of Taylors Falls and is supporting "National Night Out 2014" locally; and

WHEREAS, it is essential that all citizens of Taylors Falls be aware of the importance of crime prevention programs and impact that their participation can have on reducing crime, drugs and violence in Taylors Falls, and;

WHEREAS, police-community partnerships, neighborhood safety, awareness and cooperation are important themes of the "National Night Out" program;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF TAYLORS FALLS, MINNESOTA that we hereby call upon all citizens of Taylors Falls to join the Chisago County Sheriff's Department, the Chisago County Public Health, the Community Partnership with Youth & Families, the Hazelden Foundation, the Lakes Area Police Department, the St. Croix Regional Medical Center, the Taylors Falls Crime Watch Group, the Taylors Falls Elementary School, the Taylors Falls Parents for Education, and other local organizations in supporting the "30th Annual National Night Out" on August 5, 2014.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the City of Taylors Falls hereby proclaims Tuesday, August 5, 2014 as "NATIONAL NIGHT OUT" in Taylors Falls.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Taylors Falls this 9th Day of June, 2014.

Michael D. Buchite, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jo Everson, Clerk-Treasurer

RESOLUTION 14-06-04

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

**A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING NOVEMBER 2014 AS
NATIONAL HOSPICE PALLIATIVE CARE MONTH**

WHEREAS, hospice and palliative care empower people to live as fully as possible, surrounded and supported by family and love ones, despite serious and life-limiting illness; and

WHEREAS, hospice and palliative care bring patients and family caregivers the highest quality care delivered by an interdisciplinary team of skilled professions that includes physicians, nurses, social workers, therapists, counselors, health aids, spiritual care provides and others who make the wishes of each patient and family a priority; and

WHEREAS, through pain management and symptom control, caregiver training and assistance, and emotional and spiritual support, allowing patients to live fully up until the final moments, surround and supported by the faces of loved one, friends, and committed caregivers; and

WHEREAS, each year, hospice saves Medicare more than \$2 billion by providing solutions for physicians, care to patients, and comfort to families anywhere, at any time; and

WHEREAS, every year more than 1.65 million Americans living with life-limiting illness, and their families, received care from the nation's hospice programs in communities throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, more than 450,000 trained volunteers contribute 21 million hours of service to hospice program annually; and

WHEREAS, hospice and palliative care providers encourage all people to learn more about options of care and to share their wishes with family, loved ones, and their healthcare professions.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TAYLORS FALLS CITY COUNCIL that we do hereby proclaim November 2014 as national hospice palliative care month and encourage citizen to increase their understanding and awareness of care at the end of life and to observe this month with appropriate activities and programs.

APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL THIS 9TH OF JUNE, 2014

Michael D. Buchite, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jo Everson, Clerk-Treasurer