

TAYLORS FALLS CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

City Hall, Council Chambers Monday, June 10, 2019 - 7:00 pm

The Agenda for this Meeting was posted Wednesday, June 5, 2019 at City Hall, the Post Office, and on the City's website. Copies were emailed to residents requesting such, and the Press was notified.

CALL TO ORDER

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Mike Buchite.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag was recited.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Mayor Mike Buchite, Ross Rivard, Larry Julik-Heine, Mary Murphy

Members Absent: John Tangen

Others Present: Adam Berklund (Coordinator-Zoning Administrator), Lynn Longnecker (Wannigan Days Committee), Sandra Berg (Wannigan Days Committee), Elly Hoefler, Don Lawrence, Lawrence Long, Troy Aanonsen, Denise Martin (Chisago County Press)

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mayor Buchite explained that under New Business, item #3 will be removed from the agenda, and that there is a new item to be added to the Consent Agenda: #4 - Consider tax payment on one-ton truck. Motion by Julik-Heine / Murphy to approve the amended agenda for the June 10, 2019 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 from previous meetings; Staff reports; Commission, Board, or Committee minutes/reports; Consider tax payment on one-ton truck; Approval of claims and payroll; and Correspondence. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC FORUM - None

STAFF REQUESTS - None

COMMISSION, BOARD, OR COMMITTEE MINUTES/REPORTS

Library Board, Planning Commission Public Hearing Meetings 1 and 2 (See item #2)

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

Consider request to purchase PA system for Wannigan Days Committee

Lynn Longnecker gave an update on the upcoming Wannigan Days festival. Larry and Deb Julik-Heine are the Ambassadors. The commercial property by the Drive In Restaurant will be used instead of the downtown parking lot. Heritage Park is an alternate site if it rains. Lynn also explained that the Taylors Falls Wannigan Days Committee is requesting the purchase of a PA system that could be used by the Lighting Festival Committee as well. Roger Boleman can purchase a high quality system for the City for \$2,352.00, but there may be additional costs for incidentals. Discussion followed.

Motion by Murphy / Julik-Heine to approve the request from the Taylors Falls Wannigan Days Committee to purchase a PA system for use at Wannigan Days at a cost not to exceed \$2,400.00 to be paid from the donation to community events fund (101-41110-490). Motion carried unanimously.

Consider rezone and conditional use permit recommendation from Planning Commission

Coordinator-Zoning Administrator Adam Berklund explained that there were two public hearings held by the Planning Commission in regards to 349 Government Street: (1) A request for a rezone from downtown commercial to small town residential and (2) a request for a conditional use permit to allow bed and breakfast/short term rental at the same property. There was no opposition, and all public questions were answered. The Planning Commission is requesting approval for both requests. Discussion followed.

Motion by Murphy / Rivard to approve the proposed rezone at 349 Government Street from downtown commercial to small town residential as well as approve the proposed conditional use permit at 349 Government Street to allow bed and breakfast/short term rental at the same property. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

Consider tax payment on one-ton truck

The City Council approved by Consent Agenda to pay \$2,636.95 for sales tax and tabs on City vehicles from the capital equipment fund (420-43100-580).

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS & PAYROLL

The City Council approved by Consent Agenda payment of payroll check numbers 7582-7589 totaling \$11,290.90; as well as check numbers 30721-30750 and electronic check numbers 6302367-6302373 totaling \$49,707.59 for the previous month's expenditures.

LIAISON OR COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Larry Julik-Heine

- reported that he attended a Highway 8 Task Force meeting. The traffic studies for Highway 8 are done and public input is being gathered. The Design Committee has put together a timeline for the new project between Interstate 35 and Chisago City. Larry asked the Task Force why they are focused on that end of Highway 8, and how will this benefit Taylors Falls? The answer he received was that it is a safety issue for all areas involved because that end of Highway 8 is a commuter corridor. After that is taken care of, other projects will fall into place, such as a roundabout by Hazelton and perhaps the intersection at Taylors Falls.

- reported that he had also attended a meeting about the Swedish Immigrant Trail. They discussed what is proposed for the trailhead at Taylors Falls City Hall: repaving the parking lot, additional stalls, a gazebo area, rest rooms, a drinking fountain, a bicycle repair station, and bicycle parking.

Ross Rivard

- said that the Planning Commission had met. He also mentioned that the Public Works department is doing a great job. The seasonal help will start this week or next.

Mary Murphy

- reported that the Economic Development Commission meeting was on hold until next month. There will also be a preliminary meeting about the ARMER Radios.

Mayor Mike Buchite

- explained that Toyota would be filming a commercial from the roundabout to the downtown commercial property. They had also asked to use Heritage Park. Traffic will be stopped for ten minutes out of every hour, from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm.

- reminded everyone that there would be a second June City Council Meeting on June 24, 2019 to discuss paving bids.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Julik-Heine / Murphy to adjourn the meeting of the Taylors Falls City Council held this June 10, 2019. Motion carried unanimously.

Being no further business to come before the Council, the Meeting adjourned at 7:28 pm.

Michael D. Buchite, Mayor

Elizabeth Nealley, Clerk-Treasurer

APPROVED

Monday, December 09, 2019