

**TAYLORS FALLS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MONDAY, JUNE 11, 2012 - 7:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

The Agenda for this Meeting was posted Wednesday, June 6, 2012, 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 11, 2012 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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The Agenda was amended to include under Staff Requests: **Consider Repairs to Folsom and Pine Streets.**

MOTION BY MURPHY/JULIK-HEINE TO APPROVE THE AGENDA, AS AMENDED, FOR THE JUNE 11, 2012 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 MAY 17 AND MAY 29, 2012; STAFF REPORTS; COMMISSION/BOARD OR COMMITTEE MINUTES/REPORTS; CONSIDER RESOLUTION 12-06-01 RECOGNIZING NATIONAL NIGHT OUT ON AUGUST 7, 2012; AUTHORIZE MAYOR TO SIGN LMCIT SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT; 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 MAY 2012 FINANCIAL REPORTS PRESENTED BY CLERK-TREASURER JO EVERSON.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

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

PLANNING & ZONING DEPARTMENT

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT

THE CITY COUNCIL ACCEPTED BY CONSENT AGENDA THE MAY 2012 FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT PRESENTED BY CHIEF AL RIVARD.

COMMISSION, BOARD OR COMMITTEE MINUTES/REPORTS

LIBRARY BOARD

THE CITY COUNCIL ACCEPTED BY CONSENT AGENDA THE MINUTES OF THE LIBRARY BOARD MEETING HELD ON MAY 20, 2012.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

THE CITY COUNCIL ACCEPTED BY CONSENT AGENDA THE MINUTES OF THE TAYLORS FALLS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION HELD ON JANUARY 31, 2012.

HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION

THE CITY COUNCIL ACCEPTED BY CONSENT AGENDA THE MINUTES OF THE TAYLORS FALLS HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION HELD ON MARCH 13, 2012.

STAFF REQUESTS

CONSIDER REPAIRS TO FOLSOM AND PINE STREETS

Public Works Superintendent Mike Kriz, submitted a report regarding the need for street repairs at the corner of Folsom Street and Pine Street due to the emergency water main repair in April. Four contractors were contacted to submit proposals for the project, with Wild River Contracting submitting the lowest cost proposal.

MOTION BY JULIK-HEINE/TANGEN TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL FROM WILD RIVER CONTRACTING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,500.00 TO COMPLETE THE NECESSARY REPAIRS TO FOLSOM AND PINE STREETS, TO BE PAID FROM THE WATER FUND (601). MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

CONSIDER HIRING STUDENT FOR OUTDOOR PAINTING NEEDS

Mayor Buchite explained that the black rod iron railings throughout town are in dire need of stripping and painting. The City had received a \$7,000.00 quote last year to paint only the First Street railings, but does not include the railings at the Community Center and Bench Street. This is more than the City can afford to pay, so an alternative must be considered.

The Mayor suggested that the Council consider hiring a student whose job would solely be to paint (and scrape) these railings, as well as the light pole bases that also need attention. Carson Eng, 17, brother to Jordan Eng, the City's new seasonal Public Works worker, expressed an interest in this position. The Mayor recommended \$8.00 per hour. The Council discussed where the money should be paid from. The City had recently received a \$1,500.00 insurance reimbursement for damage to a section of the fence on First Street, which Public Works Superintendent Mike Kriz had recommended not to be replaced. He suggested that the City use this money to pay for the paint and supplies needed to complete the painting projects. The Mayor then suggested that the Council set a certain dollar amount from the Contingency budget account to pay for the labor.

MOTION BY MURPHY/JULIK-HEINE TO HIRE CARSON ENG PART-TIME TO COMPLETE VARIOUS PAINT PROJECTS IN THE CITY, AT AN HOURLY RATE OF \$8.00, THE LABOR NOT TO EXCEED \$2,500.00, TO BE PAID FROM THE CONTINGENCY BUDGET ACCOUNT. SUPPLIES FOR THE PAINTING PROJECTS SHALL BE PAID FROM THE \$1,500.00 INSURANCE REIMBURSEMENT. PUBLIC WORKS SUPERINTENDENT MIKE KRIZ IS TO SUPERVISE AND DIRECT THE PROJECTS TO BE COMPLETED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

DISCUSSION ON FINANCING OF WATER STANDPIPE RESTORATION

The Council authorized the Water Standpipe Restoration Project in April, with projected costs of +\$150,000.00. The actual financing of the project was to be determined at a later date. Since the City is statutorily unable to go to a bank and borrow money, it must determine the internal funding sources to finance the project. Clerk-Treasurer Jo Everson provided her recommendation, with a repayment schedule funded by the \$35,000 levied each year for Special Projects.

Council Member Ross Rivard recommended the City pay for the project with a significant contribution from the Water Fund (601). Everson disagreed with the recommendation explaining that the Water Fund cash balance is currently at its lowest in nearly 20 years due to unexpected repairs and various project expenses. Additionally the New Well debt service payment relies on \$40,000 - \$65,000 annually from the Water Fund in order to fully finance the payment.

The Council discussed various funding alternatives. The Clerk-Treasurer was directed to draft the proper resolutions according to the consensus arrived by the Council.

CONSIDER RESOLUTION 12-06-01 RECOGNIZING NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

THE CITY COUNCIL ADOPTED BY CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTION 12-06-01 ACKNOWLEDGING AUGUST 7, 2012 AS THE NATIONAL NIGHT-OUT IN TAYLORS FALLS. (attached)

AUTHORIZE MAYOR TO SIGN LMCIT SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

THE CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT AGENDA THE MAYOR'S SIGNATURE ON THE PIERRINGER RELEASE AND ASSIGNMENT OF CLAIM SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AS RECOMMENDED BY THE CITY ATTORNEY.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS & PAYROLL

THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVED BY CONSENT AGENDA THE PAYMENT OF CHECK NUMBERS 24623- 24663 TOTALLING \$43,500.23, AND CHECK NUMBERS 6113 - 6122 TOTALLING \$11,170.96 FOR MAY PAYROLL.

LIAISON OR COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Larry Julik-Heine reported that the 2012 Summer Rec Program promises to be very exciting, with more students attending than last year. Bob Zemlin will again spearhead the program. The Chisago County Water & Soil office conservation group reported that they are moving forward with a project site in Taylors Falls. Julik-Heine agreed to keep the Council updated.

John Tangen reported that the Fire Department had completed their 800 radio mHz training. The cost of the repairs to the #5 grass rig was \$800.00, well under the \$1,000.00 threshold needing approval by the Council. The Class Car Cruize Night would again be held on Friday night.

Ross Rivard reported that the Planning Commission reviewed a preliminary plan for a lot split which may result in the issuance of a Conditional Use Permit in the future.

Mayor Mike Buchite that the "Taylors Falls Log Jammers Jam", continues to hold their "jam" on Monday nights in the Community Center beginning at 7:00 p.m. It is open to the public at no cost. He also reported that the Taylors Falls Historical Society would be hosting a Grand Opening of the Taylors Falls Visitor Center on June 16th in the lower level of the Memorial Community Center. The Mayor also expressed his appreciation to the Council for their hard work and efforts on behalf of the City of Taylors Falls.

CORRESPONDENCE

THE CITY COUNCIL ACKNOWLEDGED BY CONSENT AGENDA THE FOLLOWING CORRESPONDENCE PROVIDED IN THE JUNE 11, 2012 CITY COUNCIL MEETING PACKET:

1. STAFF CORRESPONDENCE & EMAIL'S

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY JULIK-HEINE/MURPHY TO ADJOURN THE MEETING OF THE TAYLORS FALLS CITY COUNCIL HELD THIS JUNE 11, 2012. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Being no further business to come before the Council, the Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Michael D. Buchite, Mayor

Jo Everson, Clerk-Treasurer

APPROVED: JULY 9, 2012

RESOLUTION 12-06-01

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

A RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING AUGUST 7, 2012 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 7, 2012 entitled "National Night Out"; and

WHEREAS, the "29th 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 2012" 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 Taylors Falls Elementary School, the Hazelden Foundation, the Community Partnership with Youth & Families, the Taylors Falls Crime Watch Group, The Taylors Falls Parents for Education, the Lakes Area Police Department, the St. Croix Regional Medical Center, and other local organizations in supporting the "29th Annual National Night Out" on August 7, 2012.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the City of Taylors Falls hereby proclaims Tuesday, August 7, 2012 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 11th Day of June, 2012.

Michael D. Buchite, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jo Everson, Clerk-Treasurer