

TAYLORS FALLS CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

City Hall, Council Chambers Monday, June 24, 2019 - 7:00 pm

The Agenda for this Meeting was posted Wednesday, June 19, 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, Mary Murphy, John Tangen

Members Absent: Larry Julik-Heine

Others Present: Adam Berklund (Coordinator-Zoning Administrator), Jacob Guzik (Engineer, Bolten & Menk), Geri Aanonsen, Troy Aanonsen, Jennifer (Last name not given)

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion by Murphy / Tangen to approve the agenda as presented for the June 24, 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 Resolution 19-06-01 Accepting Donation; Consider Bingo Application For Lions Club; Approval of claims and payroll; and Correspondence. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC FORUM

- A resident named Jennifer came forward on behalf of herself and three roommates to ask what the protocol is for complaints regarding roosters. She said there are three people in her neighborhood with them. Mayor Mike Buchite told her that City Ordinance prohibits people living within the city limits from owning roosters. He explained that the procedure with a complaint like this is to contact City Staff who will contact the Sheriff's Office. The resident will be given a time period to rehome the rooster, and if not, will be given a citation from the Sheriff's Office. Mayor Buchite further explained that at that point it is out of the City's hands and is in the court system. He encouraged residents with complaints to follow up with the County so that the Judge doesn't drop the case. Coordinator-Zoning Administrator Adam Berklund explained that one rooster complaint had been taken care of last week by the Sheriff's Office. He asked Jennifer to email any further complaints to him.

- Geri Aanonsen came forward to complain about a problem with feral cats. She also said that there is a dog that runs wild and that she knows who the dog belongs to. She further complained that there was a large raccoon following a feral cat on Basil Street. Mayor Buchite said that the dog situation falls under the Nuisance Ordinance, and that again, residents can let City Staff know so that they can contact the Sheriff's Office. He also explained that in the past feral cats had been spayed/neutered and then rereleased and that this is good for the City because it keeps the rodent population down.

STAFF REQUESTS - None

COMMISSION, BOARD, OR COMMITTEE MINUTES/REPORTS - None

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

Consider 2019 Paving Bids

Ross Rivard explained the bids - option 1 is for paving Folsom and Pine Streets, and option 2 is for paving Folsom, Pine, and Colby Streets. Prefer Paving is lowest on both options. Discussion followed.

Motion by Tangen / Rivard to approve the proposal from Prefer Paving for option 2 - the paving of Folsom, Pine, and Colby Streets at a cost of \$86,150.00 to be paid from the street improvement fund (650-43100-540). Motion carried unanimously.

Consider Final Payment to Park Construction

City Engineer Jacob Guzik discussed the River Street project with the Council Members.

Motion by Murphy / Rivard to to approve the final payment for the River Street project to Park Construction at a cost of \$4,019.39 to be paid from the street improvement fund (650-43100-540). Motion carried unanimously.

Consider Replacement of Downtown Railing

This item had been pulled from the previous meeting so that Coordinator-Zoning Administrator Adam Berklund could research the options. Adam explained that the railing can't be fastened to the back of the wall because it is uneven and the railing would be crooked. There are two options: (1) Core mount, which involves removing the old fence, coring out the old holes, using the same holes, and welding the sections together. (2) Surface mount, which involves cutting off the old fence, filling in and grouting the old holes, and drilling new holes. This option is preferred for new sidewalks only. Adam has a proposal from ESS Brothers and Sons for \$54,600.00 to do option 1. Mayor Buchite brought out that safety is the most important consideration on this project. Discussion followed.

Motion by Rivard / Tangen to to approve the proposal for core mount new railings on Bench Street from the Catholic Church to the Newbery House to be installed by ESS Brothers and Sons at a cost of \$54,600.00 to be paid from the special projects fund (413-10100). Motion carried unanimously.

Consider Revolving Loan Application

Wade Vitalis, the owner of the Drive In Restaurant and Adventure Falls Mini Golf, has applied for \$5,000.00 through the City's Revolving Loan Program. He is planning to install new awnings at both the Drive In and Adventure Falls. The project also includes replacing a glass window on the Bench Street side of the Drive In. Mayor Buchite mentioned that we have \$32,000.00 available in this program and that at least six other businesses could use the maximum \$5,000.00 loans to improve their businesses. Discussion followed.

Motion by Murphy / Rivard to to approve the application for the Revolving Loan Program by Wade Vitalis for \$5,000.00 to install new awnings at the Drive In Restaurant and Adventure Falls Mini Golf and new glass at the Drive In Restaurant, abiding to the terms in the program. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

Consider Resolution 19-06-01 Accepting Donation

The City Council approved by Consent Agenda Resolution 19-06-01 - Accepting a \$500.00 donation towards Heritage Park from Square Planet Media, who came to Taylors Falls on Tuesday, June 11th to film a commercial for Toyota.

Consider Bingo Application for Lions Club

The City Council approved by Consent Agenda the request from the Lions Club to approve a Lawful Gambling Permit for bingo at the Taylors Falls Community Center on July 19th and November 22, 2019.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS & PAYROLL

The City Council approved by Consent Agenda payment of payroll check numbers 7590-7596 totaling \$6,192.86; as well as electronic check numbers 6302344-6302346 and 6302374 totaling \$3,948.51 for the previous month's expenditures.

LIAISON OR COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS - None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Murphy / Tangen to adjourn the meeting of the Taylors Falls City Council held this June 24, 2019. Motion carried unanimously.

Being no further business to come before the Council, the Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Michael D. Buchite, Mayor

Elizabeth Nealley, Clerk-Treasurer

APPROVED

Monday, December 09, 2019