

TAYLORS FALLS CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

City Hall, Council Chambers

Monday, August 12, 2019 - 7:00 pm

The Agenda for this Meeting was posted Wednesday, August 7, 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, John Tangen

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Adam Berklund (Coordinator-Zoning Administrator), Elizabeth Nealley (Clerk-Treasurer), Lynn Longnecker (Wannigan Days Committee), Sandra Berg (Wannigan Days Committee), Denise Martin (Chisago County Press), Troy Aanonsen

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mary Murphy asked that New Business item #3 - Consider new tires for engine #1 be pulled from the Agenda. Motion by Julik-Heine / Murphy to approve the amended Agenda for the August 12, 2019 Taylors Falls City Council Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Tangen / Rivard to approve/accept the following Consent Agenda items: Minutes from previous meetings; Staff reports; Commission, Board, or Committee minutes/reports; Consider deer herd management hunt; Approval of claims and payroll; and Correspondence. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC FORUM

Lynn Longnecker and Sandra Berg spoke about the success of Wannigan Days and thanked the Public Works Department for their help. They explained that unfortunately, there was rain and the Kiddie Parade was cancelled, but the big Wannigan Days Parade was a great success and there were no complaints. They said that the PA system worked well, and that they will continue fundraising. Mayor Buchite commended the committee. Larry Julik-Heine, who served as Ambassador with his wife, Deb, said that there was an exciting atmosphere downtown for the parade. Discussion followed.

STAFF REQUESTS - None

COMMISSION, BOARD, OR COMMITTEE MINUTES/REPORTS - None

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

Consider electronic payment system

Clerk-Treasurer Elizabeth Nealley explained that GovPayNet is a company that processes credit and debit card payments for cities at no cost to the city. Residents could make payments at City Hall by credit card, or online from home, or by contacting a call center. The fees would be paid by the resident at the following rates: 2.65% for utility bills and 4% for other types of payments, with a minimum fee amount of \$1.00, and an additional fee of \$2.50 to use the call center. Of course, residents could still pay by cash or check with no fee. The company would provide training, set-up, and customer service, and they provided references at other Minnesota cities. Discussion followed.

Motion by Murphy / Julik-Heine to approve the request from Clerk-Treasurer Elizabeth Nealley to contract with GovPayNet to accept electronic payments for city receivables at no cost to the City of Taylors Falls. Motion carried unanimously.

Consider bids for First Street sidewalk

The report from Mike Kriz explained the three locations that need cement work: 906 feet of sidewalk on the north side of First Street from Military Street to West Street, 44 feet of sidewalk on First Street by Casey's and the parking lot west of it, and 125 feet of curb by the Community Center. Mayor Buchite read the bids and Ross Rivard explained them. Lawrence Creek had the lowest, at \$36,245.00. Ross Rivard gave a break down of which funds the money for this project could come from. Discussion followed.

Motion by Rivard / Julik-Heine to approve the bid from Lawrence Creek Contracting for paving 950 feet of sidewalk on First Street and 125 feet of curb at the Community Center at a cost of \$36,245.00, to come from the following funds: storm water - \$5,000.00; contingency - \$5,000.00; paving - \$5,450.00; special projects - \$5,400.00; and general - \$15,395.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Consider Fire Hall door replacement

Mary Murphy explained the bids. Ross Rivard mentioned that the doors are rusting out. Discussion followed.

Motion by Tangen / Julik-Heine to approve the bid from Second Generation at a cost of \$5,313.00 to replace the doors at the Fire Hall, to be paid from the repairs and maintenance buildings fund (101-42260-401). Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

Consider deer herd management hunt

The City Council approved by Consent Agenda a special Taylors Falls archery deer herd management hunt, as recommended by the DNR, from September 14 - December 31, 2019.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS & PAYROLL

The City Council approved by Consent Agenda payment of payroll check numbers 7604-7645 totaling \$21,131.70; as well as check numbers 30759-30760 and 30764-30827 and 31251-31263 and electronic check numbers 6302375-6302381 totaling \$264,051.22 for the previous month's expenditures.

LIAISON OR COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Mary Murphy

- said that there was no Economic Development Commission meeting.

Larry Julik-Heine

- said that Wannigan Days was able to hold bingo despite the weather. He said there would be a Swedish Immigrant Trail meeting on August 13th. He mentioned the work that Public Works Maintenance Worker Paul Stenger and the part-time crew had done at Cherry Hill Park.

John Tangen

- said that the trail will have a huge economic impact. He mentioned the Heritage Preservation Commission meeting on Wednesday, and the continuing Budget Workshops.

Ross Rivard

- said that the Public Works department did a great job at Wannigan Days.

Mayor Mike Buchite

- Said that the Chisago Lakes High School football players were scheduled to help clean up brush along the Riverwalk on August 22. Public Works Maintenance Worker Paul Stenger will be overseeing them.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Murphy / Julik-Heine to adjourn the meeting of the Taylors Falls City Council held this August 12, 2019. Motion carried unanimously.

Being no further business to come before the Council, the Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Michael D. Buchite, Mayor

Elizabeth Nealley, Clerk-Treasurer

APPROVED

Monday, December 23, 2019