

TAYLORS FALLS CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

City Hall, Council Chambers Monday, September 9, 2019 - 7:00 pm

The Agenda for this Meeting was posted Wednesday, September 4, 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: Mike Buchite, Ross Rivard, Larry Julik-Heine, John Tangen, Mary Murphy

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Elizabeth Nealley (Clerk-Treasurer), Troy Aanonsen

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mayor Buchite added a 6th New Business item as part of the Consent Agenda. Motion by Rivard / Julik-Heine to approve the amended agenda for the September 9, 2019 Taylors Falls City Council Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Murphy / Tangen to approve/accept the following Consent Agenda items: Minutes from previous meetings; Staff reports; Commission, Board, or Committee minutes/reports; Consider setting date for Truth in Taxation Public Hearing; Consider additional amount to be paid to Lawrence Creek Contracting LLC for sidewalk paving; Consider request from First Lutheran Church to sell Maple Syrup; Approval of claims and payroll; and Correspondence. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC FORUM

None

STAFF REQUESTS

None

COMMISSION, BOARD OR COMMITTEE MINUTES/REPORTS

Library Board

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Consider Resolution 19-09-01 - Approval of Proposed 2020 Budget and 2019 Proposed Levy Payable in 2020

The Taylors Falls City Council met on six occasions in August and September to discuss the 2020 budget. Although increasing in areas such as Elections, Policing Services, Public Works, and Special Projects, the City's tax rate was lowered. The total Levy for the 2019 budget will be \$689,615.97 and is broken down as follows:

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| General Fund | \$360,115.97 |
| Library | \$12,300.00 |
| Economic Development | \$2,000.00 |
| Community Center | \$8,000.00 |
| Fire Pension | \$5,000.00 |
| Park Improvements | \$12,200.00 |
| Heritage Park Improvements | \$10,000.00 |
| Special Projects | \$25,000.00 |
| Capital Improvements | \$50,000.00 |
| City Building Debt Service | \$55,000.00 |
| Public Works Bldg Debt Service | \$5,000.00 |

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| New Well Debt Service | \$15,000.00 |
| Street Improvements | \$70,000.00 |
| Property Tax Abatement | \$60,000.00 |
| Total Levy | \$689,615.97 |

Mayor Buchite explained that the goal is to fund all departments looking forward so that there is no need to borrow ahead or bond for specific projects.

Motion by Murphy / Julik-Heine to approve Resolution 19-09-01 approving the proposed 2020 budget and 2019 proposed levy payable in 2020. Motion carried unanimously.

Consider contract for Abdo Eick & Meyers LLP

Mayor Buchite explained that Abdo Eick & Meyers is the City's accounting and auditing firm. Mary Murphy brought out that the contract was for the last quarter of 2019, and that there would probably be a new contract in 2020. Mayor Buchite explained that according to the contract there would be no charge for calls, just for coming out for training, and that eventually the training will be completed and unneeded.

Motion by Rivard / Murphy to approve contract for accounting services from Abdo Eick & Meyers LLP. Motion carried unanimously.

Consider additional amount to be paid to Visu-Sewer for cleaning the City's sewer system

Ross Rivard explained that most of the City's sewer lines were completed, but they were looking at work needed at Folsom and Colby Streets. There is one manhole that needs to be replaced. Manholes will be done next year.

Motion by Julik-Heine / Rivard to approve request for additional amount of \$6558.75 to be paid to Visu-Sewer for cleaning the City's sewer system. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

Consider setting date for Truth in Taxation Public Hearing

The City Council approved by Consent Agenda to set the date for the Truth in Taxation hearing at the regularly scheduled December 9th meeting date.

Consider additional amount to be paid to Lawrence Creek Contracting LLC for sidewalk paving

Per Mike Kriz's report, a portion of sidewalk was missing and created a safety hazard. The work was field approved at the cost of \$1680.00 and has already been completed. The City Council approved by Consent Agenda to pay an additional amount to Lawrence Creek Contracting LLC for sidewalk paving.

Consider request from First Lutheran Church to sell Maple Syrup

The City Council approved by Consent Agenda to approve the request from Taylors Falls First Lutheran Church to sell maple syrup in the downtown parking lot on September 21st and 28th, and October 5th and 12th.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS & PAYROLL

The City Council approved by Consent Agenda payment of payroll check numbers 7646-7659 totaling \$13,144.35; as well as check numbers 30828-30855 and electronic check numbers 6302350-6302355 totaling \$49,264.87 for August expenditures.

LIAISON OR COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Larry Julik-Heine

- reported that the bingo fundraiser for Friends of Taylors Falls Parks and Recreation was very successful. He also said that he had walked a section of the Swedish Immigrant Trail with members of the DNR. The DNR will be at City Hall on Wednesday to do soil borings in preparation for the trail. Also there is a Highway 8 Advisory Committee meeting on Monday.

John Tangen

- reported that there is an HPC meeting scheduled for Wednesday night.

Ross Rivard

- reported that there is hopefully "something coming soon" from the Planning Commission. The paving on Folsom Street will hopefully be finished this week. Residents have had concerns about the shouldering, (Mary Murphy agreed with this), but the contractor will be back to finish the work.

Mary Murphy

- reported that she has been working with contracting with Shafer Township. The Armor Radios are still being discussed with the County - there is a meeting on September 19th.

Mayor Mike Buchite

- reported that the Springs Inn Motel failed inspection, and that it will remain closed until it passes inspection with both the Building Inspector and the Fire Marshall. The Sheriff's Office is keeping an eye out to make sure no one is living there. Mayor Buchite recently met with Sheriff Brandon Thyen and was able to tour the new facilities in Center City. The Mayor said that he hopes the first responder program can be refined so that only the necessary personnel are sent out. For example, he explained, it is unnecessary to send out our fire truck at a cost to the City for someone who has only slightly bumped their head.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Julik-Heine / Murphy to adjourn the meeting of the Taylors Falls City Council held this September 9, 2019. Motion carried unanimously.

Being no further business to come before the Council, the Meeting adjourned at 7:32 PM.

Michael D. Buchite, Mayor

Elizabeth Nealley, Clerk-Treasurer

APPROVED

Monday, September 23, 2019