

TAYLORS FALLS CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

City Hall, Council Chambers Monday, October 14, 2019 - 7:00 pm

The Agenda for this Meeting was posted Wednesday, October 9, 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 6:32 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: Elizabeth Nealley (Clerk-Treasurer), Mike Kriz (Public Works Superintendent)

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Mayor stated the Council would enter closed session for the purpose of an annual performance evaluation of Public Works Superintendent Mike Kriz.

Motion by Murphy / Rivard to enter into closed session. Motion carried unanimously. The Council entered closed session at 6:35 pm. Clerk-Treasurer Elizabeth Nealley left the room.

APPOINT SECRETARY

Council Member John Tangen was appointed as secretary for the closed session portion of the meeting.

RETURN TO OPEN MEETING

Motion by Murphy / Rivard to return to open session. Motion carried unanimously. The Council entered open session at 6:45 pm.

ROLL CALL AT RETURN TO OPEN MEETING

Members Present: Mayor Mike Buchite, Ross Rivard, Mary Murphy, John Tangen

Members Absent: Larry Julik-Heine

Others Present: Elizabeth Nealley (Clerk-Treasurer), Mike Kriz (Public Works Superintendent), Jacob Guzik (Engineer, Bolten & Menk), Denise Martin (Chisago County Press), Geri Aanonsen, Troy Aanonsen, Lesli Johnson

SUMMARY OF CLOSED MEETING

Mayor Mike Buchite explained that the City Council evaluated the job performance of Public Works Superintendent Mike Kriz during its closed meeting. The closed meeting tape was sealed by the Mayor to be placed in the locked employee file cabinet.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion by Murphy / Tangen to approve the agenda as presented for the October 14, 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 request from the Lions Club to approve a Lawful Gambling Permit; Approval of claims and payroll; and Correspondence. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC FORUM

Geri Aanonsen presented a letter from the Heritage Preservation Committee requesting that the 2018 Legacy grant be cancelled and that a check be issued to the Minnesota Historical Society to return the \$8,000.00 grant money. This way, the HPC could reapply for a new Legacy grant by January of 2020, as well as a subsequent CLG grant. The City Council had no problem with this request, since this task had already been completed by Clerk-Treasurer Elizabeth Nealley.

STAFF REQUESTS - None

COMMISSION, BOARD, OR COMMITTEE MINUTES/REPORTS

Library Board, Heritage Preservation Commission

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

Consider payment for repair or replacement of the City lawn mower

Public Works Superintendent Mike Kriz explained that the City lawn mower threw a rod. Ross Rivard brought out that the City had saved money in the mowing budget by having the part-time maintenance employees do the mowing instead of paying a professional service. Mayor Buchite suggested having the Clerk-Treasurer research how much money is available. Discussion followed.

Motion by Murphy / Tangen to table the payment for either repair or replacement of the City lawn mower until the Clerk-Treasurer provides the balance of the fund. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

Consider request from the Lions Club to approve a Lawful Gambling Permit

The City Council approved by Consent Agenda the request from the Lions Club to approve a Lawful Gambling Permit for bingo events at the Taylors Falls Community Center on November 22nd and 30th, 2019.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS & PAYROLL

The City Council approved by Consent Agenda payment of payroll check numbers 7672-7668 totaling \$4,812.98; as well as check numbers 30874-30886 and electronic check numbers 6302385-6302387 totaling \$30,889.79 for the previous month's expenditures.

LIAISON OR COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Mary Murphy

- Reported that nothing has yet been decided about the Armor radios. The County is still trying to figure out the legalities.

Ross Rivard

- Reported that the generators at Lift Station #2 and Well #3 need a tune-up.

John Tangen

- Mentioned that the Heritage Preservation Commission met on Wednesday evening but he was unable to attend. He said that Building Inspector Jack Kramer will be attending the next HPC meeting. John Tangen also said that the new Coordinator-Zoning Administrator, Steve Heth, was doing well in his new position.

Mayor Mike Buchite

- Gave an update on the status of the TAP grant. Upon further investigation by Jacob Guzik, the City Engineer from Bolton & Menk, this grant would involve an archeological investigation. Jacob will come back with more information at a later date. The Mayor also updated about the cancellation of the Certified Local Government grant and the Legacy grants.

- The Mayor asked if there was anything else. The Clerk-Treasurer mentioned that absent Council Member Larry Julik-Heine had asked that the Council be given copies of the photos of some of the proposed amenities for the upcoming Taylors Falls Trailhead of the Swedish Immigrant Trail. Discussion followed.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Murphy / Tangen to adjourn the meeting of the Taylors Falls City Council held this October 14, 2019. Motion carried unanimously.

Being no further business to come before the Council, the Meeting adjourned at 7:14 pm.

Michael D. Buchite, Mayor

Elizabeth Nealley, Clerk-Treasurer

APPROVED

Tuesday, November 12, 2019