

**TAYLORS FALLS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MONDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2012 – 7:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

The Agenda for this Meeting was posted Thursday, October 18, 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, October 22, 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.

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mike Buchite, Ross Rivard, Larry Julik-Heine, Mary Jo Murphy

MEMBERS ABSENT: John Tangen

OTHERS PRESENT: Clerk-Treasurer Jo Everson, and T.A. Doughty-St.Hilaire from the Ledger Publications

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All those present at the meeting recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The Agenda was amended to include under New Business: **Consider Approval to Pay Prefer Paving, Inc.**

MOTION BY MURPHY/JULIK-HEINE TO APPROVE THE AGENDA, AS AMENDED, FOR THE OCTOBER 22, 2012 TAYLORS FALLS CITY COUNCIL MEETING. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION BY JULIK-HEINE/RIVARD TO APPROVE/ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS: CONSIDER APPROVAL TO PAY PREFER PAVING, INC.; CORRESPONDENCE. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

PUBLIC FORUM

None.

STAFF REQUESTS

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

CONSIDER BIDS FOR COMMUNITY CENTER BATHROOM IMPROVEMENTS

Letters of requests were sent to seven contractors to solicit bids for the remodeling of the upper level bathroom at the Community Center. However, only two were received by the noon deadline today. Upon review, it was determined that additional information would be needed and clarified in order to make a Council decision. Furthermore, the projected completion date of November 9th is just not a realistic deadline for any contractor to achieve.

MOTION BY MURPHY/JULIK-HEINE TO TABLE FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF BIDS FOR THE COMMUNITY CENTER BATHROOM IMPROVEMENTS IN ORDER TO ALLOW STAFF AND COUNCIL

LIASONS MORE TIME TO CLARIFY OVERALL BID REQUIREMENTS AND TO DETERMINE ACTUAL NEEDS TO REMOVE AND REPLACE THE FLOOR. BIDS ARE TO BE RECONSIDERED AT A FUTURE COUNCIL MEETING ONCE THE NEW BIDS ARE RECEIVED AND/OR CLARIFIED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SET DATE FOR CANVASSING LOCAL ELECTION RESULTS

The City Council serves as the canvassing board for city elections, and must meet to canvass the returns and declare the results within 3 – 10 days after a general election. The steps to canvass the results are:

1. The Clerk prepares a canvass report (approving resolution)
2. The Canvass Board takes the oath of office and publicly canvasses the election returns by reviewing the abstract and write-in reports
 - a. The Board may ask to examine summary statements before it declares the results;
 - b. When satisfied that the abstract report (resolution) is correct, the Board signs the abstract and it becomes the official results

MOTION BY MURPHY/RIVARD TO SET THE DATE OF TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2012 AT 6:55 P.M. TO CANVASS THE ELECTION RESULTS FOR THE NOVEMBER 6, 2012 TAYLORS FALLS GENERAL ELECTION. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CONSIDER APPROVING PAYMENT TO PREFER PAVING, INC.

THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVED BY CONSENT AGENDA PAYMENT OF \$43,600.00 TO PREFER PAVING, INC., FOR THE STREET IMPROVEMENTS ON MAPLE STREET, TO BE PAID FROM THE STREET IMPROVEMENT FUND (650).

LIAISON OR COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Larry Julik-Heine reported that the Park & Rec Commission held their Open House for Cherry Hill Park on October 20th. Trails in the Park were completed, with the next step to be completion of the flower beds. Julik-Heine also reported that the Gully Restoration Project is in full swing. There will be additional work required on the west end of the berm area, which will be an agenda item at the next Council Meeting. An advantage to the City once the project is completed is the “neat as a pin” improvement to the appearance of the grounds.

Mary Jo Murphy reported that the Economic Development Commission is continuing their review of the signage at the River Walk Trail. She also proudly reported that the new commercial oven for the Community Center that was recently obtained via on-line auction was a great purchase.

Mike Buchite reported that he had attended the brief ribbon cutting ceremony on Saturday at the Cherry Hill Park. Unfortunately Staff had inadvertently missed posting that a possible quorum of the Council and Park & Rec Commission would be attending. After speaking to the City Attorney, a reminder will be sent to Staff emphasize the importance of posting meetings.

Mayor Buchite also wished those Council Members up for re-election good luck in the upcoming election and encouraged everyone to vote.

CORRESPONDENCE

THE CITY COUNCIL ACKNOWLEDGED THE CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED IN THE OCTOBER 22, 2012 COUNCIL PACKET:

1. SURVEY FROM LAKES & PINES
2. STAFF CORRESPONDENCE & EMAIL'S

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY MURPHY/JULIK-HEINE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING OF THE OCTOBER 22, 2012 TAYLORS FALLS CITY COUNCIL. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

Michael D. Buchite, Mayor

Jo Everson, Clerk-Treasurer

APPROVED: NOVEMBER 13, 2012