

TAYLORS FALLS CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

City Hall, Council Chambers Tuesday, November 12, 2019 - 7:00 pm

The Agenda for this Meeting was posted Wednesday, November 6, 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: Elizabeth Nealley (Clerk-Treasurer), Don Sterna (WSB), Troy Aanonsen

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mayor Buchite explained that there are three new items to be added to the Consent Agenda under New Business: #4 - Consider payment to Andrie Electric, #5 - Consider payment to Allied Generators, #6 - Consider payment to RE Peterson. Mary Murphy asked that an additional item be added as well: #7 - Consider payment for garage door for Fire Department. Motion by Julik-Heine / Murphy to approve the amended agenda for the November 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 Resolution 19-11-02 - Reestablishing precincts and polling places in Taylors Falls, Minnesota; Consider Resolution 19-11-03 - Adopting special charges for the tax year 2019 to be collected in 2020 (Amended 11/12/19 to reflect recent payments); Amended - Consider payment to Andrie Electric; Amended - Consider payment to Allied Generators; Amended - Consider payment to RE Peterson; Amended - Consider payment for garage door for Fire Department; Approval of claims and payroll; and Correspondence. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC FORUM - None

STAFF REQUESTS - None

COMMISSION, BOARD, OR COMMITTEE MINUTES/REPORTS

Heritage Preservation Commission

OLD BUSINESS

Consider Resolution 19-11-01 - Entering into a cooperative agreement with Chisago County for the construction and operation of the City Hall parking/ trailhead and approving plans

Don Sterna, the Project Manager from WSB, explained the work that would be done to build segments A and B of the proposed new section of the Swedish Immigrant Trail. These segments will connect the existing trail to the parking lot of the Taylors Falls City Hall. The plan is to increase the parking lot, build a shelter, upgrade the drainage, increase the berm, cut out a retaining wall, and provide an area for portable restrooms. The trail itself will be created with minimal tree impact or excavation, and a 160 foot span bridge will be put in place over a 32 foot gorge. Work will start next January or February, the parking lot work will take place in May or June, the bridge will be put into place in mid-July, and they would like to have this part of the trail open by Labor Day of 2020. Don explained that there is also a proposed segment C of the trail that would connect City Hall to Government Street, but discussion for this section will continue next summer. Don said that Chisago County wants the segment C section to be built, but the DNR is not supportive. Discussion followed.

Motion by Murphy / Julik-Heine to approve Resolution 19-11-01 authorizing the Mayor of the City of Taylors Falls to sign the Cooperative Agreement with Chisago County for the construction and maintenance of the Swedish Immigrant Trail (Chisago County project 2018-214-4-02-09e), and the construction plans. Motion carried unanimously.

Consider payment for repair or replacement of the City lawn mower

Item was tabled at the 10-14-19 Council Meeting, where Public Works Superintendent Mike Kriz had explained that the City lawn mower threw a rod. Larry Julik-Heine recommended that a new motor be purchased for \$2,500.00 and that the Public Works employees replace it themselves. Ross Rivard brought out that the bearings might also need to be replaced and recommended approving up to \$3,000.00 for the repair. Discussion followed.

Motion by Tangen / Julik-Heine to approve payment for repairs to the City lawn mower, not to exceed \$3,000.00, to be paid from the mowing services fund (101-43100-311), and to not hire a mowing company for 2020. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Consider purchase of a new generator for well #3

Ross Rivard said that it could be \$13,000.00 to repair the 30 year old generator and that it seemed smarter to buy new at approximately \$21,000.00. Discussion followed.

Motion by Julik-Heine / Tangen to approve the purchase of a new generator from Allied Generators for well #3 at a cost of \$21,230.00, to be paid from the mowing services fund (101-43100-311). Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

Consider Resolution 19-11-02 - Reestablishing precincts and polling places in Taylors Falls, Minnesota

The City Council approved by Consent Agenda Resolution 19-11-02 - Reestablishing precincts and polling places in Taylors Falls, Minnesota. Precinct 1 encompasses the entire city boundaries, and the polling place is City Hall, 637 First Street.

Consider Resolution 19-11-03 - Adopting special charges for the tax year 2019 to be collected in 2020 (Amended 11/12/19 to reflect recent payments)

The City Council approved by Consent Agenda Resolution 19-11-03 - Adopting special charges for the tax year 2019 to be collected in 2020 for delinquent utility bills.

Amended - Consider payment to Andrie Electric

The City Council approved by Consent Agenda payment of \$2,726.99 to Andrie Electric for a light pole.

Amended - Consider payment to Allied Generators

The City Council approved by Consent Agenda payment of \$1,150.00 to Allied Generators for a gen-tracker lift station upgrade.

Amended - Consider payment to RE Peterson

The City Council approved by Consent Agenda payment of \$1,109.92 to RE Peterson for traprock used at River Street.

Amended - Consider payment for garage door for Fire Department

The City Council approved by Consent Agenda payment for a garage door for the Fire Department (field approved).

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS & PAYROLL

The City Council approved by Consent Agenda payment of payroll check numbers 7673-7682 totaling \$10,817.78; as well as check numbers 30887-30917 and electronic check numbers 6302388-6302393 totaling \$41,079.40 for the previous month's expenditures.

LIAISON OR COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Mary Murphy

- Reported that she is waiting for information about an ARMER radio meeting with the County, and that it was decided that all cities and townships will be contributing. She said that there was no Economic Development Commission meeting.

Ross Rivard

- Had no new news from the Planning Commission.

John Tangen

- Said that Building Inspector Jack Kramer will be attending the Heritage Preservation Commission meeting tomorrow to answer questions. He said thank you to the firefighters for putting on a gathering for local veterans.

Larry Julik-Heine

- Said thank you to Don Sterna from WSB for coming to talk about the Swedish Immigrant Trail. On Monday the Highway 8 Task Force will meet. He had no news from the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Mayor Mike Buchite

- Reminded everyone of the Christmas Party on Friday, December 6, 2019. Jon Ekstrom will be catering.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Being no further business to come before the Council, the Meeting adjourned at 7:43 pm.

Michael D. Buchite, Mayor

Elizabeth Nealley, Clerk-Treasurer

APPROVED

Monday, December 09, 2019