

**TAYLORS FALLS CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2011 – 7:00 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

The Agenda for this Meeting was posted Wednesday, November 23, 2011 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, November 28, 2011 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, John Tangen, Larry Julik-Heine, Mary Jo Murphy

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Clerk-Treasurer Jo Everson, Andy & Geri Swenson, Tana Havumaki, Rick Stafford, Leo & Carol Nelson

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

MOTION BY MURPHY/RIVARD TO APPROVE THE AGENDA, AS PRESENTED, FOR THE NOVEMBER 28, 2011 TAYLORS FALLS CITY COUNCIL MEETING. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA**

MOTION BY TANGEN/JULIK-HEINE TO APPROVE/ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS: CONSIDER PAYMENT TO BRIGGS & MORGAN; CONSIDER PAY REQUEST #1 – BUSINESS PARK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT; CORRESPONDENCE. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

**David Brown**, 20570 310<sup>th</sup> Street, questioned if the City had any prospective businesses locating to the newly constructed Business Park (Brown lives adjacent to the Park). Mayor Buchite explained that there were none at this time. The Chisago County HRA/EDA has just begun marketing the property.

**STAFF REQUESTS**

None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**CONSIDER 2011 STEWARDSHIP AWARD**

Each year the Mayor recommends to the City Council who should receive the Stewardship Award for that year. The recommendation for 2011 is Dr. Leo Nelson, for all the volunteer work he does.

MOTION BY MURPHY/JULIK-HEINE TO AWARD THE 2011 ST. CROIX VALLEY STEWARDSHIP AWARD TO DR. LEO NELSON. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. (certificate attached). The Mayor presented Nelson the certificate and engraved nameplate on the wood plaque that hangs on the wall at City Hall. He was given a round of applause in congratulations. As the recipient of the Award, Nelson will be the Grand Marshall from Taylors Falls for the 2012 Wannigan Day Parade.

**CONSIDER 2012 LIQUOR & CIGARETTE LICENSES**

MOTION BY JULIK-HEINE/RIVARD TO APPROVE THE ISSUANCE OF 2012 LIQUOR AND CIGARETTE LICENSES, CONDITIONAL UPON RECEIPT OF CERTIFICATES OF INSURANCE, TO THE FOLLOWING:

ADIUM OIL COMPANY, INC.  
DBA: PETRO PLUS #108 AT 341 BENCH STREET  
OFF-SALE LIQUOR LICENSE  
CIGARETTE LICENSE

HALVERSON INVESTMENT, INC.  
DBA: TANGLED UP IN BLUE AT 425 BENCH STREET  
ON-SALE WINE LICENSE  
ON-SALE STRONG BEER LICENSE

DDMCVI, LLC  
DBA: ROMAYNE'S ON MAIN AT 391 BENCH STREET  
ON-SALE LIQUOR LICENSE  
OFF-SALE LIQUOR LICENSE  
ON-SALE SUNDAY LICENSE

LAURIE EVERTS  
DBA: BORDER BAR & GRILL AT 367 BENCH STREET  
ON-SALE LIQUOR LICENSE  
OFF-SALE LIQUOR LICENSE  
ON-SALE SUNDAY LICENSE  
CIGARETTE LICENSE

MIKE'S GENERAL STORE AT 184 FIRST STREET  
NICHOLE DECONCINI  
CIGARETTE LICENSE

MOTION CARRIED WITH TANGEN ABSTAINING SINCE HE IS AN EMPLOYEE OF THE CHISAGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR MONITORING THE ESTABLISHMENTS FOR LEGAL COMPLIANCE.

**CONSIDER PURCHASE OF NEW COPIER**

The City's 2005 Gestetner DSM 635 copier has been problematic over the past several months, to the point that it needs to be replaced as soon as possible. As a rule of thumb, a copy machine has a life expectancy of about 5-6 years, depending upon its use. Because the City has a high volume of copying for the quarterly newsletters, that life expectancy is reduced. There had been discussion during the 2012 budgeting process to purchase a new one next year, however, that need has now accelerated. Clerk-Treasurer Jo Everson informed the Council that two bids were received, with Loffler Companies providing a lower bid, who also provides the maintenance program on the City's current machine. Everson recommended that the copier be purchased now, with hopes there will be remaining budget monies available at year-end in the Administrative Department. If not, it will be paid from the 2012 budget.

MOTION BY MURPHY/JULIK-HEINE TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF A KONICA-MIOLTA BIZ HUB C452 FROM LOFFLER COMPANIES AT A COST OF \$7,710.00; \$5,000.00 OF WHICH SHALL BE PAID FROM THE ADMINISTRATIVE CAPITAL PURCHASES FUND (408); \$1,355.00 TO BE PAID FROM THE WATER FUND (601); \$1,355.00 TO BE PAID FROM THE SEWER FUND (602). MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**CONSIDER PAYMENT TO BRIGGS & MORGAN**

During the process of the MnDOT land transfer; there was discussion between the City's Bond Attorney, financial advisors at Ehlers and Associates, and Chris Eng, Chisago County HRA/EDA regarding the City's TIF District 1-3 and the process to remove the land from that district. The cost for this consultation and subsequent resolution was \$1,500.00 which qualifies as a TIF expense. Because it is over \$1,000, Council must authorize payment.

THE CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT AGENDA PAYMENT OF \$1,500.00 TO BRIGGS AND MORGAN, TO BE PAID FROM TIF-1-3 FUND (401) FOR SERVICES RENDERED FOR THE BENCH STREET FORMER MNDOT PROPERTY TRANSFER TO THE CITY OF TAYLORS FALLS.

**CONSIDER PAY REQUEST #1 - BUSINESS PARK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVED BY CONSENT AGENDA THE PAYMENT OF PAY REQUEST #1 FROM DRESEL CONTRACTING, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$207,562.65 FOR WORK COMPLETED ON THE BUSINESS PARK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, TO BE PAID FROM THE BUSINESS PARK DEVELOPMENT FUND (558).

**LIAISON OR COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS**

**Mike Buchite** commented on the very successful Lighting Festival weekend, and thanked the Committee members for all their hard work.

**Larry Julik-Heine** extended a thank you to Public Works Superintendent Mike Kriz for all his work to prepare for the Santa Parade.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

THE CITY COUNCIL ACKNOWLEDGED THE CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED IN THE NOVEMBER 28, 2011 COUNCIL PACKET:

1. NOTICE FROM CHISAGO COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES & ZONING PUBLIC HEARING ON ITS ZONING MAP AMENDMENT
2. NOTICE FROM EAST CENTRAL REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, RE: LEGISLATIVE FORUM
3. STAFF CORRESPONDENCE & EMAIL'S

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION BY JULIK-HEINE/MURPHY TO ADJOURN THE MEETING OF THE NOVEMBER 28, 2011 TAYLORS FALLS CITY COUNCIL. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Being no further business to come before the Council, the Meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

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Michael D. Buchite, Mayor

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Jo Everson, Clerk-Treasurer

**APPROVED:** DECEMBER 12, 2011

**2011 ST. CROIX RIVER VALLEY  
STEWARDSHIP AWARD  
Presented to  
DR. LEO NELSON**

Our Stewardship recipient grew up in Taylors Falls and graduated from Taylors Falls High School in 1953. He graduated from Carleton College in 1957 and married Carol his childhood sweetheart that same year. He graduated from the U of M Medical School in 1961 and practiced medicine at the St. Croix Regional Medical Center 1962-1997. Two years of that time were served in the Military, serving in Vietnam one year and state-side the second year. Given just these credentials alone, Dr. Leo Nelson proves to be a man of honor. He has four children and eight grandchildren, and his family hosted several high school exchange students over the years as well. Leo and his wife volunteer at the SCF Family Pathways and have been members of the Taylors Falls Lighting Festival Committee since 1995. His other memberships include various positions on the First Evangelical Lutheran Church Board and the Taylors Falls Park & Rec Commission. His help has been invaluable in the development of the Pump House Playground on West Street as well as the on-going development of Cherry Hill Park. Leo is a proud Taylors Falls Lions, keeping himself very active and involved in their projects, even serving as past President. If the question arises in Town "who could we call to help".... his name immediately comes to mind. We know that Dr. Leo Nelson is a genuinely good man and you can always depend upon him to help.

Dr. Leo Nelson is a busy man, yet he still finds time to farm and enjoy his hobbies, one of which is a well known lutefisk chef. Before Leo leaves on his annual winter migration ton Mesa, Arizona, we want to recognize all the good deeds this man has done for the City of Taylors Falls. He most certainly has earned the right to be selected and honored as the Taylors Falls 2011 Stewardship Award recipient and Grand Marshall of the 2012 Wannigan Day Parade.

On behalf of the citizens of the City of Taylors Falls, we offer to you, Dr. Leo Nelson, our humble and heartfelt appreciation for all that you have done and continue to do to serve Taylors Falls.

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Michael D. Buchite,  
Taylors Falls Mayor



Presented November 28, 2011