

**TAYLORS FALLS CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2013 – 7:00 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

The Agenda for this Meeting was posted Wednesday, December 4, 2013 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, December 9, 2013 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.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**ROLL CALL**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mike Buchite, Ross Rivard, John Tangen, Larry Julik-Heine, Mary Jo Murphy  
MEMBERS ABSENT: None  
OTHERS PRESENT: Jo Everson, Clerk-Treasurer, and Paul Ringnell from the Chisago County Press

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

MOTION BY MURPHY/JULIK-HEINE TO APPROVE THE AGENDA, AS PRESENTED FOR THE DECEMBER 9, 2013 TAYLORS FALLS CITY COUNCIL MEETING. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA**

MOTION BY RIVARD/TANGEN TO APPROVE/ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS: MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS HELD ON NOVEMBER 12, AND NOVEMBER 25, 2013; STAFF REPORTS; COMMISSION/BOARD OR COMMITTEE MINUTES/REPORTS; CONSIDER RESOLUTION 13-12-02, AS AMENDED, ADOPTING 2013 SPECIAL CHARGES; CONSIDER VACATION REQUEST FOR CITY CLERK; APPROVAL OF CLAIMS & PAYROLL; AND CORRESPONDENCE. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

None.

**TRUTH & TAXATION PUBLIC HEARING**

**2014 PROPOSED PROPERTY TAXES**

The Mayor opened the Public Hearing at 7:05 p.m. The Clerk read the Public Notice into the record:

*Notice of Proposed Property Taxes  
City of Taylors Falls*

*The Taylors Falls City Council will hold a public hearing on its budget and on the amount of property taxes it is proposing to collect to pay for the costs of services the City will provide in 2014.*

*Monday, December 9, 2013, 7:05 p.m.  
Taylors Falls City Hall*

*All City residents are invited to attend the public hearing of the City Council to express their opinions on the budget and on the proposed amount of 2014 property taxes.*

An informational packet was provided complete with budget information and information regarding Minnesota's taxation system. Taylors Falls was able to reduce the tax rate by .222%, which has been the case eleven out of the last twelve years.

	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>Change from 2013 - 2014</b>
Total Tax Levy	\$618,251.00	\$617,333.00	-.15%
General Fund Levy	\$297,879.00	\$324,960.00	+9.09%
City Tax Rate	77.028%	76.806 %	-.222

Despite the fact that there was no one from the public in attendance, the Mayor asked three times for public comment IN FAVOR OF, OPPOSED TO or NEUTRAL TO the proposed 2014 budget and the property taxes the City proposes to collect to pay for the costs of services it will provide.

Hearing none, MOTION BY MURPHY/JULIK-HEINE TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2014 PROPOSED BUDGET. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The Mayor announced that the Council would take final action on the 2013 Property Tax Levy, Payable in 2014 and the 2014 Budget at the December 30, 2013 City Council Meeting. The Council noted that the Chisago County's tax rate is now the highest in the County, surpassing all the cities and townships. The Public Hearing closed at 7:07 p.m.

#### **STAFF REPORTS & REQUESTS**

##### **ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT**

THE CITY COUNCIL ACCEPTED BY CONSENT AGENDA THE NOVEMBER 2013 FINANCIAL REPORTS PRESENTED BY CLERK-TREASURER JO EVERSON.

##### **PLANNING & ZONING DEPARTMENT**

THE CITY COUNCIL ACCEPTED BY CONSENT AGENDA THE NOVEMBER 2013 PLANNING & ZONING DEPARTMENT REPORT PRESENTED BY COORDINATOR-ZONING ADMINISTRATOR ADAM BERKLUND.

##### **CHISAGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**

THE CITY COUNCIL ACCEPTED BY CONSENT AGENDA SERGEANT SHANE CARROLL'S OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER 2013 CHISAGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT REPORTS.

##### **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

THE CITY COUNCIL ACCEPTED BY CONSENT AGENDA FIRE CHIEF AL RIVARD'S NOVEMBER 2013 FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT.

##### **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

THE CITY COUNCIL ACCEPTED BY CONSENT AGENDA PUBLIC WORKS SUPERINTENDENT MIKE KRIZ'S NOVEMBER 2013 PUBLIC WORKS REPORT.

##### **CITY ATTORNEY**

THE CITY COUNCIL ACCEPTED BY CONSENT AGENDA THE NOVEMBER 2013 BILLING STATEMENTS FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE OF KELLY AND LEMMONS, P.A.

#### **COMMISSION, BOARD OR COMMITTEE MINUTES/REPORTS**

##### **LIBRARY BOARD**

THE CITY COUNCIL ACCPETED BY CONSENT AGENDA THE MINUTES OF THE TAYLORS FALLS PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 20, 2013.

##### **JOINT PRC/EDC COMMITTEE**

THE CITY COUNCIL ACCEPTED BY CONSENT AGENDA THE MINUTES OF THE RIVERWALK JOINT COMMITTEE OF THE PARK & REC COMMISSION/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MEETINGS HELD ON SEPTEBER 30, AND OCTOBER 22, 2013.

### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

THE CITY COUNCIL ACCEPTED BY CONSENT AGENDA THE MINUTES OF THE TAYLORS FALLS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MEETINGS HELD ON SEPTEMBER 17, OCTOBER 22, 2013.

### **PLANNING COMMISSION**

THE CITY COUNCIL ACCEPTED BY CONSENT AGENDA THE MINUTES OF THE TAYLORS FALLS PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 7, 2013.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **CONSIDER DATE FOR FINAL 2013 COUNCIL MEETING**

The Council must adopt the proposed 2013 Levy and 2014 budget on or before December 30, 2013. Council discussed whether to meet on December 23<sup>rd</sup> or December 30<sup>th</sup>.

MOTION BY MURPHY/JULIK-HEINE TO SET THE DATE OF MONDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2013 AT 7:00 P.M. AS THE FINAL 2013 CITY COUNCIL MEETING. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### **CONSIDER DATE FOR 2014 ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

The Council must meet at an Organizational Meeting on its first regular meeting in January. There was discussion as to the merits of meeting on the first business day of the year, Thursday January 2, 2014, or at its first regular meeting on January 13, 2014. Both dates have been used in the past.

MOTION BY TANGEN/RIVARD TO APPROVE THE DATE OF MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 2014 AT 7:00 P.M. AS THE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF THE TAYLORS FALLS CITY COUNCIL. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### **CONSIDER RESOLUTION 13-12-02 ADOPTING 2013 SPECIAL CHARGES**

THE CITY COUNCIL ADOPTED BY CONSENT AGENDA, RESOLUTION 13-12-02, AS AMENDED, ADOPTING SPECIAL CHARGES FOR THE TAX YEAR 2013 TO BE COLLECTED IN 2014. (attached)

#### **CONSIDER VACATION REQUEST**

THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVED BY CONSENT AGENDA THE VACATION REQUEST FROM CLERK-TREASURER JO EVERSON FOR 20 HOURS DURING THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 23, 2013, WITH RETURN TO WORK ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2013.

### **APPROVAL OF CLAIMS & PAYROLL**

THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVED BY CONSENT AGENDA THE PAYMENT OF CHECK NUMBERS 25493 - 25527 TOTALLING \$27,080.65 IN EXPENDITURES, AND CHECK NUMBERS 6389 - 6398 TOTALLING \$11,147.21 AS NOVEMBER 2013 PAYROLL.

### **LIAISON OR COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS**

**John Tangen** reported that the City's Public Works Department should be commended for the exceptional job of snowplowing in the City over the past several snowstorms. He also extended appreciation to the Fire Department for volunteering to hang the garland on the light poles downtown in preparation of the Lighting Festival.

**Larry Julik-Heine** reported that the Lighting Festival was a great success, with an estimated 1,500 people in attendance. They believe it was the largest festival in its history.

**Mayor Mike Buchite** reported that City Christmas Party on Saturday night was a great success. He wished the Council a very Merry Christmas and a safe holiday season. The Mayor also reported that he had spoken to his MnDOT contact to inquire if they had any pickup trucks ready for auction (when MnDOT rotates their vehicles they auction off the older ones). The two 1995 Ranger Trucks

currently used by the Public Works Department are in dire need of replacement. The Mayor suggested that Public Works Superintendent Mike Kriz inspect those that were available, and then be prepared to make a recommendation to the Council at the next Meeting.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

THE CITY COUNCIL ACKNOWLEDGED BY CONSENT AGENDA THE FOLLOWING CORRESPONDENCE PROVIDED IN THE DECEMBER 9, 2013 CITY COUNCIL MEETING PACKET:

1. CORRESPONDENCE FROM LMC – RATES & DIVIDENDS
2. STAFF CORRESPONDENCE & EMAIL'S

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION BY JULIK-HEINE/MURPHY TO ADJOURN THE MEETING OF THE TAYLORS FALLS CITY COUNCIL HELD THIS DECEMBER 9, 2013. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Being no further business to come before the Council, the Meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

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Michael D. Buchite, Mayor

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Jo Everson, Clerk-Treasurer

**APPROVED:** DECEMBER 30, 2013

**RESOLUTION 13-12-02**

**CITY OF TAYLORS FALLS  
CHISAGO COUNTY  
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING SPECIAL CHARGES  
FOR THE TAX YEAR 2013 TO BE COLLECTED IN 2014**

WHEREAS certain properties Taylors Falls have been charged specific fees for various purposes; and

WHEREAS there currently remains unpaid balances due the City; and

WHEREAS the means of collecting these debt are provided by the Taylors Falls Code of Ordinances Section 502 Assessable Current Services and under Minnesota Statute §429.101;

SO THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Taylors Falls City Council that it hereby adopts the following list of unpaid 2013 Special Charges to be levied upon the individual properties for the tax year 2013 to be collected in 2014 along with property taxes:

<b>PID #</b>	<b>OWNER</b>	<b>CHARGE</b>	<b>PURPOSE</b>
R20.00406.00	Stonecrest Income & Opportunity Fund I	\$458.00	Special Charges
R20.00406.00	Stonecrest Income & Opportunity Fund I	\$77.28	Delinquent Utility Bills
R20.00555.58	Teng Lo	\$2,648.70	Delinquent Utility Bills
R20.00495.00	Patrick L. Lofquist	\$275.00	Paged Incident
R20.00439.00	Wayne Peltier	\$109.91	Delinquent Utility Bills
R20.00040.00	Garold & Margaret Swanson	\$90.20	Delinquent Utility Bills
R20.00016.00	John & Nancy Boucher	\$105.60	Delinquent Utility Bills
R20.00009.00	Janet Dibble	\$97.60	Delinquent Utility Bills

Adopted by the City Council on December 9, 2013

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Michael D. Buchite, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Jo Everson, Clerk-Treasurer