

**TAYLORS FALLS CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2018 – 7:00 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

The Agenda for this Meeting was posted Wednesday December 5, 2018 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.

**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, Larry Julik-Heine, John Tangen, Mary Jo Murphy

MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: Adam Berklund – Coordinator/Zoning Administrator, T. A. Doughty St. Hilaire – Ledger Press, Greg Marsten – Inter County Leader, Bill Franzen – 473 West Street, Brandon Weiberg – 21260 Victory Lane, Jim Connelly – Crysteel.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

MOTION BY JULIK-HEINE/MURPHY TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED, REMOVING ITEM #4 – CONSIDER FINAL PAYMENT TO PARK CONSTRUCTION FOR RIVER STREET WORK, FOR THE DECEMBER 10, 2018 TAYLORS FALLS CITY COUNCIL MEETING. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA**

MOTION BY JULIK-HEINE/TANGEN TO APPROVE/ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS: STAFF REPORTS; COMMISSION/BOARD OR COMMITTEE MINUTES/REPORTS; CONSIDER SETTING DATE FOR FINAL 2018 CITY COUNCIL MEETING; CONSIDER 2019 LIQUOR/TOBACCO LICENSES; CONSIDER APPROVAL OF CLAIMS & PAYROLL; AND CORRESPONDENCE. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**TRUTH IN TAXATION**

Mayor Mike Buchite explained the protocol for the Public Hearing, after which he called the Hearing to Order at 7:07 p.m. and requested the Public Notice be read into the record:

*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 2019.*

*Monday, December 10, 2018, 7:05 p.m.  
Taylors Falls City Hall; 637 First Street*

*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 2019 property taxes.*

Mayor Buchite wanted to explain that the past many years it has been the goal to reduce the taxes for the residents. He feels that the past ten years it has been lowered all but one year, this year there was a decrease of 2.93%. The other goal is to try to find new revenue at the same time, and applauded the Council for all their hard work looking diligently to find areas to trim the budget.

The Mayor asked for public comments in favor of the budget three times:

**None**

The Mayor asked for public comments opposed to the budget three times:

**None**

The Mayor asked for public comments neutral to the budget three times:

**None**

### **CLOSE OF HEARING**

MOTION BY MURPHY/RIVARD TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER PROPOSED 2019 BUDGET AND TAX LEVY 2018, COLLECTIBLE IN 2019.

Public Hearing closed at 7:13 p.m.

### **PUBLIC FORUM**

NONE

### **STAFF REQUESTS**

NONE

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

NONE

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

NONE

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **CONSIDER NEW PLOW TRUCK FOR 2019**

Council Member Julik-Heine read a report from Public Works Superintendent Mike Kriz that reported in searching for a new plow truck, a Freightliner was priced out from the state bid contract. It is basically the same setup as we now have, but more power since we were having trouble getting up the hills. We can purchase this through Crysteel, they are authorized on state contract. The total price would be \$163,482.51 that includes trade-in allowance for The Sterling truck. Attached are the breakdown, and an estimate for a Western Star truck for comparison.

Mayor Buchite reported that money budgeted for next year there will be a total of \$133,774.09, needing an additional \$29,708.42. With the report at the last City Audit we were informed that our General Fund is strong, if not a little too strong and there would be plenty to cover the additional \$29,708.42 with that fund.

Council was in agreement that this would be a good use of these funds.

MOTION BY JULIK-HEINE/RIVARD TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A FREIGHTLINER PLOW TRUCK FROM CRYSTEEL AT A COST OF \$163,482.51 TO BE PAID WITH \$133,774.09 FROM THE CAPITAL EQUIPMENT FUND (420-48000-500) AND \$29,708.42 FROM THE GENERAL FUND (101-10100). MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### **CONSIDER PURCHASE OF MEDICAL SUPPLIES FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Council Member Murphy reported that the Fire Department are requesting to purchase up to \$3,000 in medical supplies as 9 firefighters are trained as First Responders and 4 will be taking the training in the near future. This will allow them to be paged/assist in medical calls as another benefit to the Community.

MOTION BY TANGEN/JULIK-HEINE TO AUTHORIZE THE FIRE DEPARTMENT TO PURCHASE UP TO \$3,000 WORTH OF MEDICAL SUPPLIES FOR THE PURPOSE OF FIRST RESPONDER MEDICAL

CALLS, TO BE PAID FROM THE NEW EQUIPMENT FUND (101-42260-580). MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**CONSIDER PURCHASE OF HOT WATER HEATER IN FIRE HALL**

Council Member Murphy also reported that the Fire Hall had been without hot water for several months, it was decided to field approve the project and get them installed immediately. Funding would come out of the Repairs Maintenance Building Fund (101-41940-401) at a cost of \$3,800.

MOTION BY JULIK-HEINE/MURPHY TO AUTHORIZE THE FIRE DEPARTMENT TO PURCHASE A HOT WATER HEATER AND SOFTENER FROM LAKE AREA PLUMBING AT A COST OF \$3,800, TO BE PAID FROM THE REPAIRS MAINTENANCE BUILDING FUND (101-41940-401). MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**CONSIDER SETTING DATE FOR FINAL 2018 CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVED BY CONSENT AGENDA TO SET THE LAST 2018 CITY COUNCIL MEETING FOR WEDNESDAY DECEMBER, 26.

**CONSIDER 2019 LIQUOR & RELATED LICENSING**

THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVED BY CONSENT AGENDA THE FOLLOWING 2019 LIQUOR AND TOBACCO LICENSES: CASEY'S RETAIL COMPANY-TOBACCO; HALVERSON INVESTMENT, INC.-ON-SALE WINE-ON-SALE STRONG & 3.2% BEER; DDMCVI, LLC.-ON-SALE LIQUOR OFF-SALE LIQUOR ON-SALE SUNDAY; THE CHISAGO HOUSE-ON-SALE WINE ON-SALE STRONG & 3.2% BEER; THE GOAT SALOON-ON-SALE LIQUOR OFF-SALE LIQUOR ON-SALE SUNDAY; VAPE 'N' ROLL-TOBACCO.

**APPROVAL OF CLAIMS & PAYROLL**

THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVED BY CONSENT AGENDA THE PAYMENT OF CHECK NUMBERS 30478 – 30507 AND CHECKS 630230 - 630230 TOTALING \$98,267.95 FOR NOVEMBER EXPENDITURES AND PAYROLL.

**LIAISON OR COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS**

**Larry Julik-Heine** – reported that the PRC would not be meeting in November or December this month, but that the new Public Works Maintenance Worker has the shop very organized.

**John Tangen** – reported that the HPC had cancelled their meeting for December.

**Ross Rivard** – reported that the PC had still not had a meeting as there was no reason for one.

**Mayor Buchite** – reported that the City had a great Holiday Party. There was a low turnout but Jon Ekstrom Catering did a great job and Geri Neska did a wonderful job calling Bingo.

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION BY JULIK-HEINE/TANGEN TO ADJOURN THE MEETING OF THE TAYLORS FALLS CITY COUNCIL HELD THIS DECEMBER 10, 2018. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Being no further business to come before the Council, the Meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

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Michael D. Buchite, Mayor

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Adam Berklund, Coordinator-Zoning Administrator

**APPROVED:** DECEMBER 26, 2018