

**TAYLORS FALLS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2017 – 7:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

The Agenda for this Meeting was posted Wednesday, December 6, 2017 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 Vice Mayor Ross Rivard.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ROLL CALL

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mike Buchite, John Tangen

OTHERS PRESENT: Adam Berklund – Coordinator, Denise Martin – Chisago County Press, Greg Marsten – Inter County Leader, Troy and Geri Aanonsen.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION BY JULIK-HEINE/MURPHY TO APPROVE THE AGENDA, AS PRESENTED FOR THE DECEMBER 11, 2017 TAYLORS FALLS CITY COUNCIL MEETING. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION BY MURPHY/JULIK-HEINE TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS: STAFF REPORTS; COMMISSION/BOARD OR COMMITTEE MINUTES/REPORTS; CONSIDER COMMISSION/BOARD MEMBERS TO ADDITIONAL TERMS; CONSIDER AMENDMENT TO RESOLUTION 17-11-01 CERTIFYING SPECIAL CHARGES; CONSIDER SETTING DATE FOR FINAL COUNCIL MEETING; CONSIDER APPROVAL OF CLAIMS & PAYROLL; AND CORRESPONDENCE. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVED BY CONSENT AGENDA THE MINUTES OF THE TAYLORS FALLS CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 13, 2017.

PUBLIC HEARING

TRUTH IN TAXATION

Vice Mayor Ross Rivard explained the protocol for the Public Hearing, after which he called the Hearing to Order at 7:05 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 2018.

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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 2018 property taxes.

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

None

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

None

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

None

CLOSE OF HEARING

MOTION BY JULIK-HEINE/MURPHY TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER PROPOSED 2018 BUDGET AND TAX LEVY 2017, COLLECTIBLE IN 2018.

Public Hearing closed at 7:18 p.m.

PUBLIC FORUM

NONE

COMMISSION, BOARD OR COMMITTEE MINUTES/REPORTS

THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVED BY CONSENT AGENDA THE MINUTES OF THE TAYLORS FALLS LIBRARY BOARD ON NOVEMBER 29, 2017.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

CONSIDER 2018-2019 CHISAGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S CONTRACT

Council Member Murphy explained that the new Sheriff's contract had an increase of 6% for the years of 2018 & 2019. The only other differences were the reporting, rather than every two months, the county would report statistics monthly.

Council Member Julik-Heine commented that it was money well spent, and their presence is very visible throughout the City.

MOTION BY JULIK-HEINE/MURPHY TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED 2018 – 2019 LAW ENFORCEMENT CONTRACT WITH THE CHISAGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CONSIDER SUBMISSION OF TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES GRANT

Council Member Julik-Heine reported that he, Mayor Buchite and Coordinator Berklund met last year with then Chisago Lakes School Superintendent Joe Thim, Director of Business Services Heide Miller and Elementary School Principal Jason Riebe to discuss the financial match for the Safe Routes To School Project. Using online estimating numbers, sidewalk and curb installation per square foot/linear foot, the project will run about \$250,000. This being an 80/20 match would put the project at a cost of \$50,000 for the City. The school district agreed on the match at \$25,000 each. It is a four year program so we will need to budget \$6,250 per year.

The project will be sidewalk with curb and gutter from the school to Cherry Hill Park. We applied for the grant last year and didn't get awarded, but were recommended to try again this year. Final submission date is January 12, 2018.

MOTION BY MURPHY/JULIK-HEINE TO AUTHORIZE THE SUBMISSION OF THE TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES GRANT FOR A TOTAL OF \$250,000, ACKNOWLEDGING THE \$50,000 MATCH WILL BE SPLIT 50/50 WITH THE CHISAGO LAKES SCHOOL DISTRICT AND WILL BE BUDGETED OVER THE COURSE OF FOUR YEARS.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CONSIDER ADDITIONAL COSTS TO LED LIGHTING

Council Member Rivard reported that at the November City Council approved a not to exceed cost of \$3,500 for LED lighting for downtown streetlights and wall packs on the buildings at city hall. For this project we were two short on the wall packs and the taller “cobra” lights ended up being awfully dim. It was decided to up the wattage for the cobra lights. This will come at an overall cost of \$4,022, but just an additional \$522 from the approved \$3,500.

MOTION BY JULIK-HEINE/MURPHY TO APPROVE AN ADDITIONAL COST OF \$522 TO PURCHASE LED LIGHT BULBS FOR DOWNTOWN AND CITY HALL TO BE PAID FROM THE SPECIAL PROJECTS FUND (413-10100).
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CONSIDER COMMISSION/BOARD MEMBERS TO ADDITIONAL TERMS

THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVED BY CONSENT AGENDA TO ACCEPT THE RECOMMENDATION BY THE TF LIBRARY BOARD AND APPOINT JO WILLIAMS TO THE REMAINING ONE YEAR OF GERAL PLATZERS TERM AND APPOINT LIZ VALLEEN TO A THREE YEAR TERM TO THE TAYLORS FALLS LIBRARY BOARD BEGINNING JANUARY 2018.

FURTHER MOVED TO ACCEPT THE RECOMMENDATION BY THE TR PLANNING COMMISSION AND APPOINT BRIAN OMAN TO AN ADDITIONAL THREE YEAR TERM BEGINNING JANUARY 2018.

CONSIDER AMENDMENT TO RESOLUTION 17-11-01 CERTIFYING SPECIAL CHARGES

THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVED BY CONSENT AGENDA TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 17-11-01 AS AMENDED ADOPTING SPECIAL CHARGES FOR THE TAX YEAR 2017 TO BE COLLECTED IN 2018.

CONSIDER SETTING DATE FOR FINAL COUNCIL MEETING

THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVED BY CONSENT AGENDA TO SET THE DATE FOR THE LAST 2017 CITY COUNCIL MEETING FOR DECEMBER 26TH MEETING DATE.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS & PAYROLL

THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVED BY CONSENT AGENDA THE PAYMENT OF CHECK NUMBERS 29974 - 29995 TOTALING \$15,529.96 FOR NOVEMBER EXPENDITURES.

LIAISON OR COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Ross Rivard – reported that the Planning Commission met briefly to nominate Brian Oman to an additional term.

Mary Murphy – reported that the Economic Development Commission meeting for December was postponed to January.

Larry Julik-Heine – reported that the maintenance guys have been busy plowing snow. Also that the Parks and Recreation Commission will be meeting with some residents to discuss a possible winter concert series. Lastly he reported that he will be sitting on the Highway 8 Task Force and attended the meeting on November 20th.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY JULIK-HEINE/MURPHY TO ADJOURN THE MEETING OF THE TAYLORS FALLS CITY COUNCIL HELD THIS DECEMBER 11, 2017. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Being no further business to come before the Council, the Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Ross Rivard, Vice-Mayor

Adam Berklund, Coordinator – Zoning Admin

APPROVED: DECEMBER 26, 2017