

**TAYLORS FALLS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2017 – 7:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

The Agenda for this Meeting was posted Wednesday, February 8, 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 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, Mary Jo Murphy, Larry Julik-Heine, John Tangen

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Adam Berklund – Coordinator/Zoning Administrator, Reid Gacke – Ledger Press, Laird Mork – Chisago County Parks and Trails Director, Gavin Martin – SunEdison.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

THE AGENDA WAS AMENDED TO ADD #13 CONSIDER 2017 FIRE CONTRACT WITH SHAFER TOWNSHIP AND #14 CONSIDER FIRE DEPARTMENT TRAINING.

MOTION BY RIVARD/JULIK-HEINE TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED, FOR THE FEBRUARY 13, 2017 TAYLORS FALLS CITY COUNCIL MEETING. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION BY TANGEN/RIVARD TO APPROVE/ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS: STAFF REPORTS; COMMISSION/BOARD OR COMMITTEE MINUTES/REPORTS; CONSIDER NEW MEMBER TO HPC; CONSIDER RESOLUTION 17-02-01 CONFIRMING 2017 ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND FIREFIGHTERS PAY; CONSIDER RESOLUTION 17-02-02 APPROVING A GAMBLING PREMISE PERMIT AT ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH; CONSIDER EXCLUDED BINGO FOR KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS; CONSIDER EXCLUDED BINGO FOR FRIENDS OF TF PARKS AND THE TF LIONS CLUB; CONSIDER PAYMENT TO SUMMIT COMPANIES; 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 MEETINGS HELD ON MARCH 14, APRIL 11, MAY 9, MAY 23 AND JUNE 13, 2017.

PUBLIC FORUM

NONE

COMMISSION, BOARD OR COMMITTEE MINUTES/REPORTS

THE CITY COUNCIL ACCEPTED BY CONSENT AGENDA THE MEETING MINUTES OF THE TAYLORS FALLS LIBRARY BOARD HELD ON JANUARY 25, 2017.

THE CITY COUNCIL ACCEPTED BY CONSENT AGENDA THE MEETING MINUTES OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION HELD ON OCTOBER 26, AND NOVEMBER 16, 2016.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

CONSIDER SWEDISH IMMIGRENT TRAIL AGREEMENT

Laird Mork, Director of Parks and Trails with Chisago County was in attendance to bring the Council up to speed on the Swedish Immigrant Trail. He explained that they are working on a Joint-Powers agreement with the DNR to get the trail through the park to Hill Street. He is looking for the City to help contribute to lobbying efforts to obtain the funding for the physical building of the trail. He is proposing to hire Judy Erickson for \$15,000 and is requesting \$2,000 from Taylors Falls. There have already been contributions of \$9,000 from the ABC Committee, and \$2,000 from the County HRA/EDA. The proposal is to get the trail from the current dead end, all the way to the Community Center.

Council Members were in agreement that the current trail is of no use for the residents of Taylors Falls, and that \$2,000 is a small investment for a great amenity to the City.

MOTION BY MURPHY/JULIK-HEINE TO APPROVE REQUEST FROM CHISAGO COUNTY TO SUPPORT LOBBYING FOR THE SWEDISH IMMIGRANT TRAIL THROUGH THE STATE PARK TO THE COMMUNITY CENTER, CONTRIBUTING \$2,000 TO BE PAID FROM THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION FUND (500) AND CONTINGENCY FUND (900).

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CONSIDER 2017 GULLY PROJECT WITH SWCD

Mary Jo Youngbauer from the Chisago County Soil and Water Conservation District recently informed the City that work within Interstate State Park had fallen through as the DNR no longer wants to move forward. This means there is roughly \$104,000 for projects they have identified in Taylors Falls. A match will not be required by the City, but they are asking the City to be the Cost Share contract holder as we have done in the past. The City will advertise for bids, award bid, pay the contractor and then be reimbursed by CCSWCD.

MOTION BY JULIK-HEINE/MURPHY TO AUTHORIZE STAFF TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE 2017 TAYLORS FALLS GRADE STABILIZATION PROJECT AND ACT AS THE COST SHARE CONTRACT HOLDER AS HAS BEEN DONE IN THE PAST.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CONSIDER SOLAR CUP EXTENSION

SunEdison has submitted the required documentation to request a one year extension to the Swanson "Gopher" CUP solar energy system (PID 20.00070.50). Their letter was submitted to the City on January 5, 2017 and stated the regulatory problems for which they were unable to complete the project within one year. A recommendation to approve the extension was made by the Planning Commission on February 6.

SECTION 1000.008 CONDITIONAL USES

Subd. 2 Expiration of Conditional Use Permit By Non-Use. Whenever within one (1) year after granting a conditional use permit, the work as permitted by the permit shall not have been completed, such permit shall expire unless an extension of time in which to complete the work has been granted by the City Council. Such extension shall be requested in writing and filed with the Zoning Administrator at least thirty (30) days before the expiration of the original conditional use permit. There shall be no charge for filing of such a petition. The request for extension shall state facts showing a good faith attempt to complete the work permitted in the conditional use permit. The extension may be granted for up to one (1) year. Such petition shall be presented to the Planning Commission for a recommendation and to the City Council for a decision and shall be requested only one time on a singular action. Upon expiration of a conditional use permit, the County Recorder shall be notified of the termination of the permit.

MOTION BY RIVARD/TANGEN TO ACCEPT RECOMMENDATION FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO APPROVE A ONE YEAR EXTENSION TO SUNEDISION FOR THE GOPHER SOLAR CUP WITH AN EXPIRATION DATE OF FEBRUARY 23, 2018.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CONSIDER PUBLIC WORKS TRAINING

Public Works Superintendent Mike Kriz reported that as of June this year his water license would expire. In order to renew it he will need water training hours. He explained there is a very good water school in Brooklyn Center on April 3-5 that would fulfill his hour requirement at a cost of \$275.00.

MOTION BY JULIK-HEINE/MURPHY TO APPROVE REQUEST FROM PW SUPERINTENDENT MIKE KRIZ TO ATTEND THE MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH WATER OPERATOR SCHOOL IN BROOKLYN CENTER, MN FROM APRIL 3-5 AT A COST OF \$275.00 TO BE PAID FROM THE TRAINING AND INSTRUCTION FUND (208).

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CONSIDER CLERT/TREASURER TRAINING

New Clerk/Treasurer Mary Tomnitz is requesting to attend the 2017 MCFOA Annual Conference. This year it is being held in Welch from March 14 – 17. Registration for the conference is \$330.00, hotel is \$246.15, mileage is \$60.35, and meals \$58.00 totaling \$694.50. This money is available in the Training and Instruction fund (208).

Conference workshops include:

- Intermediate Excel
- Google Drive & Fillable Forms
- Infrastructure Grant & Loan Funding for Cities
- Don't Poke the Bear: Creating Conversation for Sensitive Situations
- Personal Threat and Safety Awareness
- Making Financial Planning Part of Your Annual Budgeting Process

MOTION BY MURPHY/RIVARD TO APPROVE REQUEST FROM CLERK-TREASURER TO ATTEND THE 2017 MCFOA ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN WELCH MINNESOTA FROM MARCH 14-17 AT A COST OF \$694.50 TO BE PAID FROM THE TRAINING AND INSTRUCTION FUND (208).

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CONSIDER 2017 STAFF GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Mayor Buchite reported that he instructed staff to come up with some working goals they had of themselves. He explained that this would be a way for Council to see and remember what staff has accomplished when evaluation time comes. Some of the goals will be for regular day to day work and some will be long term.

NO ACTION WAS TAKEN ON THIS ITEM

CONSIDER 2017 FIRE CONTRACT WITH SHAFER TOWNSHIP

Council Member Murphy explained that she received a last minute notice that Shafer Township would be holding their final meeting on February 9, before adopting their final budget. She was able to attend the meeting and received board approval to keep the 2017 fire contract at the same rate as 2016 a total of \$16,689.60.

MOTION BY JULIK-HEINE/TANGEN TO APPROVE THE 2017 FIRE CONTRACT WITH SHAFER TOWNSHIP USING THE SAME PAYMENT AMOUNT AS 2016 (\$16,689.60).

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CONSIDER FIRE DEPARTMENT TRAINING

Council Member Murphy also reported that she received a request from the Fire Department to send 9 firefighters to training in Mankato on March 3-5. The cost for the school itself is \$150 per person, but would be reimbursed by the state MBFTE. Hotel and per diem would cost \$1,907.90. Classes include:

Advanced Auto Extrication	Basic Pumping Operations
Basic Rope Rescue	Bus and Heavy Truck Rescue
Farm Vehicle Extrication	Fire Ground Management-1 st Arriving Officer
I'm the Training Officer...Now What?	Incident Safety Officer
Leadership I	Leadership II
Preparation for Initial Company Oper	Rural Water Strategy
STICO	Trench Rescue
Truck Company Culture	Water Rescue-Cold Water/Ice Emergencies
Ethanol Fire Fighting	Highway Safety Incident Management
Firefighter Cancer Awareness	

MOTION BY RIVARD/JULIK-HEINE TO APPROVE TRAINING REQUEST FROM THE TF FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR FIRE SCHOOL IN MANKATO ON MARCH 3-5 2017, AT A COST OF \$1,907.90, TO BE PAID FROM THE TRAINING AND INSTRUCTION FUND (208).

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CONSIDER NEW HPC MEMBER

THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVED BY CONSENT AGEND THE RECOMMENDATION BY THE TF HPC AND APOINTED JOANN KUNTEMEIER TO THE TAYLORS FALLS HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION.

CONSIDER RESOLUTION 17-02-01 CONFIRMING 2017 ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND FIREFIGHTERS PAY

THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVED BY CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTION 17-02-01 CONFIRMING THE 2017 ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND FIREFIGHTERS PAY.

CONSIDER RESOLUTION 17-02-02 APPROVING A GAMBLING PREMISE PERMIT AT ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVED BY CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTION 17-02-02 APPROVING A GAMBLING PREMISE PERMIT AT ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH.

CONSIDER BINGO FOR KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVED BY CONSENT AGENDA THE REQUEST FROM THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS TO CONDUCT EXCLUDED BINGO AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOSEPH'S ON MARCH 8, 2017.

CONSIDER BINGO FOR FRIENDS OF TF PARKS AND LIONS CLUB

THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVED BY CONSENT AGENDA THE REQUEST FROM THE TAYLORS FALLS LIONS CLUB TO CONDUCT EXCLUDED BINGO AT THE TAYLORS FALLS MEMORIAL COMMUNITY CENTER ON FEBRUARY 11 & APRIL 7, 2017.

CONSIDER PAYMENT OF SUMMIT COMPANIES INVOICE

THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVED BY CONSENT AGENDA TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF \$1,077.75 TO SUMMIT COMPANIES FOR THE PURPOSE OF FIRE EXTINGUISHER INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE TO BE PAID FROM GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS FUND (401).

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS & PAYROLL

THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVED BY CONSENT AGENDA THE PAYMENT OF CHECK NUMBERS 29570 - 29606 TOTALING \$41,225.58 FOR JANUARY EXPENDITURES AND CHECK NUMBERS 7210 – 7223 TOTALING \$17,400.72 FOR JANUARY PAYROLL.

LIAISON OR COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

John Tangen – reported that he was unable to attend the HPC meeting last month, and he was going to have staff print out the downtown guidelines.

Mary Murphy – reported she heard somewhere that the TAP grant has been unofficially awarded. She also explained that she negotiated the ceiling tile contractor to \$1,300 less. So she has it lined up ready to go.

Larry Julik-Heine – reported the Public Works deserves a pat on the back because the City looked great at Wannigan Days. He updated the Council on the HWY 8 project, that on Memorial Day weekend the lights malfunctioned and they needed a deputy down directing traffic otherwise things went well. He noted that at the business meeting last week they discussed the possibility of a left hand turn on east bound CO. 37. They had also requested a sign on Chestnut to detour people with an alternate route downtown when it gets backed up. The discharging of the ponds has begun and is almost complete. Friends of TF Bingo wasn't a huge success as there is competition with all of the Wannigan Days events.

Mayor Buchite – explained that he had recently completed a hobbit house at his property.

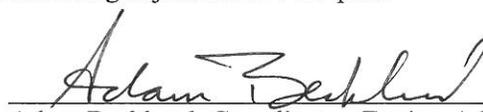
ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY MURPHY/JULIK-HEINE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING OF THE TAYLORS FALLS CITY COUNCIL HELD THIS FEBRUARY 13, 2017. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Being no further business to come before the Council, the Meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.



Michael D. Buchite, Mayor



Adam Berklund, Coordinator-Zoning Administrator

APPROVED: MARCH 13, 2017