

TAYLORS FALLS CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
City Hall – Council Chambers
Monday August 14, 2023 – 7:00 P.M.

The Agenda for this Meeting was posted August 10, 2023 at City Hall, and the Post Office.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Weiberg called the City Council meeting to order at 7:00 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance to the United States flag was recited

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Weiberg, Tim Grote, Larry Julik-Heine, Lee Samuelson, Troy Aanonsen

Not Present: None

Others Present: Lynn Longnecker, Sandra Berg, Brian Berg, Jacob Spehar, Buck Duncan, Kevin Schumann, Carol Schumann, Julie Samuelson, Diane Nelson, Joe Stein, Darrel Caneday, Andy Schrader, Sheryl Grote

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Grote moved Aanonsen seconded to adopt the agenda as written and published. Motion passed unanimously.

ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA

Julik-Heine moved Samuelson seconded to approve the consent agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

Elizabeth Haas the new Zoning Administrator gave an overview of her topics on the agenda. She stated that we will be talking about very specific topics relating to cannabinoid product sales, that is the nonintoxicating, and that we are not addressing the sales of marijuana at this time. The city can regulate cannabinoid sales in two ways, we can do it with the zoning ordinance, which restricts the use of properties and the location where the use can occur and also the licensing portion of it. These are the two avenues we are addressing tonight. First, we will address the zoning district and approving it with a conditional use permit or a regular permitted use, and then we will go through and address the licensing ordinance verbiage itself.

Public Forum

Sandra Berg spoke about the 1st Annual Lumberjack Breakfast. It went well. Gave thanks to all volunteers. She gave a special thanks to Matthew who cooked all the eggs. They would like to donate the proceeds to the community center. What they would like it to go towards is a new atomic clock, and also a fan for the kitchen.

Diane Nelson spoke about the survey for the community garden. They will have hard copies in the entry way of City Hall, and will also be linking it the City's website as well as the TF Coalitions website. Deadline will be October 31, 2023, and then they will share the results on line.

Joe Stein spoke of some safety concerns on Herberg Road, there are trees growing up into the roadway. He stated that maintenance did some trimming today, but it's not high enough for a truck. Grote mentioned Lee Samuelson and himself will be meeting with public works to go over budgets, and he knows that is something they will be discussing, the removal of trees for 2024.

Mayor Weiberg called the Public Hearing for 3 separate items to order at 7:13 PM

Zoning ordinance amendment to establish which zoning district(s) will allow the sale of nonintoxicating, hemp derived cannabinoid products as a permitted or conditional use.

Haas began by stating that the Staff's recommendation of where to allow the cannabinoid retail establishments were in the Downtown Commercial District only, and also that there was talk in Planning Commission of only allowing it in the Industrial and Business Zoning District.

No one from the public spoke out as to which district(s) to allow the cannabinoid retail establishments in.

Approve or deny the adoption of a nonintoxicating, hemp derived cannabinoid product sales licensing ordinance.

Jacob Spehar spoke of his professional experience in the field of substance use and mental health. He has worked at MN Adult Teen Challenge, Mayo Clinic, Hazelden, and a Chronic Pain Clinic. The benefits he is seeing from hemp derived cannabis is life changing for a lot of individuals he has worked with. From severe sleep apnea, and those people sleeping again for the first time, in a long time, to chronic pain in individuals he has worked with because they are contemplating taking their own lives due to the severity of their pain, and the relief they are getting from hemp derived cannabis use. He spoke of the stigma behind the use of hemp derived cannabis, and how professionally that is not what he is seeing with the results of individuals using it. He sees less anxiety, less pain, and less depression. As an Addiction Counselor he really just wanted to point out some of the things he is seeing in the community and how beneficial hemp derived cannabis has been. Buck Duncan who owns the business The Bridge in Taylors Falls spoke on the topic and wanted to look at it from the health benefits side of it. Our own Government the US Department of Health and Human Services filed a patent on cannabis and cannabinoids, # 6630507. The patent talks about all the benefits of cannabinoids, how there are no known adverse side effects, it helps with anti-inflammatory issues, age related diseases, heart conditions, and the antioxidant benefits. He also mentioned how before this patent, there were 12 other patents filed dating back to 1942 all speaking to the medical benefits of it.

Larry Long from the Old Jail Bed & Breakfast at 343 Government Street asked about the Cannabinoid Retailer Proximity Map. There was a lengthy discussion amongst everyone about the distance from schools, that retail cannabinoid establishments will be allowed, specifically the Pioneer School, and also who will be determining whether or not the Pioneer School is even considered a School. Currently the proposed distance is set at 200 feet from any School, Church, Park, or Library.

Buck Duncan mentioned how the state has the setbacks set for only intoxicating cannabinoids, but nothing in place for the nonintoxicating, so Taylors Falls Planning Commission is going above and beyond for the nonintoxicating than what the state will have in place for the intoxicating in the future.

Brian (No Last name given) spoke of a horrible car accident he was in and how CBD oil has lessened his pain from a 7 to a 3, and that he is in favor of the licensing ordinance.

Consider City restrictions on recreational cannabis smoking locations pertaining to MN State Statute effective August 1, 2023.

Weiberg mentioned that Planning Commission just started talking about this today.

Julik-Heine clarified that this is pertaining to intoxicating cannabis smoking.

Haas clarified that this is not about the sales, but about where people can smoke intoxicating cannabis. What restrictions do we want to put in place as a city.

Rich Smith on Locust Lane asked if it is legal to go outside on the sidewalk and smoke marijuana.

Grote answered yes, as it wouldn't run afoul of the MN Clean Indoor Air Act.

Rich Smith says it just doesn't sit well with him, the fact that people can just smoke pot in public spaces.

Mathew Kaiser spoke of the offensive smell associated with both cigarettes and pot. It's a natural reaction to think that way, but just be respectful of users. Years down the road it will be natural and everyone will be used to it.

Weiberg thinks we should wait for September's meeting, for Planning Commission to meet and put it all together for us. He then referred to Harry Davis about information on what other cities are doing.

Harry Davis doesn't have a lot of information as far as what other cities are doing in terms of not allowing smoking in public. What he can tell us in terms of where people can and cannot smoke in the bill HF100, the only place specifically laid out within the bill is private residents, which includes someone's yard, also included someone's private property, unless they say you cannot use any cannabis products, or a premises that has a license or permit which allows onsite consumption. He is still reading every line of this bill, and needs more time to learn. Other cities are looking at Moratoriums on adult cannabis businesses, which is something that they can do up until January 2025. He also mentioned he has gathered that the state more than likely will not have an office until January 2025.

Aanonsen asked Davis if he gets the impression that the state legislature is pushing this and trying to distract us with it, from what we should be concentrating on.

Davis responded that he cannot comment on the politics behind that.

Attorney Knack suggested entertaining Aanonsen's motion of tabling public hearing item 3 until September. He suggested continuing it to a certain date and closing the other two public hearing items.

Aanonsen moved Julik-Heine seconded to continue the discussion in the Public Hearing on number three, on the cannabis smoking locations to a definite time, being September, the next meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Grote moved Julik-Heine seconded to close Public Hearing regarding number one, in the zoning ordinance amendment to establish which zoning district will allow the sale of nonintoxicating hemp. Motion passed unanimously.

Julik-Heine moved Grote seconded to close Public Hearing number 2, "Approve or deny the adoption of a nonintoxicating, hemp derived cannabinoid product sales licensing ordinance". Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

Water Bill Update

Grote didn't have an update on the entirety of the past due billing. What he did touch base on was the water meter issues the city is facing. There are some past due accounts with unresolved meter issues, and we cannot get any response from the owners in order to fix the issue. He mentioned the only lever the city has, is to shut water off to these homes. He referred to Lee Samuelson for any more information.

Samuelson commented on what the city used to do, would be to send a letter to the homeowner stating that the water will be shut off and ultimately the city would get a quick response back from the owner.

Grote also mentioned issues with some meters of accounts that are not past due, these owners are paying their bills, but not responding to public works requests for getting into the home to fix the issue.

Grote is asking Council to consider that Public Works be given the authority to shut water off to those properties, of course after documented attempts to contact, and a final notice is mailed to the address on record for the property address. Julik-Heine brought up that if we shut off the water, the city is making the residence uninhabitable. What do we do then? We are not in the business of putting people out on the street. He also asked if the city could ask law enforcement to pay a visit? Or is that a bit heavy handed?

Attorney Knack said yes, that is a bit heavy handed asking law enforcement to pay a visit. Your usual practice is usually your county health authority, they would be the one who would tag the premises.

Weiberg asked what do we want to put as best practice?

Grote said we do a certified letter and give them two weeks to respond.

Weiberg moved Grote seconded to approve Public Works to send out a certified letter with a two-week notice that water will be shut off unless we are allowed entry or to work with the clerk. Motion passed 4/1 Yeas: Weiberg, Aanonsen, Grote, Samuelson. Nays: Julik-Heine

Grote then asked to discuss directing the City Clerk to move forward with sending out delinquent letters to be certified to their property taxes.

Samuelson asked if the accounts that are currently on payments plans, will be certified as well?

Grote answered no, we will allow them to pay if they are actively working on it.

Grote moved Julik-Heine seconded to direct the City Clerk to start the process of sending out delinquency letters to the county and be certified to their property taxes. Motion passed unanimously.

Consideration to declare Commercial Lot Property at 680 Chisago St. (a permanent public space)

Aanonsen mentioned this is the third or fourth month that this has been on the agenda. His concern is that it has been 12 years, and it hasn't been pulled yet. He comments on Nancy Hoffmans email stating that she does not see anything in the agreement between the city and HRA-EDA that says we would call the loan if there were a land use change. Which is what the city would be doing, is pulling it off the market and declaring it a public space. The email also states that if we pull it off the market, they would not allow us to refinance the loan, and we would owe \$125,000 in 2026. Aanonsen's argument is that we will owe the \$125,000 in 2026 either way, unless we decided to refinance it again.

Aanonsen moved to take the commercial lot off the market and declare it a permanent public space. There was no second. Motion died.

Generator Update

Samuelson gave an update on the generators. Federated Coop was out for the generator at the well, they upgraded the regulator and the size of the line going to the generator, so we get enough propane to run right. The part is ordered for the other generator for the lift station out at the pond.

Finance Committee Discussion

Weiberg gave an update on the new Finance Committee. He mentioned everything is going well, they have invited the committee to the Budget Meetings on Thursdays, and how they plan to continue with quarterly meetings throughout the year.

Budget Continued

Weiberg gave an update on the Budget Meetings. They are every Thursday from 8:00am- 9:00am. The first meeting was about splitting up what each Council Member would be bringing each date, so the budget could move along and be done by the end of August.

New Business

Wannigan Days Review – Lynn Longnecker

Lynn Longnecker gave a review of Wannigan Days. Planning for next year has already began, the kids park will have a petting zoo next year, and bigger bouncy houses, and more family activities. He gave thanks to all the volunteers, and participants. He touched base on food trucks, and how they do not pay taxes, they set up, and leave when they are done, and they feel the local businesses should be the one who benefit from the traffic Wannigan Days brings in, it's a way of giving back to all the local sponsors. He mentioned that Sandra Berg and himself are ready to step down as the Chairs, and that Lions Club will be taking over as the Committee for Wannigan Days. Sandra Berg mentioned a meeting that will take place with the St. Croix Falls Wannigan Days Committee, to hopefully be more collaborative for next year.

Knights of Columbus – Lawful Gambling Application

Aanonsen recused himself, being he is the CEO of the Knights of Columbus.
Discussion amongst the Council Members about what the permit is for.
Aanonsen answered it is for the Calendar.

Grote moved Julik-Heine seconded to approve the Knights of Columbus application for the gambling permit. Motion passed unanimously.

Dave Turbenson & Andy Schrader – Opening of a Dispensary

Dave Turbenson introduced himself, Andy Schrader unfortunately had to leave. He is from Maple Grove, has a cabin in Balsam Lake. Their company Organic Alternatives is here tonight to learn about the opportunity of opening a cannabis dispensary in Taylors Falls, they are looking at a property at 418 Bench Street. Dave has over 20 years of retail experience, has opened and sold two businesses. It is their goal to keep with the charm of Taylors Falls.

Public Hearing (Items)

Harry Davis summarized the memorandum.

Summary Request:

Staff has proposed changes to City Code within Chapter 10 and Chapter 3 to regulate cannabinoid product sales through a required licensing process and limiting cannabinoid product retail establishments to conditional use within DC districts. Julike-Heine asked about the Post Office and why the Planning Commission would add that to one of the locations to consider for the proximity map or the setbacks.

Davis asked if anyone would like to see a new proximity map with the Post Office being included.

Weiberg asked again if anyone wants to see that, and mentioned there has been talk about changing the setback distance. Grote asked why worry about setbacks with the nonintoxicating products, especially the non-edibles, it seems like overkill in his opinion. These setbacks are more restrictive than that of liquor or tobacco.

Weiberg responded that he believes, that the setbacks were set based on what is coming in the future with the intoxicating side of things.

Aanonsen clarified with Grote that he is assuming that the intoxicating cannabis legislation will be more restrictive.

Grote answered yes, it is in state statute already.

Aanonsen asked staff about the staff report on page 53 of the council packet. It states "expand setbacks from 300 to 200" It turns out that was a typo. At the August 10th PC Meeting staff had originally recommended setbacks at 300 feet, and later that changed to 200 feet recommended by Planning Commission.

Samuelson agrees with Grote.

Julik-Heine also agrees with Grote.

Weiberg clarified that what we are talking about is removing setbacks for nonintoxicating.

Grote moved Julik-Heine seconded to amend the Conditional Use Permit to remove any references to setback requirements within the Downtown Commercial District. Motion Passed 4/1 Yeas: Weiberg, Grote, Julik-Heine, Samuelson Nays: Aanonsen

Weiberg commented on Planning Commission's recommendation to make it very clear that just because you get a nonintoxicating license in Taylors Falls, does not mean you will get a license for what will be discussed in the next year. (meaning intoxicating license) They wanted this stated on record.

Haas tried to redirect Council to stay in the Zoning portion of the topics and later address the licensing portion of things Attorney Knack also had to stop Council's discussion to reiterate what staff was asking, about staying focused on the zoning side of things and later address the licensing side.

There was a discussion on how to move through all these motions/changes in the correct way.

Haas recommended using the actual Resolution that is included in the packet. The Resolution has the exact proposed verbiage, starting from the top is the zoning ordinance amendment, which is what we are trying to adopt first, and then we go onto the licensing. This will be a better guide.

Section 1000.002 Definitions

Haas wanted to steer Council to a discussion they might want to have. She said looking at the definition of "Cannabinoid product retail establishment" she wants to point out that incidental sales were excluded. Meaning that any business that sells any cannabinoid product, even if it's not their primary sales, for example Casey's sells a beverage with THC in it, or the Bead Store sells a salve, they would be categorized as a Cannabinoid Retail Establishment and would need to be licensed. She wanted to make it clear with what the city is regulating.

Grote agrees with this, he cannot imagine how Haas would monitor incidental sales.

She said keep this in mind later for when you are regulating the number of licensing to allow.

Weiberg commented how it really cannot be any other way, we would need to be able to monitor incidental sales, and it's not like they would be privy to sales data, if the recommendation would be 50% or more.

Haas has a strong recommendation to keep the definition as is.

Weiberg agrees to keep it the same.

Grote moved Julik-Heine seconded to adopt section 1000.002 Definitions and revising Chapter 10. Motion passed unanimously.

Section 2000.006 "DC" Downtown Commercial District, Subd. 4

Grote moved Julik-Heine seconded to approve 2000.006 "DC" Downtown Commercial District Subd. 4. Motion passed 4/1 Yeas: Weiberg, Grote, Julik-Heine, Samuelson Nays: Aanonsen

Add Section 311 Cannabinoid Product Retail License Ordinance NO. 2023-08-00 to Chapter 3 – Municipal Regulations and Licensing

311.01 Definitions

Grote wanted to remind everyone that as we are working through this, we are considering all cannabinoid products, we are not differentiating between edibles and topicals.

Haas said the question to Council is, what do you want to regulate? ALL cannabinoid products, the edibles and the topicals together? Or do you not want to regulate topicals at all, and change it to edible cannabinoid products?

Grote asked so if we limit this to just edibles, we would be allowing say Barbs Hair Care or Casey's to retail that (topicals) without a license?

Haas and Weiberg answered, yes.

Julik-Heine brought up in home or online businesses selling topicals and shampoos, does that need to be licensed if we just regulate edibles?

Weiberg answered, no.

There was a discussion on what other cities are doing.

Davis answered there is no consensus, cities are doing all different things.

Attorney Knack recommended leaving it as All to keep it simple, and then change it as needed.

Grote moved Samuelson seconded passing 311.01 as is. Motion passed unanimously.

311.02 Findings of Council

Grote proposed striking section "E" in its entirety

Julike-Heine agrees with Grote

Aanonsen thinks that the 200-foot setback from schools, parks, and religious institutions was added for a reason.

Weiberg agrees with Aanonsen, but believes it was put there for what is to come with the intoxicating.

Grote moved Julik-Heine seconded to approve 311.02 findings of council with "E" being struck out completely. Motion passed 4/1 Yeas: Weiberg, Grote, Julik-Heine, Samuelson Nay: Aanonsen

311.03 Licensing

Grote is ok with one or two licenses, but no more than three.

Julike-Heine says two

Samuelson likes two

Aanonsen likes two

Grote wanted to address Subd. 4 Applicant eligibility, item "C". He states the process of obtaining a lease, renovating a store, and preparing yourself for sale, trying to do all of that at the same time as getting a Conditional Use Permit, which is going to take a month at least, and then to get a license. It seems to him to be really aggressive to be up and running in 60 days. He thinks we should leave it at 60 days, but include a provision that would allow one extension, with an additional fee on the fee schedule.

Attorney Knack recommended adding "or such additional time that the city may allow in its sole discretion" right after where it says 60 days, to item "C"

There was a lengthy discussion as to whom would issue the license, the City Clerk or the Zoning administrator, and if it needs to go to Council for approval.

Harry Davis recommended amending Subd. 5 item "D" to state: The City Clerk will consider the facts and recommendation of the Zoning Administrator and Sheriff's Department together, and recommend approval or denial of the application to City Council. City Council will make a motion to approve or deny the application.

There was a discussion on the basis for denial of license.

Grote moved Julik-Heine seconded to approve 311.03 Licensing with the following amendments. Motion passed unanimously.

1. Subd. 4 item "C" Applicant must be able to open the cannabinoid product retail establishment within 60 days, or such additional time that the city may allow in its sole discretion of obtaining the Cannabinoid Product Retail License from the City of Taylors Falls. If the Cannabinoid Product Retail License is not utilized within 60 days of issuance, the license may be issued to the next qualifying applicant.

2. Subd. 5 item “D” The City Clerk will consider the facts and recommendation of the Zoning Administrator and Sheriff’s Department together, and recommend approval or denial of the application to City Council. City Council will make a motion to approve or deny the application.

311.04 Cannabinoid Product Retail Establishment Regulations

Grote commented on Subd. 7, the second sentence has a reference to the 200 feet. He thinks the sentence should be stricken “No license shall be issued for a premises within 200 feet of any public or non-public school, religious institution, or City or State parks.”

Grote also asked about Subd. 8 Compliance Checks and Inspections. Who usually conducts those checks? Is it City Staff or Law Enforcement? Does our contract with the Sheriff’s Department include compliance checks?

Aanonsen and Attorney Knack would expect that to be part of the services they provide. It is a criminal enforcement issue. Julike-Heine agrees with Grote to strike the sentence.

Samuelson is good with the change.

Aanonsen had no comment.

Julik-Heine moved Aanonsen seconded to approve 311.04 with striking Subd. 7 second sentence. Motion passed 4/1 Yeas: Weiberg, Grote, Julik-Heine, Samuelson Nays: Aanonsen

311.05 Civil Penalty, Suspension or Revocation of License

Aanonsen commented on Subd. 4 and how it states that the City Clerk will revoke the license of any licensee who knowingly violates any provisions of this ordinance, and he stated that we are back to that “responsible authority” again. Where it should be City Council making that decision.

Weiberg also sees it as who will be the person monitoring it also.

Haas pointed out that as we going through it’s a big change that is going to carry through a lot of language, where ever that switch applies, we can switch it from City Clerk to City Council.

Haas then asked the Attorney if there could be a blanket statement there, to make corrections throughout.

Knack answered, yes. The staff can be directed to make the corrections consistent with what the Council wants.

Grote mentioned Subd. 1 looks ok to leave as is, it would be the Clerks responsibility to send out a notice of violation.

There was a discussion about Subd. 2 Hearing on Alleged Violations. They all agreed to leave it as drafted, except for the word “Knowingly” They would like to strike the word “Knowingly” in both Subd. 4 and Subd. 2 as well.

Haas then asked if Council would like to strike Subd. 4 in its entirety because it is repeating language. All the sentences are addressed in another section of the ordinance.

The Attorney and all Council members agreed to strike Subd. 4 altogether.

Grote moved Julik-Heine seconded to approve 311.05 with the following amendments: Strike the word “Knowingly” in Subd. 2, Strike Subd. 4 in its entirety. Motion passed unanimously

311.06 Cannabinoid Product Sales by Persons Without a License

There was no discussion between the Council members.

Julik-Heine moved Grote seconded passing 311.06 the Cannabinoid Product Sales by Persons without a License as drafted. Motion passed unanimously.

2023 Fee Schedule

Aanonsen asked who does our Background checks.

Weiberg answered through the BCA.

Grote moved Aanonsen seconded to approve the 2023 Fee Schedule items for Product Retail License of \$300.00 and Background Check to be \$100.00 and direct City Clerk to make modifications to that schedule. Motion passed unanimously.

Cannabinoid Product Retail License Application

Haas asked who would be “each person” listed on the application. Can the wording “each person” be removed from the application.

Knack answered it is the license holder and yes it can be removed.

There was also discussion about Insurance needs of the license holder.

Julik-Heine moved Aanonsen seconded to pass Cannabinoid Product Retail License Application. Motion passed unanimously

Background Check Form

No discussion took place.

Julik-Heine moved Samuelson seconded to accept the Cannabinoid Product Retail License Background form as is. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Works Superintendent Hourly Rate Adjustment

Grote summarized a wage disparity related to the Public Works Superintendent Kevin Gruber. His Employment Agreement included a hire rate of \$31.00 an hour, a \$1.00 an hour wage adjustment upon successful six-month performance review, and a \$1.00 an hour wage adjustment for obtaining both water and sewer licenses. It recently became known that Paul Stenger received \$1.50 an hour increases for each license he has since obtained. This has created a wage disparity between the department head and one of its workers; Paul Stenger is currently earning \$33.25 an hour, while Mr. Gruber is at \$31.00. Per the existing Employment Agreement, the most Mr. Gruber will earn this year is \$33.00 an hour, assuming a successful performance review and obtaining both licenses.

Both Council members Grote and Samuelson recommend the following adjustments (revisions) be made to the Employment Agreement for Kevin Gruber:

1. Wage adjustment of \$1.50 an hour be made for each license that is obtained (water and sewer)
 - a. Adjustment of \$1.50 for sewer license be made retroactive to the pay period beginning June 3, 2023
 - b. Adjustment of \$1.50 for water license be made effective the pay period following his successful completion of the test and receipt of license (estimated to be October 21, 2023)
 - c. Keep the wage adjustment of \$1.00 an hour at six-month review the same as the original agreement

Grote moved Aanonsen seconded that Council approve the wage adjustments as noted in the attached SBAR in the packet, wage adjustment of \$1.50 sewer license made retroactive to pay period beginning June 3, and adjustment of \$1.50 pay period following his successful completion of his water test. Motion passed unanimously.

Consider Investigation into Missing Public Documents and Data

Aanonsen is requesting an investigation be opened into missing public documents and data, after multiple attempts to receive the items from the city. The items that have been requested are the ARPA Funds Project Expenditure Report for 2022, video surveillance footage from August 2021 and January 2022, missing 2022 City Council meeting minutes, and missing emails that were read by Council member Julik-Heine at the March 27, 2023 City Council meeting.

Weiberg asked Attorney Knack if this is something he could lead.

Knack answered while this is a pretty broad series of documents and requests, ultimately, yes he can. It would be covered under his contract.

Julik-Heine thinks it's a waste of time and money. He believes all of this can be solved with a simple talk with the City Clerk. He brought up the “missing emails” and said the people asked him to read their emails anonymously, and he will not disclose their names.

Grote mentioned redacting the emails, just so we can take that off Attorney Knacks plate.

Attorney Knack also stated that there is nothing wrong with a Council member honoring someone's request to stay anonymous.

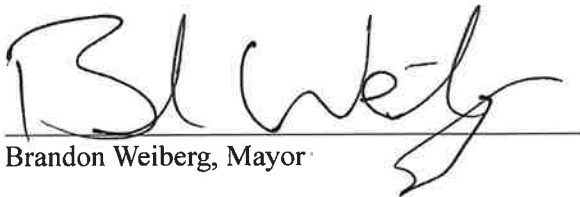
Aanonsen moved Samuelson seconded to direct the City Attorney to open an inquiry/investigation into missing public documents and data. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on Public Safety Aid for Taylors Falls

Aanonsen and Grote touched base on a new tax bill that Jake brought to the city's attention. The Omnibus Tax Bill includes an \$80 million annual increase in local government aid, \$210 million for cities in one-time public safety aid. Taylors Falls will get \$46,692 in 2024, to be used how the city sees fit, as long as it is for public safety, or to pay other personnel or equipment costs.

Adjournment

Grote moved Aanonsen seconded to adjourn the meeting of the Taylors Falls City Council held this day Monday, August 14, 2023 at 10:50pm. Motion passed unanimously.



Brandon Weiberg, Mayor



Michelle Hansen, Office Assistant

Approved
(11-13-23)