

**TAYLORS FALLS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MONDAY, JUNE 22, 2009 - 7:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

The Agenda for this Meeting was posted Wednesday, June 17, 2009 at City Hall, the Post Office and 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, June 22, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the 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, Zara Kinnunen, Larry Julik-Heine

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Jayna Yeske, Commissioner Rick Greene, Holly Boettcher from the Ledger Newspaper, and Tammi Milberg from the Inter-County Leader

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The Agenda was amended to include under New Business: **CONSIDER PAYMENT TO BRIAN HALL** and **CONSIDER WANNIGAN DAYS KIDDIE PARADE REQUEST.**

MOTION BY JULIK-HEINE/KINNUNEN TO APPROVE THE AGENDA, AS AMENDED, FOR THE JUNE 22, 2009 COUNCIL MEETING. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION BY TANGEN/RIVARD TO APPROVE/ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS: CONSIDER AUTHORIZING BINGO FOR WANNIGAN DAYS; CORRESPONDENCE. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

PUBLIC FORUM

Chisago County Commissioner Rick Greene reported that the County has started work on Highway 95 (from Co Rd 14 to Co Rd 9) repairing and installing new culverts followed with milling and overlaying a new blacktop road surface, with work expected to be completed by early August. Greene also questioned the City's need for striping on Co Rd 20 (Ross and Larry to assess and report back to the County). Finally, Greene reported that the County Board authorized \$5,000 in payment of recycling costs for the clean-up of the abandoned appliances in the dump in Interstate Park.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION OF ADDITIONAL WATERMAIN & HYDRANT FOR CO ROAD 37 WATERMAIN PROJECT

After specs were completed on the Co Rd 37 watermain replacement and the project started, it became apparent that if the City were to add a hydrant and an additional 36' of 12" pipe at the the pond access road by the lift station, that it would be an anticipated investment now if the City were to complete the proposed watermain loop in the future.

MOTION BY KINNUNEN/JULIK-HEINE TO AUTHORIZE THE INSTALLATION OF AN ADDITIONAL 36' OF WATERMAIN AND HYDRANT FOR THE COUNTY ROAD 37 WATERMAIN PROJECT AT A COST OF \$4,036.70, TO BE COMPLETED BY REDSTONE CONSTRUCTION, TO BE PAID FROM THE WATER FUND (601). MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CONSIDER HPC RECOMMENDATION TO DESIGNATE 431 BENCH STREET

The Heritage Preservation Commission held a public hearing on Tuesday, April 14, 2009 for the purpose of hearing public comment for the proposed heritage preservation designation of 431 Bench Street. In accordance with §255.05 of the Taylors Falls Code of Ordinances, the Heritage Preservation Commission (HPC) has recommended the designation as a Taylors Falls Heritage Preservation Site.

The Planning Commission has reviewed and the Minnesota Historical Society has recommended the designation of the site for its "inherent character, interest, or value as part of the development, heritage, or cultural characteristics of the City of Taylors Falls."

MOTION BY JULIK-HEINE/KINNUNEN TO ADOPT, AS AMENDED, RESOLUTION 09-06-01 DESIGNATING 431 BENCH STREET, SAMUEL S. AND CATHERINE (BERG) HAMILTON HOUSE, AS A LOCAL HERITAGE PRESERVATION SITE. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. (attached)

CONSIDER DONATION REQUEST FOR WANNIGAN DAYS FIREWORKS

The City has in the past donated \$100 towards the Wannigan Day Parade and \$500 towards the Wannigan Days Fireworks. The City has always made this donation from the Charitable Gambling Fund; however, that fund is now at its all time low of \$50.24. Council discussed where the donation should be paid from.

MOTION BY RIVARD/JULIK-HEINE TO APPROVE THE CONTRIBUTION OF \$100 TOWARDS THE WANNIGAN DAY PARADE AND \$500 TOWARDS THE WANNIGAN DAYS FIREWORKS TO WANNIGAN DAYS FIREWORKS, TO BE PAID FROM THE COUNCIL CONTINGENCY BUDGET ACCOUNT (101-41110-900). MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CONSIDER WANNIGAN DAYS DANCE REQUESTS FROM ROMAYNE'S ON MAIN

David McKeag, owner of Romayne's On Main, submitted a request pertaining to the street dance that he is sponsoring on the Saturday during Wannigan Days. This would involve the Public Works Department placing cones for no parking and closure of Ravine Street and the moving of the porta-potty from the Marmon Parkway (Bench Street Parking Lot) being temporarily relocated to the dance location.

MOTION BY KINNUNEN/JULIK-HEINE TO AUTHORIZE/APPROVE THE FOLLOWING REQUESTS BY DAVID McKEAG, OWNER OF ROMAYNE'S ON MAIN:

- ➡ AUTHORIZATION TO CLOSE OFF AND BLOCK RAVINE STREET FROM BENCH STREET TO GOVERNMENT STREET FOR THE STREET DANCE BEGINNING AT 1:00 P.M. ON SATURDAY, JULY 18, 2009 UNTIL THE END OF THE STREET DANCE, APPROXIMATELY 3:00 A.M. TO ALLOW TIME FOR THE DISMANTLEMENT OF THE STAGE.
- ➡ AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CITY CLERK TO ISSUE A DANCE/MUSIC PERMIT WITH THE FEES TO BE WAIVED TO ROMAYNE'S ON MAIN FOR THE STREET DANCE TO BE HELD FROM 8:00 P.M. TO 12:30 A.M. ON SATURDAY, JULY 18, 2009.

- ➡ TO REQUIRE A FENCE TO BE ERECTED AROUND THE ENTIRE STREET DANCE AREA ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF RAVINE STREET DURING THE STREET DANCE ON SATURDAY, JULY 18, 2009.
- ➡ TO AUTHORIZE/REQUIRE TWO DEPUTIES TO WORK THE STREET DANCE FROM THE HOURS OF 8:00 P.M. – 12:30 A.M. ON SATURDAY, JULY 18, 2009, TO BE PAID FROM THE CONTRACT FEES EXPENSE ACCOUNT (42100-309).
- ➡ TO AUTHORIZE THE RELOCATION OF THE SATELLITE PORTA-POTTY CURRENTLY PLACED IN THE MARMON PARKWAY (BENCH STREET PARKING LOT) TO THE CORNER OF RAVINE AND BENCH STREET DURING THE WANNIGAN DAYS PARADE AND STREET DANCE.

MOTIONS CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CONSIDER HPC CORRESPONDENCE TO DESIGNATED PROPERTIES

The Heritage Preservation Commission drafted a letter they would like to send to any current and potential owners of locally designated historical homes and are seeking approval to send the letter.

MOTION BY KINNUNEN/JULIK-HEINE TO APPROVE THE LETTER FROM THE HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION TO LOCALLY AND POTENTIALLY DESIGNATED HISTORICAL HOMES AS WRITTEN AND TO AUTHORIZE HPC CHAIR BARBARA NELSON'S SIGNATURE ON SAID LETTER. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. (attached)

CONSIDER AUTHORIZING BINGO FOR WANNIGAN DAYS

The newly formed Friends of Cherry Hill Parks are seeking authorization to conduct excluded B-I-N-G-O at the Taylors Falls Community Center on Friday, July 17, 2009, during Wannigan Days, using the Lion's Clubs' non-profit status tax ID#.

THE CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT AGENDA TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION FOR EXCLUDED BINGO ACTIVITY AT THE TAYLORS FALLS COMMUNITY CENTER BY THE TAYLORS FALLS LION'S CLUB, FOR THE FRIENDS OF TAYLORS FALLS PARKS TO HOLD BINGO ON JULY 17, 2009.

CONSIDER PAYMENT TO BRIAN HALL

The City Council awarded the bid for installation of the railings on the timber bridge and railings at the area immediately north of the bridge to Brian Hall, costs not to exceed \$2,800. Mr. Hall has completed $\frac{3}{4}$ of the project and with recent personal health issues the Economic Development Commission is requesting that the City Council authorize payment of $\frac{1}{2}$ of the project cost to Mr. Hall.

MOTION BY KINNUNEN/RIVARD TO AUTHORIZE THE IMMEDIATE PAYMENT OF \$1,010.00 TO BRIAN HALL FOR THE TIMBER BRIDGE RAILING PROJECT, FUNDS TO BE TAKEN FROM THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION OPERATING BUDGET (230). MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CONSIDER WANNIGAN DAYS KIDDIE PARADE REQUEST

In the past the Chamber of Commerce normally submitted the formal requests for the Wannigan Days events, however, since the St. Croix Falls Chamber and the Taylors Falls Chambers have combined such requests have been minimal. Kevin Schumann has volunteered to coordinate this year's Kiddie Parade and is requesting the closure of River and Pine Streets from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Friday, July 17th for the parade, which is scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m.

MOTION BY KINNUNEN/JULIK-HEINE TO AUTHORIZE THE CLOSURE OF RIVER AND PINE STREETS FROM 4:30 P.M. – 7:30 P.M. ON FRIDAY, JULY 17, 2009 FOR THE PURPOSE OF HOLDING A KIDDIE PARADE DURING THE WANNIGAN DAYS CELEBRATION. MOTION BY CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

LIAISON OR COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

John Tangen reported that both the HPC and Fire Department continue to seek grants.

Larry Julik-Heine reported that the PRC met and discussed the potential purchase of playground equipment for the "Pump House Park" on West Street, particularly for equipment to be used in the "TOT LOT". Julik-Heine also reported that volunteers have been continuing to work on the pavilion at Cherry Hill Park.

Zara Kinnunen reported that she met with Corporal Shane Carroll to discuss summer events, in particular the Almelund Threshing Show and parade that will be coming from St. Croix Falls and heading up Hwy 95 without the need to divert traffic, and the possible reduction of additional deputy hours.

Ross Rivard reported that the Co Rd 37 watermain has been buried and that the project will be completed by Friday of this week. Rivard also updated the council on the Steering Committee discussions between Xcel regarding the settlement agreement.

Mike Buchite reported that Steve Gall recently attended a Hwy 8 Task Force meeting and that possible funding for Hwy's 8 & 95 and Tern Avenue were discussed.

CORRESPONDENCE

THE CITY COUNCIL ACKNOWLEDGED BY CONSENT AGENDA THE FOLLOWING CORRESPONDENCE PROVIDED IN THE JUNE 22, 2009 CITY COUNCIL MEETING PACKET:

1. LMC CORRESPONDENCE STATE BUDGET DEFICIT AND UNALLOTMENT SPREADSHEET
2. ST CROIX SCENIC RIVERWAY JUNE EVENTS SCHEDULE
3. EAST CENTRAL REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
4. MN POLLUTION CONTROL AGENCY CORRESPONDENCE
5. SHAFER VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT. RELIEF ASSN. GAMING SPREADSHEET
6. BURNING RESTRICTION NOTIFICATION
7. STAFF CORRESPONDENCE & EMAIL'S

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY JULIK-HEINE/KINNUNEN TO ADJOURN THE MEETING OF THE TAYLORS FALLS CITY COUNCIL HELD ON JUNE 22, 2009. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Being no further business to come before the Council, the Meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Michael D. Buchite, Mayor

Jayna Yeske, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer

APPROVED: JULY 13, 2009