

MINUTES
TAYLORS FALLS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
City Hall, Council Chambers
Monday, February 8, 2021

The Agenda for this Meeting was posted Wednesday, February 3, 2021 at City Hall, the Post Office, and on the City's website. Copies were emailed to residents requesting such, and the Press was notified.

CALL TO ORDER

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Mike Buchite.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag was recited.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Mayor Mike Buchite, Larry Julik-Heine, Mary Murphy, Troy Aanonsen

Members Absent: Ross Rivard

Others Present: Clerk-Treasurer Elizabeth Nealley, Fire Chief Jacob Vodenka-Reed, Lynn Longnecker (Wannigan Days Committee), Sandra Berg (Wannigan Days Committee)

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion by Julik-Heine / Aanonsen to approve the Agenda as presented for the Monday, February 8, 2021 Taylors Falls City Council Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Murphy / Aanonsen to approve/accept the following Consent Agenda items: Minutes from previous meetings; Staff reports; Commission, Board, or Committee minutes/reports; Correspondence; as well as the following items:

Claims & payroll

The City Council approved by Consent Agenda payment of payroll check numbers 7939-7949 totaling \$11,967.27; as well as check numbers 31526-31572 and electronic check numbers 6302516-6302523 totaling \$94,365.81 for the previous month's expenditures.

Consider setting date for Board of Appeals and Equalization Public Hearing for 04/15/21

The Chisago County Assessor, John Keefe, requested that the meeting of the Board of Appeal and Equalization be set for April 15, 2021 at the Taylors Falls City Hall at 6:00 pm.

Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC FORUM

Lynn Longnecker of the Wannigan Days Committee wanted to give an update about Wannigan Days for 2021. He mentioned that the Drive In was sponsoring the band Rockin' Hollywoods. He also spoke about the car show and Parks and Rec bingo. The kiddie parade is to be held on Saturday night before the main parade. Discussion followed between Lynn, Sandra Berg, and the Council.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Consider Resolution 21-02-01 confirming Fire Department members and pay

The Council discussed the fire fighters and pay rates.

Motion by Murphy / Julik-Heine to approve Resolution 21-02-01 confirming the Fire Department members and pay for 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

Consider request from Fire Department to apply for grant: Walmart

The grant is for \$5,000.00 to update nozzles for the pumper.

Mayor Buchite asked that the four grants be voted as one motion.

Consider request from Fire Department to apply for grant: Oneok

The grant is for \$5,000.00 for confined space equipment.

Consider request from Fire Department to apply for grant: Xcel

The grant is for \$5,000.00 for a rescue tripod kit.

Consider request from Fire Department to apply for grant: Firehouse Subs

The grant is for \$25,000.00 for new updated extrication equipment.

Motion by Aanonsen / Julik-Heine to approve the request from the Fire Department to apply for grants from Walmart, Oneok, Xcel, and Firehouse Subs for \$5,000.00, \$5,000.00, \$5,000.00, and \$25,000.00 respectively. Motion carried unanimously.

Consider request from Public Works Department to have City Hall and Fire Hall roofs repaired

Council member Julik-Heine explained the request from Public Works Superintendent Mike Kriz to enter into a two-year contract with Schwickert's to repair the ongoing Fire Hall leak and to inspect and maintain the roof at City Hall. Discussion followed.

Motion by Julik-Heine / Aanonsen to approve the request from Public Works to have the City Hall and Fire Hall roofs inspected and repaired under a two-year plan with Schwickert's at a cost of \$1,650.00, with the condition that the contract be approved by the City Attorney. Motion carried unanimously.

LIAISON OR COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Council Member Larry Julik-Heine

- said that the Park and Recreation Commission was talking about a pollination garden at Heritage Park, but that they must check the conditions.
- mentioned that there was a lift station problem over the weekend that Public Works handled.

Council Member Mary Murphy

- said she was working with Shafer Township to get the contract signed.
- met with Lakes Area Police Department and is continuing to gather information.

Council Member Troy Aanonsen

- said he would be meeting with the Fire Chief.

Mayor Mike Buchite

- said that he had met with Eric at the Chisago Lakes School District to discuss broadband.
- spoke about the Planning Commission having a Public Hearing for solar panels on Heberg Road.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Julik-Heine / Murphy to adjourn the meeting of the Taylors Falls City Council held this Monday, February 8, 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

Being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:36 pm.

Michael D. Buchite, Mayor

Elizabeth Nealley, Clerk-Treasurer

Ross Rivard, Vice-Mayor

APPROVED

Monday, June 14, 2021