

**TAYLORS FALLS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MONDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2009 – 7:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

The Agenda for this Meeting was posted Wednesday, October 7, 2009 at City Hall, the Post Office, and on the City's website. 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, October 12, 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, Larry Julik-Heine, Zara Kinnunen

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Jayna Yeske, Public Works Superintendent Mike Kriz, Senator Rick Olseen, and Eric Vargo from the Chisago County Press.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION BY KINNUNEN/JULIK-HEINE TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED FOR THE OCTOBER 12, 2009 TAYLORS FALLS CITY COUNCIL MEETING. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda was amended to include under New Business: **Consider Dedication of Heritage Park Sign.**

MOTION BY TANGEN/RIVARD TO APPROVE/ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING AMENDED CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS: MINUTES OF PREVIOUS CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS; STAFF REPORTS; COMMISSION, BOARD OR COMMITTEE MINUTES/REPORTS; CONSIDER PAYMENT TO FLEXIBLE PIPE TOOL COMPANY FOR EMERGENCY SEWER ROD; CONSIDER DEDICATION OF HERITAGE PARK SIGN; APPROVAL OF CLAIMS AND PAYROLL; CORRESPONDENCE. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETINGS

THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVED BY CONSENT AGENDA THE MINUTES OF THE TAYLORS FALLS CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS HELD ON SEPTEMBER 14 AND SEPTEMBER 28, 2009.

COMMISSION, BOARD OR COMMITTEE MINUTES/REPORTS

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

THE CITY COUNCIL ACCEPTED BY CONSENT AGENDA THE MINUTES OF THE TAYLORS FALLS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 20, 2009.

HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION

THE CITY COUNCIL ACCEPTED BY CONSENT AGENDA THE MINUTES OF THE HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 11, 2009.

LIBRARY BOARD

THE CITY COUNCIL ACCEPTED BY CONSENT AGENDA THE MINUTES OF THE TAYLORS FALLS LIBRARY BOARD HELD ON AUGUST 26 AND SEPTEMBER 30, 2009.

STEERING COMMITTEE

THE CITY COUNCIL ACCEPTED BY CONSENT AGENDA THE MINUTES OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 14, 2009.

PUBLIC FORUM

Senator Rick Olseen gave an overview of the unallotments throughout MN stating that budget projections will not be getting better for 2010 but that the state is trying to move forward despite hardship. With the deficit being \$6.5 billion the House, Senate and Governor's office are seeing budget cuts as well as counties and cities.

Olseen applauded Mayor Buchite on his leadership of the underground transmission line project.

Mayor Buchite questioned how other cities look as far as levy and property tax increases.

Olseen responded stating that some counties and cities are budgeting as if LGA is going away therefore no longer depending on those monies as revenue. Olseen also state that there are ten (10) cities in Chisago County in which they are all seeing cuts and layoffs.

Tangen thanked Senator Olseen for his work on the watershed restoration pilot project proposed for Lent Township by LS Power.

Wisconsin and Minnesota, together with many other local and federal agencies, have committed to work together to create and implement a management plan to protect and improve the water resources in the St. Croix River Basin which include the Sunrise River and St. Croix River. The project will develop renewable, re-cycled water and fossil resources to produce steam and co-generate electricity. The electrical output is proposed to serve the needs of Minnesota, Wisconsin, and the Upper Midwest.

STAFF REPORTS & REQUESTS

ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT

THE CITY COUNCIL ACCEPTED BY CONSENT AGENDA DEPUTY CLERK-TREASURER JAYNA YESKE'S DEER HERD MANAGEMENT REPORT.

ZONING & PLANNING DEPARTMENT

THE CITY COUNCIL ACCEPTED BY CONSENT AGENDA THE SEPTEMBER 2009 ZONING REPORT PRESENTED BY ZONING ADMINISTRATOR-COORDINATOR LARRY PHILLIPS.

CHISAGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

THE CITY COUNCIL ACCEPTED BY CONSENT AGENDA CORPORAL SHANE CARROLL'S SEPTEMBER 2009 CHISAGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT REPORT.

CITY ATTORNEY

THE CITY COUNCIL ACCEPTED BY CONSENT AGENDA THE SEPTEMBER BILLING STATEMENT FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE OF KELLY AND LEMMONS, P.A.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

CONSIDER PURCHASE OF IMPELLERS FOR LIFT STATION #2

Lift Station #2 has had multiple call-outs because of pump failure. The impellers are so worn and chipped that they clog and are throwing the impellers off balance causing them to vibrate and wobble. It is becoming necessary to pull the pumps daily for cleaning to prevent middle of the night call-outs.

In addition to the quote from WW Goetsch Associates, Inc. (\$4,608.45), quotes were received from Aqua Logic Inc. (\$5,059.46) and Dakota Pump Incorporated (\$4,222.63). While the quote from Dakota Pump Incorporated came in lower than WW Goetsch Associates, Inc., it was recommended to pay the additional emergency fee for rush shipment and receive the new impellers in 7-10 days versus 4-6 weeks.

MOTION BY JULIK-HEINE/RIVARD TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF ONE CLOCKWISE IMPELLER AND ONE COUNTER CLOCKWISE IMPELLER, CASING GASKETS AND BOLT AND WASHER SETS FROM WW GOETSCH ASSOCIATES, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,608.45, WHICH INCLUDES FREIGHT AND TAX, TO BE PAID FROM THE SEWER OPERATING SUPPLIES BUDGET (602-49450-210). MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CONSIDER PAYMENT TO FLEXIBLE PIPE TOOL COMPANY FOR EMERGENCY SEWER ROD

The Public Works Department was rodding sewers at West and Ravine Streets when the rod broke. A camera was placed in the sewer prior to retrieving the rod to view the damages at which time a manhole was identified. This manhole was not documented on any of the current maps as it was an unknown manhole. It has since been added to the maps.

THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVED BY CONSENT AGENDA PAYMENT OF \$3,274.38 TO FLEXIBLE PIPE TOOL COMPANY FOR 700' OF REPLACEMENT SEWER ROD, TO BE PAID FROM THE SEWER OPERATING SUPPLIES BUDGET (602-49450-210).

Public Works Superintendent Mike Kriz informed the Council of his interest in picking up a used trailer mounted sewer jet to demo with the option of buying. The unit was a trade-in at Flexible Pipe Tool Company out of St. Joseph MN with an estimated quote of \$10,687.50 (a new unit would be more than \$50,000.00). If the jetter meets their needs they will come before the Council for authorization to purchase the jetter.

CONSIDER DEDICATION OF HERITAGE PARK SIGN

The Park and Recreation Commission will be hosting a sign dedication at the Heritage Park (Overlook) on Saturday, October 17th at 1:00 p.m. The sign was created by Mark Stelmack, a 2nd grader at Taylors Falls Elementary School with the design including a sketch of an eagle, fish and the St. Croix River. Because the PRC posted the notice as a City sponsored event, the Council is required to authorize the dedication.

THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVED BY CONSENT AGENDA THE INVITATION FROM THE CITY OF TAYLORS FALLS AND THE TAYLORS FALLS PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION TO ATTEND THE DEDICATION OF THE NEW HERITAGE PARK (OVERLOOK) SIGN, TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1:00 P.M.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS & PAYROLL

THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVED BY CONSENT AGENDA THE PAYMENT OF 28,905.27 FOR CLAIMS AND CHECK NUMBERS 5563 - 5576 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$12,975.78 FOR SEPTEMBER PAYROLL.

LIAISON OR COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Larry Julik-Heine reported the PRC has continued with the planting of vegetation at Cherry Hill Park and that a special meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, October 26th to further discuss the Tot Lot on West Street.

John Tangen reported that the HPC continues to pursue sites to designate that they are currently considering a commercial property on Bench Street.

Mike Buchite reported that Terracon Consultants, Inc. will be completing five (5) soil boring tests at the MNDot property at 680 Chisago Street.

Ross Rivard reported that County Street Projects should be completed by the end of the month.

Zara Kinnunen reported that the EDC will be holding a special meeting on October 20th at 10:00 a.m.

CORRESPONDENCE

THE CITY COUNCIL ACKNOWLEDGED THE CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED IN THE OCTOBER 12, 2009 COUNCIL PACKET:

1. EMPLOYEE LEAVE REQUEST OF DEPUTY CLERK-TREASURER JAYNA YESKE
2. CITIZEN COMPLAINT FORM
3. 2009 LIGHTING FESTIVAL MINUTES
4. STAFF CORRESPONDENCE & EMAIL'S

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY JULIK-HEINE/KINNUNEN TO ADJOURN THE MEETING OF THE OCTOBER 12, 2009 TAYLORS FALLS CITY COUNCIL. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Being no further business to come before the Council, the Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Michael D. Buchite, Mayor

Jayna Yeske, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer

APPROVED: NOVEMBER 9, 2009