

**TAYLORS FALLS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2009 - 7:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

The Agenda for this Meeting was posted Wednesday, September 23, 2009 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.

The Taylors Falls City Council met for a regular meeting on Monday, September 28, 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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Zara Kinnunen

OTHERS PRESENT: Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Jayna Yeske, Zoning Administrator-Coordinator Larry Phillips, Chisago County Commissioner Rick Greene and Eric Vargo from the Chisago County Press.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION BY TANGEN/JULIK-HEINE TO APPROVE THE AGENDA, AS PRESENTED, FOR THE SEPTEMBER 28, 2009 COUNCIL MEETING. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION BY RIVARD/JULIK-HEINE TO APPROVE/ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS: CONSIDER LION'S REQUEST FOR FUND RAISER; CONSIDER LION'S AND TF LIGHTING FESTIVAL COMMITTEE'S REQUEST FOR EXCLUDED BINGO; CORRESPONDENCE. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

PUBLIC FORUM

Chisago County Commissioner Rick Greene explained to the Council that the bids were opened and awarded to Knife River Construction for the reconditioning projects on CSAH 20 and CSAH 37 at \$68,000 under the engineers estimate and CSAH Road 20 and CSAH 71 at \$34,000 under the engineers estimate.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

CONSIDER TEXT AMENDMENT TO THE TAYLORS FALLS DEVELOPMENT CODE

Zoning Administrator-Coordinator Larry Phillips gave a brief summary of his staff memo explaining that Tom and Beth Banttari, owners of Lakes Area Manufacturing (736 Chisago Street), have indicated interest in constructing an addition to their building. This Industrial use is a legal non-conforming use in the St. Croix River II Zoning District. Expansion of this legal non-conforming use is currently prohibited, even though the property has been used for industrial uses for several decades. MN Rule 6105.0307, Subp. 8 allows non-conforming uses that were

allowed prior to May 1, 1974 to expand through a Conditional Use Permit. This property was zoned Industrial in 1973 (by the City), and therefore permitted prior to May 1, 1974.

The proposed text amendment applies to the St. Croix River II Zoning District and not the St. Croix River I Zoning District. Through the Planning Commission's review of the proposed amendment, additional uses (other than industrial uses) were added. With frontage on County Road 16, these additional uses could be appropriate. All of these uses would require review by the City during the conditional use permit and site plan review process

The Planning Commission held a public hearing on September 21, 2009 and are recommending approval of the text amendment by City Council.

MOTION BY JULIK-HEINE/TANGEN TO APPROVE THE TEXT AMENDMENT TO THE TAYLORS FALLS DEVELOPMENT CODE AS RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO ALLOW SELECT USES IN THE ST. CROIX RIVER II DISTRICT THAT WERE ALLOWED BY THE CITY PRIOR TO MAY 1, 1974, BUT NO LONGER ALLOWED UNDER CURRENT WILD AND SCENIC RIVER STANDARDS, BASED ON THE FOLLOWING FINDINGS OF FACT:

1. THERE ARE SUITABLE AREAS WITHIN THE ST. CROIX RIVER II ZONING DISTRICT FOR THE PROPOSED USES.
2. THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN STATES INDUSTRIAL/EMPLOYMENT SHOULD BE ALLOWED IN THE SMALL TOWN ZONE WITH CONDITIONS.
3. FUTURE APPLICATIONS FOR ANY OF THE PROPOSED USES WILL BE REVIEWED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND CITY COUNCIL FOR COMPATIBILITY WITH SURROUNDING LAND USE AND OTHER LAND USE FACTORS.
4. THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES WILL RECEIVE APPLICATIONS FOR ANY OF THE PROPOSED USES AND WILL BE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON SUCH APPLICATION.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CONSIDER AUTHORIZING LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING FOR LAND SWAP WITH INTERSTATE PARK

During the State Park Street Vacation project, it was discovered that the City is record owner of Lots 1, 2 & 4, Block 114, which is within the State Park. The land is +/-28,800 s.f., or just over a ½ acre. The idea of swapping the City owned land with park land adjacent to the Memorial Community Center for future expansion of the parking lot was proposed to Park Manager Ron Erickson. Mr. Erickson and Zoning Administrator-Coordinator Phillips conducted a site inspection of the City owned property on July 29, 2009. The property is wooded with no noticeable difference between the City and State land. Mr. Erickson requested a letter from the City to formally initiate exploring a land swap.

MOTION BY JULIK-HEINE/RIVARD TO AUTHORIZE THE ATTACHED LETTER BE SENT TO PARK MANAGER RON ERICKSON TO INITIATE EXPORTING A LAND SWAP WITH INTERSTATE STATE PARK. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. (copy attached)

CONSIDER EXPENSES FOR THE MEMORIAL COMMUNITY CENTER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Council Member Ross Rivard updated the Council on certain items that should be completed at the Community Center. Items discussed were finishing the public bathroom and other miscellaneous carpentry. The completion of those two items would greatly enhance the appearance of the building. It was decided that the heating duct work and sheet rocking was not a priority at this time. In addition to the proposals submitted there are additional expenses to complete the bathroom of \$200.00 for mudding and taping and \$100.00 for painting the floor.

MOTION BY JULIK-HEINE/RIVARD TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN THE LOWER LEVEL OF THE TAYLORS FALLS MEMORIAL COMMUNITY CENTER:

COMPLETION OF THE 3RD BATHROOM INCLUDING PLUMBING, CARPENTRY MATERIALS AND LABOR AT A COST OF \$3,141.39, MISCELLANEOUS CARPENTRY AND LABOR FOR TWO BATHROOMS, STAIRS (FLOOR BOARD TRIM AND TRIM FRAME AROUND ENTRANCE) AND BUILD STAIRS TO STORAGE ROOM AND PLATFORM FOR FURNACE AT A COST OF \$845.00, AND FOR AN ADDITIONAL \$150.00 FOR SHIPPING AND TAX ON LANDSCAPING MATERIALS FOR THE COMMUNITY CENTER TO BE PAID FROM THE APPROPRIATE FUND AS COUNCIL DEEMS AT THE END OF THIS YEAR. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

*(*Itemized by Deputy Clerk after minutes were approved).*

*Greg Gautsch - \$1,220.00 for additional carpentry labor and \$1,000 for materials to complete the restroom; \$175.00 to install grab bars & caulk toilets;\$470.00 to finish trim, stairs and doorway; \$200.00 to complete the steps for upper level and platform for furnace (\$845.00).
Waterworks Plumbing, Inc. - \$621.39 to complete the plumbing.*

CONSIDER TRAINING REQUEST FOR ZONING ADMINISTRATOR-COORDINATOR

Zoning Administrator-Coordinator Larry Phillips is requesting authorization to attend a two-day grant writing and resource development workshop put on by Zocklein & Associates on October 28 and 29, 2009. The training would better enable Phillips to draft grant packages to obtain money for infrastructure (roads, sidewalks, trails, sewer and water) and other departments (Public Works, Fire Department) and possibly Economic Development, and the Park and Recreation Commission.

Mayor Buchite thought that this would be a good idea because it would be a paid staff person submitting grants. Rivard added that education is the way to go and that we need every dime.

MOTION BY JULIK-HEINE/TANGEN TO AUTHORIZE ZONING ADMINISTRATOR-COORDINATOR LARRY PHILLIPS TO ATTEND THE GRANT WRITING AND RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP PUT ON BY ZOCKLEIN AND ASSOCIATES, AT A COST OF \$375.00, WITH \$345.12 TO BE PAID FROM THE PLANNING AND ZONING TRAINING BUDGET (41910-208) AND THE REMAINING \$29.88 BALANCE TO BE DETERMINED WHEN THE TREASURER RETURNS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CONSIDER LION'S REQUEST FOR FUND RAISER

THE CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT AGENDA THE REQUEST BY THE TAYLORS FALLS LION'S CLUB (AFTER THE FACT) TO USE THE MARMON PARKWAY (BENCH STREET PARKING LOT) IN ORDER TO HAVE THEIR ANNUAL PIE AND SOUP FUND RAISER ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2009, FROM 10:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.

CONSIDER LION'S AND TF LIGHTING FESTIVAL COMMITTEE'S REQUEST FOR EXCLUDED BINGO

THE CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT AGENDA THE REQUEST FROM THE TAYLORS FALLS LION'S CLUB TO CONDUCT EXCLUDED BINGO AT THE TAYLORS FALLS MEMORIAL COMMUNITY CENTER ON NOVEMBER 20, 2009.

THE CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT AGENDA THE REQUEST FROM THE TF LIGHTING FESTIVAL COMMITTEE, USING THE LION'S CLUB NON-PROFIT PERMIT, TO CONDUCT EXCLUDED BINGO AT THE TAYLORS FALLS MEMORIAL COMMUNITY CENTER ON NOVEMBER 28, 2009.

LIAISON OR COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Larry Julik-Heine reported there has been no real progress at Cherry Hill Park but that it has been cleaned up and the PRC will continue planting the trees. Also, they have scheduled a special meeting to discuss positive developments involving progress of the Tot Lot.

John Tangen reported that Chisago County is conducting a study to upgrade the current VHS radio system that currently exists and that there have been 27 permits issued for the city-wide Deer Management Hunt.

Ross Rivard reported that he and Julik-Heine met with Public Works Superintendent Mike Kriz and discussed the to-do list and what should be completed yet this year.

Mike Buchite reported the Ross, Larry Phillips and himself will be meeting with MnDOT to discuss the condition of the soil of the MnDOT property on Chisago Street.

CORRESPONDENCE

THE CITY COUNCIL ACKNOWLEDGED BY CONSENT AGENDA THE FOLLOWING CORRESPONDENCE PROVIDED IN THE SEPTEMBER 28, 2009 CITY COUNCIL MEETING PACKET:

1. EMPLOYEE LEAVE REQUEST OF PUBLIC WORKS MAINTENANCE WORKER BILL NESKA
2. THANK YOU FROM J.P. COOKE (ANIMAL LICENSES)
3. CHISAGO COUNTY PRECONSTRUCTION MEETING NOTICE
4. CHISAGO COUNTY VHS RADIO SYSTEM UPGRADE INFORMATION
5. CHISAGO LAKES AREA RECREATION ASSOCIATION CHARITABLE GAMBLING WORKSHEET
6. HENNEPIN TECHNICAL COLLEGE DISASTER RESPONSE TRAINING COMPLETION NOTIFICATION
7. XCEL ENERGY STREET LIGHT SERVICES QUESTIONNAIRE
8. STAFF CORRESPONDENCE & EMAIL'S

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY JULIK-HEINE/RIVARD TO ADJOURN THE MEETING OF THE TAYLORS FALLS CITY COUNCIL HELD ON SEPTEMBER 28, 2009. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Being no further business to come before the Council, the Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Michael D. Buchite, Mayor

Jayna Yeske, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer

APPROVED: OCTOBER 12, 2009