



TAYLOR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

October 5, 2011 - 7 pm
Taylor Town Hall
425 Paper Mill Road
Taylor, Arizona

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Mayor Fay Hatch at 7:00. Mayor Hatch welcomed those in attendance.

ROLL CALL: Council present: Mayor Fay Hatch, Vice Mayor Jane Lee, Councilman Mark Reed, Councilman Gary Solomon, Councilman Shawn Palmer, Councilman Jared Hatch and Councilman Alan Ramage

Council absent: None

Staff present: Manager Eric Duthie, Finance Director Gus Lundberg, Public Works Director Ron Solomon, Clerk Kelly Jones

Attorney: Sterling Solomon present

Visitors: "See List"

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Mayor Fay Hatch

INVOCATION: Offered Councilman Gary Solomon

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approve minutes of the September 5, 2011 Town Council meeting
- B. Approve minutes of the September 22, 2011 Town Council retreat

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Jane Lee, seconded by Councilman Gary Solomon

To approve the consent agenda

The vote was unanimous (7-0)

ACTION ITEMS

1. **Discussion/Action: Special Days/Special Events Committee recommendation of a new Chair of the Rodeo Committee.**
SD/SE Committee Chair Vance Muder

Special Days/Special Events Chairman Vance Muder said that before resigning Eddie Hancock served 40 years with the Taylor Rodeo Committee and it will be hard to replace him. Vance has visited with Ray Hancock about filling this vacancy and Ray has agreed to accept this offer. Vance said Ray has been involved and will do a good job.

A motion was made by Mayor Fay Hatch, second by Councilman Mark Reed

To appoint Ray Hancock to fill the position of the new Chairman for the Rodeo Committee

The vote was unanimous (7-0)

2. **Discussion/Action: Update concerning Freeman Hollow Road project.**
Public Works Director Solomon

Public Works Director Ron Solomon reported that we have been successful at securing easements for roadway purposes for the Freeman Hollow Road project. The roadway has been straightened out by Navajo County and the proposal to chip seal has been postponed until spring.

**3. Discussion/Action: Approve/Deny bid award for On-Call pothole maintenance.
Public Works Director Solomon**

Ron said the bid for pothole maintenance was advertised but no bids were received for the bid opening. The town did receive a late proposal and Ron said all legal requirements were met and we can negotiate and pursue this proposal.

**4. Discussion/Action: Request from resident for reconsideration of Resolution R2005-24, establishing dates for the use of Quimby Parkway (Rodeo Park access from Paper Mill Road).
Mr. Roger Willis**

Roger Willis addressed the Council stating he needs understanding in why Quimby Parkway Road needs to be closed. He said it is very convenient for some to have this road open. Mr. Willis said he has support from other residents regarding this matter.

Attorney Sterling Solomon said the Council's reasoning behind the road closure was due to complaints about dust and vehicles traveling at high speeds in that area. This was on the agenda several times and the Council at that time finally took action.

Elmer Magee had a petition against a road going through the rodeo grounds that was signed in 1980. He said the resolution passed in 2005 stated the road will be open from April 15 to September 15 only.

Mayor Fay Hatch noted that the last line of the resolution that was passed in 2005 establishing when the road will be closed states that the restrictions will be lifted when the road is improved. He asked Mr. Magee what improvements it would take and Mr. Magee answered when the road is paved. He went on to say there are other problems including use from 4 wheelers and motor cycles in that area. He said health problems should be taken into consideration.

Councilman Gary Solomon asked when the last time was any road improvements were done. Mr. Magee said millings were put in up to the gate in the last few years.

Councilman Shawn Palmer said that as far as closing the road completely he would rather see road improvements which should not be too costly. When the southeast entrance is used it is hard to get equipment in and people use this road for entrance to their homes. Sterling said there is an easement there that belongs to the LDS Church.

Councilman Mark Reed said he would like to see what improvements would cost, requirements and what we would need to do to meet conditions.

Public Works Director Ron Solomon stated this is not a public road it is an alternative access to the park. He said improvements can be made following the proper process. He added that there may be some millings available this spring.

Eric said in order to do improvements we would need to meet with the Rodeo Committee and have a participation alliance on where the millings would be placed.

Councilman Gary Solomon said he would like to leave the road as is and look at costs of continual improvements.

Mr. Willis said the road is there for the benefit of the city. On rodeo and event nights there is always lots of traffic but the dust problems do not come from the traffic but from the events. He would like to see something done and can get an easement from the LDS Church if he needs to do so. During events when there is lots of traffic he can be landlocked.

After Council discussion it was determined to leave the gate as is and to look at costs to improve the road. Sterling will look at legal requirements and if we can make the improvements. Staff will report their findings to the Council.

5. Discussion/Action: White Mountain Conservatives presentation concerning the origins of sustainable development and the impact on local communities.

Mr. Sam Upshaw

Mr. Sam Upshaw representative of the White Mountain Conservatives was present to address the Council. He said they are an organization who educates citizens about the principles of government in the United States. Mr. Upshaw said the Conservatives claim the Agenda 21 Action Plan has been translated into a sustainable America. His feelings are that through this plan the government offers sustainable programs but they work with and report to the United Nations (UN). He commented on the Northeastern Sustainable Consortium which the Town of Taylor is a participant.

In 2010 the Economic Development for Apache County (EDAC) pursued a sustainable grant opportunity through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in the amount of \$820,000. These funds were to help promote economic development in Apache and Navajo Counties and three Tribal Nations. By going to local governments in the region who passed the proposal the grant was awarded. Mr. Upshaw said that the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEC) was created to implement the UN's Agenda 21 plan and is working with HUD on this grant. Mr. Upshaw said his feelings are that if Apache and Navajo Counties want to implement this program they will support the United Nations. He said this money is not local and it will affect Taylor by expediting changes in local zoning and land use because this is what they feel is coming with sustainable government.

Mr. Upshaw said that Navajo County, Show Low, Pinetop-Lakeside and Springerville have all withdrawn their support. He asked if it is it wise to invite the federal government to become involved with every aspect of our lives.

Eric explained that the over a year ago the Taylor Town Council submitted a letter of support for the application of the grant. After the grant was awarded Taylor did not sign a Memorandum of Understanding for participation. Eric noted that we cannot formally withdraw from something we have not formally entered. He also told the Council that before taking any action, it would be prudent to hear the other side of the story.

Councilman Shawn Palmer thanked Mr. Upshaw for sharing this information with others who need know about it. He said we need to take a serious look at this.

Councilman Jared Hatch thanked Mr. Upshaw for the great information.

Councilman Gary Solomon said they have destroyed subdivisions land values. He feels we need to draft a letter to withdraw from the Coalition.

Mayor Hatch again asked about the level of activity from the Town with the coalition. Eric again responded that the Town has had no active involvement with the group for several months and none is anticipated.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Fire Chief/EMS Director Clint Burden informed the Council that the week of October 9 – 15 is Fire Prevention Week. This week was established as an incentive to educate fire prevention. He said during the week members of the Fire Department visit the elementary and intermediate schools and provide presentations. They will have an Open House on Wednesday the 12th from 6 to 8 pm.

Elmer Magee said in July he came to the Council and understood they had a deal that the town would purchase the posts for his fence. Councilman Gary Solomon responded that he, personally, offered to meet with Elmer, which he did. There was no agreement for the town to purchase anything. Elmer continued that he was to have been contacted by the Town Manager, but had not been. Most of the Council commented that that was not their intent, since Councilman Solomon offered to talk with Elmer about it.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Council may direct staff to include items on future agendas for discussion/action.

- *Business License and Temporary Use Permits;*
- *“BB gun” ordinance development;*

Councilman Jared Hatch said the business license issue was discussed a year or two ago. He feels we now need to look at what the requirements are.

Councilman Shawn Palmer said the BB gun issue needs careful consideration and lots of investigation. Council did not request this be added to the next agenda. The Council will let the Mayor know if they wish to add it, at some time in the future.

Shawn said the call to public was still at end of the agenda and asked Eric why it had not been changed. Sterling reminded the Council that the Mayor determines the Call to the Public. The Mayor directed that Call to the Public be moved to the beginning of the next meeting agenda.

ADJOURNMENT:

**A motion was made Councilman Alan Ramage, seconded by Councilman Shawn Palmer
To adjourn the meeting
The vote was unanimous (7-0) 8:35**

Certification of Minutes: I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the Taylor Town Council meeting held on the 5th day of October, 2011. I further certify that the meeting was duly called to order and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 6th day of October, 2011

Kelly Jones
Town Clerk
Town of Taylor