



## TAYLOR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

November 2, 2011 - 7 pm

Taylor Town Hall

425 Paper Mill Road

Taylor, Arizona



**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Fay Hatch called the meeting to order at 7:00 welcoming the visitors.

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

**Council absent:** Councilman Mark Reed

**Staff present:** Manager Eric Duthie, Finance Director Gus Lundberg, Building Official Jeff Johnson, Police Chief Jerry VanWinkle and Clerk Kelly Jones

**Attorney:** Sterling Solomon present

**Visitors present:** "See List"

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Led by Councilman Jared Hatch

**INVOCATION:** Offered by Mayor Fay Hatch

### CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Richard Potyka addressed the Council stating that he and his wife Gayle live in Harvest Valley. He expressed concern about the condition of the road from Hwy 77 into Harvest Valley. With winter coming it will only get worse. His understanding when they purchased their home was that the Town of Taylor would maintain this road. Manager Eric Duthie told Mr. Potyka there is no agreement and he will discuss this with him after the meeting tonight.

### CONSENT AGENDA

#### A. Approve minutes of the October 5, 2011 Town Council meeting

**A motion was made by Mayor Fay Hatch, seconded by Vice Mayor Jane Lee**

**To accept the consent agenda**

**The vote was unanimous (6-0)**

### ACTION ITEMS

#### 1. Discussion/Action: Navajo County present's budget and forest issues.

**David Tenney and J.R. DeSpain, Supervisors, Navajo County**

Navajo County District 4 Supervisor David Tenney addressed the Council introducing County representatives in attendance, JR Despain District 3 Supervisor, Sheriff KC Clark, Assessor Cammy Darris, Recorder Laurie Justman, Attorney Brad Carlyon and Assistant Manager Dusty Parsons.

#### Budget:

Dusty Parsons explained the counties organizational structure and reviewed their revenue streams; Real and Personal Property Taxes, Tax Interest and Penalties, State Shared Sales Tax, County Sales Tax, Vehicle License Tax, PILT, other Federal, State and Intergovernmental Revenues, Tax Collection and Assessment fees. Navajo County has the second lowest primary property tax rate in the State of Arizona. Mr. Parsons said that revenues and expenses in Navajo County like all counties

have decreased due to the impact of what the State decides to take. Their figures include special school districts, fire improvement districts and other revenue that comes into the county but is not their money. There have seen big increases in ALTCS and GIS maintenance.

Mr. Parsons briefly reviewed the State budget stating that their final budget included \$94 million in county impacts which include; Delayed prisoner shift until July 1, 2012, they exempted ten counties from the MVD shift and expanded the county contributions to the five largest counties.

Month to month Highway User Fund comparisons are down which will impact road maintenance, improvements and procurement of capital equipment.

The Federal Bureau of Prisons Contract ended on August 31, 2011. Revenues from this contract are approximately \$2 million annually and 34 jobs are tied to the revenue. Navajo County is running 300 prisoners per day. Mr. Parsons said that for every dollar that comes into the county their portion is .07 cents which is very small.

### **Forest Issues:**

David Tenney gave an update on the 4FRI the county has been working on. This is an effort to restore forest ecosystems on portions of the four National Forests from the Grand Canyon to New Mexico. The project is getting close and the bid has been narrowed down. The ten year contract is scheduled to be awarded the end of November and will create approximately 200 jobs and produce \$170 million per year allowing the opening of an OSB plant in Winslow. The project will treat and thin the forests to reduce from 300 trees per acre to 60 trees per acre which will help prevent forest wildfires such as the Rodeo-Chedeski and Wallow fires. More fires are expected if this is not done. This is a very important project and is number one with the county for economic development. Mr. Tenney said they are committed to see it through.

Councilman Shawn Palmer stated it is good that Mr. Tenney has been able to make headway on this project adding that the health of forests is important. The needs of this project will affect other businesses and will create a large impact. Mr. Tenney said OSB is a proven market since there is not another facility in the southwest.

Cammy Darris reported that the county has been working with cities trying to get addresses for the county website. They are hoping to have them all there within a year. She said they appreciate the working relationship they have with Eric Duthie and Jeff Johnson.

## **2. Discussion/Action: Temporary Use Permits and Business Licensing. Council Member Hatch**

Councilman Jared Hatch reported that the business license issue was brought before a previous town council but nothing happened. In the last month or so he has been approached by individuals concerned about having to pay \$50 for a Temporary Use Permit (TUP) to sell sweet corn. He said with a business license they would only have to pay \$5 or \$10. He feels we need to make things simple for residents.

Code Enforcement Officer Jeff John gave a review of what the code says.

A Temporary Use Permit covers a wide range of things and when someone comes in they are required to complete a form which includes the property owner's permission to use their property for the sale which increases their liability. Jeff goes out and sees what is parked on property and makes sure they don't block traffic and that signs do not block the view so there are safety reasons for having a TUP. The code states they cost \$50 and are easy to get with the property owners permission. He has had a few that the property owner did not know they were doing this on their property. The code breaks this down into three categories, peddlers who go door to door, solicitors who go door to door and take orders and transient merchants. The TUP is harder for transient merchants to get since the code requires a back ground check. An out of state business is required to provide a \$500 bond. Councilman Gary Solomon asked how long the Town of Taylor has been issuing TUP's and how much money they bring into the town. Finance Director Gus Lundberg stated that the town gets less than two thousand dollars a year. Councilman Shawn Palmer said that whatever we do we need to treat everyone uniformly in each category. There are lots of different services that are great, how much do the fees impact the Town of Taylor? The property owners could handle it if they are selling in the wrong place. There may be a need for something for those going through town. A carnival will get people out and spending money in other places and we don't want to discourage this type of thing. Councilman Gary Solomon asked if we are finding everyone that sells wood or are we just hitting a few. Jeff reported that with the TUP process they have to come in so he knows who they are and can keep track of them. He added that a TUP lasts for three months and covers the sale of something not association with a business. Eric noted that the intent of the TUP is to get a handle to protect local business and not overlook those that may cut into them. We can't get everyone but Jeff does respond to those we get complaints on. We do the best we can for a one man department. Eric went on to say that the TUP procedures are listed in Ordinance #48 and were established in 1998. Vice Mayor Jane Lee said a \$5 or \$10 business license fee would be much less money and more of a positive. Councilman Shawn Palmer said he would rather see a \$10 fee so the town would know what is going on. These vendors are ambitious and we don't want to see people penalized. Councilman Jared Hatch noted that if we have a business license it can be listed on the website and the benefits protect citizens and help us know who we are dealing with. People can check to see if businesses are legitimate. Attorney Sterling Solomon said we have to make sure it applies to everyone evenly and the Council can make changes they feel are necessary. Changes to the code are a lengthy process to follow. Mayor Fay Hatch asked if it is not a financial benefit what is the benefit for the town? Are we protecting people or just causing a lot of headache. Councilman Ramage said we want to make it fair and to make it town known.

Jeff addressed the sales of firewood at Bashas' parking lot. He reported that sellers are required to have the property owner's permission and Bashas' allows only one to sell on their property. If we have a business license in place he could educate people with the proper information upfront before they open a business instead of having to address them later. Councilman Gary Solomon said unless we can generate more than two thousand dollars he does not see the benefit to the town but some good points have been made. Mayor Fay Hatch said any fees charged to businesses are passed on to the customers. Councilman Gary Solomon suggested having a registration for legitimate businesses. Councilman Jared Hatch noted that there are pros and cons but if everyone had a business license it would be easier for Jeff to enforce. Businesses are here to make money but they could afford a \$10 fee. Councilman Shawn Palmer said there are variations to this whole situation and we could have

everyone fit under the same blanket. Councilman Jared Hatch added that the Council could amend the code for what is needed today. Councilman Shawn Palmer suggested the Council think about this and put it on a future agenda. Vice Mayor Jane Lee said what we have is not bad but maybe the fees need to be looked at.

Bobbie Sue Solomon addressed the Council stating that people are trying hard to earn a living, which ones will be eliminated? It needs to be a fair deal. Vice Mayor Jane Lee said that is exactly what the Council is trying to eliminate. The Council directed staff move forward and look into this further and plan for discussion in January or February with proposals from the Council. Councilman Hatch will write a recommendation.

### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

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

Councilman Palmer would like to have the following on a future agenda;

- 1) street maintenance plan
- 2) Road stripping
- 3) Intersection visibility
- 4) Street sweeper
- 5) Alternative road routes
- 6) Added money to go toward fireworks for Arizona's 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday
- 7) Discussion of encouraging business participation in Taylor parades

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

**A motion was made by Vice Mayor Jane Lee, seconded by Councilman Jared Hatch  
To adjourn the meeting  
The motion carried (8:42)**

*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 2<sup>nd</sup> day of November, 2011. I further certify that the meeting was duly called to order and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of November, 2011

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Kelly Jones  
Taylor Town Clerk