



## TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

April 7, 2011 6 pm

Town Hall

425 Paper Mill Road, Taylor, AZ 85939



**CALL TO ORDER:** By Mayor Debbie Tuckfield at 6:00

**ROLL CALL:** Council present: Mayor Debbie Tuckfield, Vice Mayor Jordy Fuentes, Councilman Jay Whipple, Councilman Robin Palmer, Councilman Mark Reed, Councilman Jared Hatch and Councilwoman Jane Lee

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Led by Councilman Jay Whipple

**INVOCATION:** Offered by Councilman Mark Reed

**STAFF PRESENT:** Manager Eric Duthie, Finance Director Gus Lundberg, Building Official/Zoning Administrator Jeff Johnson, Public Works Director Ron Solomon, Fire Chief/EMS Director Clint Burden and Police Chief Jerry VanWinkle

**ATTORNEY:** Sterling Solomon present

**VISITORS:** "See List"

### CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approve minutes of the February 23, 2011 Special Town Council mtg.
- B. Approve minutes of the March 2, 2011 Town Council mtg.
- C. Approve minutes of the March 16, 2011 Town Council mtg.
- D. Approve minutes of the March 29, 2011 Special Town Council mtg.
- E. Approve Resolution R2011-03 continuing the adoption of a fair housing policy, making known its commitment to the principle of fair housing, and describing actions it shall undertake to affirmatively further fair housing.
- F. Provision of a 60 day notice, as required by statute, to the Town Council of planned agenda discussions concerning fees adjustments and/or creation, relating to Town services, facilities and utilities.

**A motion was made by Councilman Jay Whipple, seconded by Councilwoman Jane Lee**

**To approve the consent agenda**

**The vote was unanimous (7-0)**

### ACTION ITEMS

1. **Discussion/Action: Approve/Deny by Second and final reading, Ordinance 2011-02 designating and establishing the Public Right of Way/Easement to be known as East Center Street in the area beyond 1,000 East, and approval of the document entitled "Grant of Public Easement" for the same**

**Attorney Solomon** noted that this ordinance makes a formal right of way as it was always intended to be.

**Mayor Debbie Tuckfield** read Ordinance O-2011-02 for the second time by title only.

**A motion was made by Vice Mayor Jordy Fuentes, seconded by Councilman Jay Whipple To accept Ordinance O-2011-02 designating and establishing the Public Right of Way Easement to be known as East Center Street in the area beyond 1000 East and approval of the document entitled “Grant of Public Easement” for the same.  
The vote was unanimous (7-0)**

- 2. Discussion/Action: Approve/Deny by Second and final reading, a proposed text amendment to Town Code 18.70.040 Part B. and D. The requested change would decrease the Planning & Zoning Commission to five members and lessen the required quorum to three.**

**Mayor Debbie Tuckfield** did the second reading of Ordinance O-2011-02.

**A motion was made by Councilman Robin Palmer, seconded by Councilman Mark Reed To approve Ordinance O-2011-02 amendment to Town Code 18.70.040 Part B. and D. decreasing the Taylor Planning and Zoning Commission to five members and lessen the required quorum to three  
The vote was unanimous**

- 3. Discussion: Update / Status of FY 2010-2011 budget and adjustment actions.**

**Manager Duthie** updated the Council on what staff has done regarding budget cuts. In March an email was sent to the Mayor and Vice Mayor identifying the need to make budget adjustments including positional layoffs. Department Heads have been working on strategies for budget cuts for over a year and a half to determine where needed cuts would be made. We have come in under budget with expenditures each year but are now in the cycle like many other municipalities in the State with the drop in revenues and after cutting everything we could we cannot make the budget this year operating the way that we have been. Therefore, unfortunately we have had to make some employees cuts. Employees have been made aware of this situation since 2009.

The Town lay off four employees/positions notifying them on March 9<sup>th</sup> that March 31, 2011 would be their last day. We reduced the hours of two administrative staff positions back to part time. The savings in expenditures is expected to be \$56,000 this fiscal year and next fiscal year a savings of \$227,000. He said we will get hit again as revenues are not picking up. The State is hitting our highway user fund and state shared revenues.

The problem is how services can continue to be provided to the public with losing 29% of our work force when the demand is still there.

Service off-sets are identified as follows:

- Volunteers will do the maintenance of the Little League Fields. (the town will continue to water and mow)
- The Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator will be available to supplement the work crews.
- Roadway mowing and snow removal will be reduced.

- Reading water meters may be divided between half the town each month or the employees who were laid off may be offered a stipend to read meters only.
- Town Hall Administration offices are now closed on Fridays although department heads will be working. This will allow time to help catch up since hours have been reduced for two of these employees. The Public Works crew will be working on Fridays and Town Hall will still be opened from 7:30 am until 5:00 pm Monday through Thursday.
- The EMS/Fire Chief will rely more on full time EMS staff and volunteers to address Administrative requirements.
- We will continue to explore reductions in Town Attorney fees
- The Public Works Director will be more hands on in field operations, supervision, and completion of projects, maintenance and emergency repairs. The Town Engineer, Assistant Town Engineer and Eric will assist with public works administrative requirements.
- Staff is required to ask the Manager before asking contacting the attorney on legal issues.
- Employees may be required participate in cost sharing for health insurance
- Employee overnight travel must have Manager approval

**Note: (the Zoning Administrator is a one man department and has already adapted to changes in his department)**

**Council comments:**

**Councilman Jay Whipple:** Questioned the lack of administrative position salary cuts stating we need to look at the entire picture. Eric noted that every employee would need to take a 10% to 15% cut in pay to save one full time position.

**Councilman Jared Hatch:** There are lots of items we can look at. Having fewer staff creates greater responsibility for remaining staff to meet the needs of the town and more is expected of them.

**Vice Mayor Jordy Fuentes:** On the pay cut issue we need to be extremely careful with morale. Some may leave with too much of a pay cut. Some employees have been here for a long time and we need to be careful. We do need to cover our costs for water and sewer services. These issues have been worked on for the last year and a half and when it happened the word spread through town very quickly but he and the Mayor were well informed.

**Mayor Debbie Tuckfield:** We knew these cuts were coming and have seen the impact in other cities. It is hard to lay anyone off but we did everything we could, we cut back for as long as we could but we are looking at so many more cuts and there just is no money.

**4. Discussion/Action: Approve/Deny FY 2011-2012 budget preparation schedule.**

**Finance Director Lundberg** reviewed this year’s budget work sessions schedule. April 27<sup>th</sup> the budget process will be overviewed and explained which will benefit the Council and the incoming Council. May 4<sup>th</sup> the focus will be utility and street funds and May 18<sup>th</sup> there will be General Fund discussion. This will allow for the possibility of passing the tentative budget at the June meeting. After the tentative budget is passed we will hold a public hearing prior to adopting of the final FY 2011-2012 budget.

**A motion was made by Councilman Jared Hatch, seconded by Vice Mayor Jordy Fuentes To accept the schedule for the budget operations  
The vote was unanimous**

**5. Discussion/Action: Revisit the 2010 Council adopted funding agreement for the Special Days/Special Events Committee.  
Vice Mayor Fuentes**

**Vice Mayor Jordy Fuentes**, who sits on the Special Days/Special Events Committee along with Councilman Jay Whipple and others, reported that last year the Council met to discuss having a separate budget for the Special Days/Special Events Committee. He explained his understanding was that there was a one-time amount of \$52k in the budget and they would use this money along with the profits made on the three celebrations which is annually \$15k to \$20k. They had a Special Days/Special Events Committee meeting recently which showed 16k in their budget.

Having the understanding that the Committee was given the \$52k he went and talked to Eric and Gus and they had a different understanding. He then talked to Mayor Tuckfield and Councilman Hatch but could not talk to other Council members without violating open meeting law. He put this item on the agenda tonight to rectify the situation.

He met last week with Finance Director Gus Lundberg, Special Days Committee members Eddie Hancock and Vance Muder to determine what can be done. Vice Mayor Fuentes said plans have been made for upgrades to the pavilion which they did with the understanding that they had that allotment. Since it is not there the Council needs to come up with something to determine if and how we are going to provide these funds. With the situation the town is in now he does not see us being able to fund the full \$52k. He suggested to the Committee that if the Council agreed perhaps they could distribute the money through a three year schedule.

**Councilman Jared Hatch** stated his understanding was that the \$52k would be given to the Committee but it would be reimbursed through profits made at the three town events then the profits would accumulate to fund the events.

**Councilwoman Jane Lee** said she thought the money would be reimbursed each year. She asked about the minutes of the meeting when the agreement was approved and Vice Mayor Fuentes said the minutes are not clear on this.

**Councilman Robin Palmer** said his understanding was that each year they would reimburse us but they would handle the money since they know better where it should go than we do. That their budget would roll over and the Committee would determine how to expend the profits. That we were just combining the two budgets. It was not more money that we gave it was the previous year's proceeds.

**Councilman Mark Reed** thought it was a one-time thing and they would move forward with that money as their base and build upon that. They would use that money rather than reimbursing the town.

**Councilman Jay Whipple** concurred with Councilman Reed.

**Finance Director Lundberg** explained the budget process.

**Vice Mayor Jordy Fuentes** said the confusion came from the budget amount. There is \$52k that the Committee needs to pay back we made an agreement to pay for the fireworks also.

**Special Days/Special Events Chairman Vance Muder** stated when he got this assignment he understood they had the \$52k and they would be in charge of taking care of the rodeo grounds and major upgrades and they would not be given any other money. They have identified some needs at the pavilion and there is a situation with the power which they feel are immediate needs. This would be 50k each and then the fireworks would be added to this.

**Councilman Robin Palmer** stated he does not know how we can give 100k; we can't commit right now when we don't have the funds.

**Councilman Jared Hatch** said he understood the profits made would be for upgrades not maintenance since that is what the town provides and the improvements are to be handled by the committee. The committee wants to address what is maintenance and what are improvements.

**Mayor Debbie Tuckfield** said she never heard the reimbursement issue. She heard that the \$52k would be shared by all three events to build upon and invest and it would be theirs.

**Eddie Hancock** reported that two Council members serve on the Special Days/Special Events Commission. During the heated debates and discussions with the Council the Commission questioned where the money went and they were told it went into the general fund which became the basis of the debate year after year. The three events would have revenues and expenses each year with an estimated average of \$20k in revenue from all three events.

When the Special Days/Special Events Committee started to meet, in the last couple of years they questioned where the money was and how much they had to spend but no one seemed to know or they were told there is no money. Through the course of discussions there was a compromise struck. What the Committee was hearing was the money has disappeared in the general fund. But as a compromise so the Committee doesn't keep coming back to the Council the \$52k was agreed upon and the Committee asked for a special account. He understood the \$52k was to get them started and that money would not come back to the town.

Through the winter the Committee has met regularly and have met with engineers and made plans. He is in favor of Vice Mayor Fuentes' suggestion of paying the Special Days/Special Events a designated amount over the next few years to make up for the \$52k they thought they had.

**Mayor Tuckfield** said she completely understood that the \$52k was a one time basis to get started on and she had no idea it was to be pulled back out. She understood the \$16k they brought in was over and above that. We are saying that the money is not there. They were going to add to it from that point on and those three events would take care of their own costs. If it was in the budget and we are

saying it is not she questioned where it is.

**Councilman Jared Hatch** said he does not agree with this. What it is, the bottom line it is a misunderstanding. If they want the money that is set aside let them have it to use for the future and they won't need to come back.

**Vice Mayor Fuentes** said that on behalf of the town the money that's been expended on the rodeo grounds comes out of the town's budget and it is nearly a wash. From the perspective of where the money goes it has gone back to the rodeo grounds in one form or another. He thinks that going forward how will this be handled and how can the Council best do what is right for the rodeo grounds, the town the volunteers everyone associated with this.

**Manager Duthie** said the statement that "in the last couple of years they questioned where the money was and how much they had to spend but no one seemed to know or they were told there is no money" was incorrect. Since 2006, the Town installed new lights in the arena but were then required to remove and replace the lights with a more stable system. Additionally, the Town replaced dirt within the arena with sand and other material to "soften" the grounds, at the request of the Committee. The cost of just these actions was nearly \$150,000. These funds came from the General Fund, where the revenues of the Rodeo were kept. This did not include town maintenance costs over the same period.

The Council went on to discuss the possibility of providing \$20k per year for the next three years in lieu of the \$52k. This would mean that this year the Committee would get the remaining \$16k plus an additional \$20k for the three events. Vance said the Committee has discussed this and would agree with these terms.

**Mayor Tuckfield** noted that the agreement would need to be written very, very clearly, exactly how the money will be distributed, who controls it, who does capital outlay and who does maintenance and operations. The volunteers have worked very hard but it is still city liability so it needs to be very, very cut and dry.

**Attorney Solomon** said we need to be careful to put projects out to bid because we will get someone who is licensed and bonded if there is a problem which is the main concern from a liability perspective.

**Mayor Tuckfield** asked if staff could be given direction for some type of an agreement. Manager Duthie said the best way is for the motion to be made very clear and to state exactly what the Council wants so staff can write exactly what the Council wants them to write.

**Mayor Tuckfield** asked if the Council found the need to fund the extra \$20k is the money there, in the General Fund. Manager Duthie replied that staff would make the changes directed by Council, but the funds would probably be taken from town savings.

**A motion was made by Vice Mayor Jordy Fuentes, seconded by Councilman Jay Whipple To direct staff to create an account for the Special Days/Special Events Committee Capital Expense Fund with the understanding that for the next three fiscal years including the current**

**Fiscal Year, FY 2010-2011, 2011-2012 and 2012-2013, \$20k will go into that account and to direct staff to create an agreement, similar to the Little League agreement, with the cooperation of the Special Days Committee Chair and other members of the Special Days/Special Events Committee, which identifies the responsibilities of the town for the rodeo grounds facility and the responsibilities of the Special Days/Special Events Committee for the rodeo grounds facility. The motion carried with “yes” votes from Mayor Debbie Tuckfield, Vice Mayor Jordy Fuentes, Councilwoman Jane Lee, Councilman Jared Hatch, Councilman Jay Whipple and Councilman Mark Reed. Councilman Robin Palmer voted “no”(6-1)**

**6. Discussion/Action: Approve/Deny 2011 town clean-up day and consideration of additional options.**

**Public Works Director Solomon** addressed attendees stating that in years past the Town of Taylor has sponsored a town cleanup day with the full expense coming from the General Fund. If we want to continue this project this year we need to set a date. If we want to proceed cautiously, staff needs direction from the Council. Gus reported that \$7,000 is in the current budget for the clean-up.

**Nolan Larson**, owner of Larson Waste, said this is a great program to offer to the public and he has seen lots of participation. It helps reduce wildcat dumping.

**Vice Mayor Fuentes** suggested that perhaps we could have some sort of dumping negotiations with a company, at a specified site for the residents of Taylor without subsidizing from the town.

**Mayor Tuckfield** said this would allow residents a day to dump at a reduced rate.

**A motion was made by Councilman Robin Palmer, seconded by Councilwoman Jane Lee to deny the 2011 Town of Taylor Clean-up Day with consideration of additional options. The vote was unanimous (7-0)**

**7. Discussion/Action: Update from March 30, 2011 meeting of other municipal representatives with Navajo County representatives concerning jail fees and justice court prosecution fees.**

**Vice Mayor Jordy Fuentes** reported on the meeting held last week regarding Navajo County jail and court prosecution fees. He said the County was reluctant to consider forming a jail district to help offset these costs. At the next County Board of Supervisors Meeting, April 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am, county staff will be directed to put together an exploratory committee to see if this is feasible.

At last week’s meeting it was found that Taylor’s court costs would drop from \$15k to \$7k and the proposed jail fees, using numbers from the Snowflake-Taylor Police Department would be approximately \$17k for Taylor’s portion. They propose to implement a court user fee on all misdemeanor (Magistrate) cases. Sterling said we don’t have enough magistrate cases to generate much by way of a staffing fee. Vice Mayor Fuentes suggested that we could use the \$7k we save from the prosecution fees and use as an offset for the jail fees.

It was noted that the police department writes tickets for traffic which are processed in the justice court, since there is no separate Magistrate Court. If we cited as a Magistrate Court, it would increase our attorney fees.

**Manager Duthie** said the two questions which have not been answered to satisfaction are:

- 1) Why unincorporated areas in Navajo County are not required to pay the jail fees?
- 2) Should municipalities be in arrears with the County, what are the consequences?

**Manager Duthie** further said the County received a legal opinion from a retained firm which indicated that if the Town was in arrears, the County would still take prisoners but the County could sue the town for past fees.

**8. Discussion/Action: Approve/Deny Arizona Department of Water Resources designation of adequate water supply for the Town of Taylor at 4,897 acre feet per year.**

**Manager Duthie** reported that staff has been working on this issue for 18 months. They pursued negotiating a secured water adequacy designation for the Town of Taylor, which would guarantee the ability to serve water to residents, including all possible growth. This process normally involved paying a consultant more than \$60,000 but staff completed the process and attained the designation with minimal assistance from a hydrologist.

The plan was to secure water adequacy for 100 years, including a growth area of 3 miles around the Town of Taylor. Based on that growth area and current Navajo County zoning of those areas, we used a formula and submitted an application to ADWR requesting 24,000 acre feet of water per year. We followed every direction from the Arizona Department of Water Resources (ADWR). Initially we were to receive only 3,500 AFY, but through hard work from staff, ADWR came back with a designation of adequacy status of 4,897 acre feet.

This designation allows the Town to serve water to a projected 43,836 residents, which provides sufficient water for the next 96.84 years.

**Manager Duthie** asked the Council if they want staff to push forward for a higher designation since we need to respond to the letter of designation within 30 days or to accept the designation, as is.

**Public Works Director Ron Solomon** stated this is more than he thought we would receive and he does not know what more we can get. He said this is a twenty year designation and we will start the process again in ten years, he is happy with the result.

**Councilman Robin Palmer** said it sounds like we got a pretty good deal. We could go for more but should be happy with what we got.

**Councilwoman Jane Lee** said she agrees with Councilman Palmer and expressed concern that if we go after more, we could possibly lose some.

**Councilman Jared Hatch and Councilman Mark Reed** concurred with other Council members.

**Vice Mayor Jordy Fuentes** said he is good with this and feels we don't want to wear out our welcome and they will remember us.

**Councilman Jay Whipple** agreed and said staff has other things to worry about, he is satisfied with what we have and we can regenerate in the a few years.

**Mayor Tuckfield** stated that she feels the same and acknowledged that it was through action taken by our staff. They saw the issue coming down the road and if they had not seen this we would be in the same place as everyone else. We are the only community in Northern Arizona to have 5 members on the board and due to the quick action taken by our staff this has been accomplished. This is a vital issue since larger cities are trying to take our water and staff has worked hard to ensure water for Taylor.

**Mayor Tuckfield** recognized Ron Solomon, Jeff Johnson, Eric Duthie, Gus Lundberg and Stu Spaulding who serves as Co-Chair of the Municipal Supply and Demand.

**Manager Duthie** reported that since we have the adequacy designation, we are continuing to meet with the Water Resource Development Commission to preserve rural water rights. Taylor is the only community in the state, with a population under 100,000, at the negotiating table and we continue to work hard on this issue.

**A motion was made by Councilman Mark Reed, seconded by Vice Mayor Jordy Fuentes To approve the Arizona Department of Water Resources designation of adequate water supply for the Town of Taylor at 4,897 acre feet per year  
The vote was unanimous (7-0)**

**9. Discussion/Action: Approve/Deny plan for public participation the development of a Town Ordinance concerning Excavation and Mining within town limits.**

**Manager Duthie** reported that on March 1, 2011 the Planning & Zoning Commission denied a zone change request for property owned by Brimhall Sand and Rock to open a mining operation in the Harvest Valley area. They initiated the appeals process to bring the request to the Town Council. Through further discussion, it was identified that the town is in the process of developing an ordinance concerning mining within the Town, but at this time, it is not complete. Brimhall's agreed to extend a timeline for the appeal in order to work with staff and stakeholders to try to develop the ordinance before it comes back to the Council.

**A motion was made by Councilman Robin Palmer, seconded by Mayor Debbie Tuckfield To approve the plan for public participation in the development of a Town Ordinance concerning excavation and mining within the town limits.  
The vote was unanimous (7-0)**

**10. Discussion: Update / Status of centralized dispatch proposal between the Taylor– Snowflake Police Department and the City of Show Low.**

**Chief Jerry VanWinkle** addressed the Council regarding the centralized dispatch proposal with the City of Show Low. He reiterated the necessity to upgrade the dispatch center that has been in need for several years now and has been keeping staff at the same level. At the last Police IGA committee meeting, it was agreed that the centralized dispatch proposal would help the department but funding is unavailable at this time, even though there good negotiations. He went on to say that policing is an expensive business and they would like to continue to focus on upgrading. There is a study being conducted on coordinating dispatch on a county-wide level.

**Manager Duthie** said that all the regions managers are on the same page and agree the study to the determination of the ideal location for a dispatch center can be supported.

**11. Discussion/Action: Update / Status of Waste Water treatment Plant compliance with Arizona Department of Environmental Quality standards.**

**Public Works Director Ron Solomon** said the operation of a wastewater treatment facility requires a State Aquifer Protection Permit. We have one with our new plant and there are requirements we have to meet. Recently, we had some mechanical failures at the plant and exceeded the discharge limit twice. The operator determined this to mean we were in violation and we self-reported this to the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality. However, in further research, we found we were not in violation and everything has been resolved.

**Manager Duthie** concurred, explaining that ADEQ was supportive of our self-reporting and commended us for such.

**12. Discussion/Action: Approve/Deny request for staff to pursue an intergovernmental agreement with the Arizona Department of Transportation for acceptance and expenditure of federal highway funds earmarked for FY 2012-2013.**

**Public Works Director Ron Solomon** reported that every entity is entitled to federal highway funds and municipalities in the State of Arizona had an agreement that we would exchange those federal monies in lieu of Highway User Fund (HURF) funds to allow us to put more dollars on the roads. In 2009 the State Department of Transportation pulled that agreement so we could fight for our own federal funds. In scheduling this money coming through the Council of Governments (COG's). Some of the requirements with the federal funds were kept in place in using the HURF dollars distributed through the COG's. Those monies can only be used on federally approved projects, of which the Town of Taylor has three.

Taylor was scheduled in 2009 to receive HURF funds in exchange for monies to continue the project on Paper Mill Road, but the moneys were unavailable through the program. In 2012, Taylor is to receive \$750,000, but to utilize this money we must have an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT). One of the items on the agenda tonight is to

approve the IGA to receive the money. The other item is to approve the Paper Mill Road project. We did not need to meet some of the parameters because we were using HURF dollars. The other issue is we need to get a petition to the Northern Arizona Council of Governments (NACOG) to allow us to change projects since the Paper Mill Road project will present added expenses. We need approval for both so we can participate

**A motion was made by Councilman Mark Reed, seconded by Vice Mayor Jordy Fuentes To approve the request for staff to pursue an intergovernmental agreement with the Arizona Department of Transportation for acceptance and expenditure of federal highway funds earmarked for Fiscal Year 2012-2013  
The vote was unanimous (7-0)**

**13. Discussion/Action: Approve/Deny request for staff to prepare a request to the Northern Arizona Council of Governments Technical Sub-committee to use approximately \$750,000 in entitled federal funds for Love Lake Road in FY 2012-2013.**

**A motion was made by Councilwoman Jane Lee, seconded by Mayor Debbie Tuckfield To approve request for staff to prepare a request to the Northern Arizona Council of Governments Technical Sub-Committee to use approximately \$750,000 in entitled federal funds for Love Lake Road in Fiscal Year 2012-2013  
The vote was unanimous (7-0)**

**14. Discussion: Update / Status of Pinedale Road repairs.**

**Public Works Director Ron Solomon** said we put out a bid last fall for the repair of a section of Pinedale Road which was awarded to Hatch Construction and Paving. They were asked to postpone due to weather conditions and to start this spring. They were willing to do this and their plan is to start around the first of May. There is a three week time period for this project and we can utilize those funds out of this year's budget.

**15. Discussion: Update / Status of Sweetwater well repairs and future operations.**

**Public Works Director Ron Solomon** reported last Thursday morning, the town received numerous calls from residents in the Sweetwater Subdivision saying they were out of water. We discovered the well pump had malfunctioned and were able to find a local operator who responded immediately and access the situation. They pulled the well and the motor was burnt out. Public Works Director Solomon made arrangements to secure bottled water for drinking which was distributed to residents immediately by town staff. In addition, he contracted a local water carrier to transport water to the tanks. About noon of the same day, we were able to obtain a motor and it was in operation by 9:30 that evening. It is borrowed and a new pump and motor has been ordered and is scheduled to be here next Wednesday.

**16. Discussion: Update / Status of economic development efforts of the Town of Taylor (Water industry); the joint Taylor-Snowflake Economic Development Committee (Mineral industry, Bio-Energy agriculture industry); The Snowflake – Taylor Chamber**

**of Commerce Tourism Committee (Sporting Dog Trials); and the RealAz Corridor (Local industry job creation commitments).**

**Councilman Robin Palmer** reported some positive things have happened lately with the Economic Development Committee. There has been interest from a water industry company that might want to create a business here although information is privileged until later. There has been movement on the potash industry near the Painted Desert so this could bring quite a few jobs. There is movement in the bio-fuel industry, with different types of grasses people could grow to add to the bio mass for electricity. He said the Real AZ Corridor has some positive things going on and added there has been talk about hosting Sporting Dog Trials.

**Guy Schulander** addressed the Council regarding the Sporting Dog Trials stating they have 12 clubs in the State of Arizona sponsored by the America Kennel Club and the Amateur Field Trial Association of America. He said they approached the Snowflake-Taylor Tourism Committee requesting support to help them locate suitable permanent trial grounds in the Taylor-Snowflake area. His appeal to the cities and towns is to ask if they could embrace this concept and help them find a landowner that would be willing to allow them to use three sections of land. With the weather, elevation and rolling grasslands this area, it is perfect for field trials. People come to these events from all over the nation, spending money on a variety of things.

**Manager Duthie** said Mr. Schulander's presentation was very well organized and impressive, such that the Tourism Committee motioned to support them in this endeavor. It is a very professional organization with a good concept.

**Mr. Schulander** said they talked to Aztec Land and Cattle Company about using some of their property and they would like some backing from someone with influence to let them know this would be good for the community. They are also talking to Sitgreaves National Forest officials.

**Manager Duthie** gave a brief update of the Real AZ Corridor reporting that Frontier Communications has acknowledged the benefit of the Corridor and wants to be involved.

**Nolan Larson** stated that we have everything that businesses all over the country are looking for. Those businesses just don't know we are here. It is a regional thing and any business would help us all out. He added that Eric Duthie has been a key person in this organization.

**17. Discussion: Update / Status of Community Development Block Grant projects.**

**Finance Director Lundberg** said the Community Development Block Grant (GDBG) funds we receive this year will comply with the American with Disabilities Act to construct handicapped restrooms at the Little League and Rodeo grounds. It will also pave the handicapped parking area at the Rodeo grounds and put a sidewalk to the restroom. The restrooms at the Airport will be remodeled into one handicapped accessible, unisex restroom. We will tap into the system for headsets in the Council Chambers to assist with hearing handicapped persons. He also met with a representative from the Arizona Department of Housing last week and the environmental information we received has changed slightly. We are in the process of getting this in order before we proceed.

<b>CALL TO THE PUBLIC:</b> There was no public comment.	
<b>ADJOURNMENT:</b>  <b>A motion was made by Vice Mayor Jordy Fuentes, seconded by Councilman Mark Reed To adjourn the meeting The vote was unanimous (10:10)</b>	

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

Dated this 8<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2011

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Kelly Jones  
Town Clerk  
Town of Taylor

***Note: The minutes were prepared from a recording of the meeting.***