



TAYLOR TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday January 7, 2015 7 pm
Town Hall
425 Paper Mill Road
Taylor, Arizona

Mayor Fay Hatch Vice-Mayor Shawn Palmer Councilmembers Jason Brubaker Gary Solomon Carl Cospser Lynn DeWitt David Smith

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Fay Hatch called the meeting to order at 7:07
COUNCIL PRESENT: Mayor Fay Hatch, Vice Mayor Shawn Palmer, Councilman David Smith, Councilman Carl Cospser, Councilman Jason Brubaker
COUNCIL ABSENT: Councilman Lynn DeWitt, Councilman Gary Solomon
STAFF PRESENT: Manager Gus Lundberg, Building Official Allen Davis, Clerk Geri Judd
ATTORNEY: Karl Lautz
VISITORS: See List
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Councilman Brubaker
INVOCATION: Offered by Councilman Smith

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:
Steve Foster made a comment pertaining to agenda item #3; Mr. Foster would like to see the payroll records for the Fire/Ambulance department in reference to wage scales of the employees.

Margaret White made a request for Council to help save the services that will be lost at the NPC Silver Creek campus due to the campus reinvention. Ms. White added that the reinvention is going to do away with valuable services currently provided to students of Taylor and Snowflake.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approve Work Session minutes of December 3, 2014
- B. Approve Council Meeting minutes of December 3, 2014
- C. Approve December 2014 Check Register

A motion was made by Councilman Brubaker to approve the consent agenda as presented; seconded by Councilman Cospser; passed unanimously (5-0)

ACTION ITEMS

- 1. Discussion/Action: Mayors & Councilmembers Association Geocaching Event**
Councilman Brubaker stated the neighboring Town and City Councils meet to discuss issues in the regional area; one concern it how to bring people to the area. The thought is a Geocaching event would be a good option to bring visitors to the region with hopes they continue return. Geocaching events have become popular in many cities and towns; some areas have done away with the events and have noticed a drop in tourism. This event will require each municipality to contribute \$6,000 each over the next two years. The Geocaching event will be held over a 1 or 2 week timeframe; during this time the Town will see an increase in visitors to the area. Gus added there are 9 communities that will participate in the event. Recently Gus learned that 15 or 20 years ago there was a conservation group formed in which the Town of Taylor participated; the participating communities set aside some money for this group; since there has been no activity with the group the communities that participated are going to be refunded approximately \$3,000 each. The returned funds can be used toward the Geocaching event which would require the Town to come up with and additional \$3,000 over the next 2 years. Council asked how many people are anticipated to attend; Councilman Brubaker stated the hope is in the thousands. Councilman Cospser added that he worked in an area that held Geocaching events and that these events drew lots of people.

A motion was made by Councilman Brubaker approving the expenditure of an additional \$3,000 over the next 2 years in addition to the funds being returned from the conservation group to help fund the regional Geocaching event; seconded by Vice Mayor Palmer; passed unanimously (5-0)

2. Discussion/Action: Recommended Appointments to Special Events Committee

Gus stated Tina Baldwin has agreed to join the Special Events Committee to fill 1 of the 2 vacant positions. Councilman Brubaker added that Tina will do a good job serving on the committee.

A motion was made by Mayor Hatch to approve the appointment of Tina Baldwin to the Special Events Committee; seconded by Councilman Smith; passed unanimously (5-0)

3. Information: Update Regarding Fire/Ambulance IGA

Gus stated during the Fire/Ambulance IGA meeting there was some good progress made on the draft Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA); Mayor Hatch added there are still some issues to work out but the agreement is making progress; he noted that Snowflake would like to see the IGA in effect this July. Council asked if the issue was going to be brought to the public for discussion; Gus stated when the IGA is ready to go to Council it could be made available for review by the public. Gus went on to say that the day to day operations would rest with Taylor; adding that both Town managers would be involved in larger issues. Council would like to see a public presentation before the IGA is brought before them with the Town of Snowflake participating as well.

4. Discussion/Action: Consideration of a Proposal to Dispose of Surplus Property

Gus stated from time to time the Town has surplus items/property to dispose of; there are laws relating to how the Town is to dispose of these items. Gus added that surplusproperty.com is used by many municipalities; the Town does not have any contracts or fees associated to use the service. The company passes a 7% fee onto the purchaser of the item. Gus asked Council if they would like to see or approve the items to be sold before they are listed. Council feels staff knows best what they use or do not use. Gus added these items can be advertised in the paper and on the utility bills; there will also be a link on the Town's website.

A motion was made by Councilman Smith to approve the proposal to dispose of surplus property; seconded by Councilman Cosper; passed unanimously (5-0)

5. Councilmember updates/Future agenda items: Due to staff being out of Town February 4th the next Council meeting will be moved to Tuesday February 3, 2015

Councilman Brubaker made a request to have an agenda item that a representative from the new ice rink in Pinetop/Lakeside come present to the Council information on the activities available there.

6. A motion was made by Councilman Smith to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Vice Mayor Palmer; passed unanimously (5-0) 7:45

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 7th day of January, 2015. I further certify that the meeting was duly called to order and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 8th day of January, 2015

Geri Judd
Town Clerk