



TAYLOR TOWN COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES

6:00 P.M.

June 4, 2015

Town Hall

425 Paper Mill Road Taylor, AZ 85939



Council present: Mayor Fay Hatch, Councilman David Smith, Councilman Carl Cosper, Councilman Gary Solomon, Vice Mayor Shawn Palmer (6:15)

Council absent: Councilman Jason Brubaker, Councilman Lynn DeWitt

Staff Present: Manager Gus Lundberg, Building Official Allen Davis, Public Works Director Jeremy Peters, Administrative Assistant Kathy Hancock, Clerk Geri Judd

Visitors present: Steve Foster

Mayor Hatch called the meeting to order at 6:05 P.M.

Discussion: FY 2016 Town Budget

Utility Tax: Gus suggested amending the Town Code to include a utility tax. Council asked how much revenue would the fee would bring to the Town; Gus stated essentially this tax would double the current utility sales tax. Council asked if the trash companies are considered a utility; Gus stated the Town Code currently has a zero percent sales tax on trash.

Building Department: Allen noted that there has been an increase in construction permits this past year. Allen went on to say the Town's current plan review fee is not in line with other communities; he added that the County plan review fee is 35% of the permit fee. Allen suggested the Town consider changing the current flat fee to a percentage; to cover more of the administrative costs. Council asked how the permit fees are calculated; Allen stated it is based on the value of the building. Gus added that the building department has brought in more than projected this year. Allen noted that if the need arises to use an engineer to review a plan there would be an added expense that the current plan review fee does not cover. Council requested further analysis of the fees for future consideration.

Cemetery: Gus stated there is approximately 200 feet in the new section that needs to have sprinklers installed; he added this is 1272 additional plots. Gus noted there has been an increase in calls from non-residents wanting to buy plots in the Taylor cemetery because it is less expensive; he went on to say that not only are the plots less expensive but the Town does not require a vault which would be an added expense. Kathy added that Taylor is the only Town that does not require a vault.

There was discussion of a non-resident plot fee increase; this fee would be waived with proof of prior or current residency. Staff suggested increasing the plot fee from \$400 to \$600. The suggestion was made not to permit plot owners selling the plots to others; if the plot is no longer wanted the Town would refund the fee paid. Council agrees with \$600 resident and a \$2500 non-resident plot fee. Kathy added that the last rate increase was in 2004; the fee increase will be on the next agenda.

Discussion: Other Business

Gus noted that Friday afternoons are typically very slow – he suggested closing Town Hall at noon on Fridays. Gus suggested changing Town Hall hours to 8:00 – 5:00 Mon – Thurs and 8:00 – 12:00 on Friday. There will be someone on call for emergencies or other issues that arise. Council agreed with the change; this is an administrative change and does not need to be an agenda item. The meeting adjourned at 6:55 P.M.

Certification of Minutes:

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the Taylor Town Council Work Session held on the 4th day of June, 2015. I further certify that the meeting was duly called to order and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 5th day of June, 2015

Geri Judd, Town Clerk