



**TAYLOR TOWN COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

Thursday July 2, 2015 7 pm

Town Hall

425 Paper Mill Road
Taylor, Arizona

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

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Hatch called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M.

COUNCIL PRESENT: Mayor Fay Hatch, Councilman David Smith, Councilman Jason Brubaker, Councilman Gary Solomon, Councilman Carl Cosper

COUNCIL ABSENT: Vice Mayor Shawn Palmer, Councilman Lynn DeWitt

STAFF PRESENT: Manager Gus Lundberg, Building Official Allen Davis, Clerk Geri Judd, Fire Chief Clint Burden

ATTORNEY: Karl Lautz

VISTORS: See list

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Councilman Cosper

INVOCATION: Offered by Councilman Brubaker

CALL TO THE PUBLIC: No public comment

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approve Budget Work Session minutes of June 4, 2015
- B. Approve Special Council Meeting minutes of June 4, 2015
- C. Approve Retreat Meeting minutes of June 23, 2015
- D. Approve June 2015 Check Register

A motion was made by Councilman Brubaker to approve the consent agenda as presented; seconded by Councilman Cosper; passed unanimously

NEW BUSINESS

1. Consideration of Fire-EMS Department Name Change

Councilman Smith commended Fire Chief Burden on the hiring of William Nelson as the Assistant Fire Chief. He went on to say that proper procedure concerning the possible fire department name change would have been to approach the Taylor Council first and not the Snowflake Council.

A motion was made by Councilman Smith to change the name of the department to the Taylor-Snowflake Fire-EMS Department; seconded by Councilman Solomon; the motion passed 3-2 with Councilman's Cosper and Brubaker opposing

Discussion followed concerning the possible fire department name change. Councilman Brubaker added that he understood the name to already be Taylor-Snowflake Fire.

Clifford Maxwell stated he was the one that brought up the idea of a new name; adding that he thought since new branding was in the works it was a good time to recommend a possible name change.

Councilman Cosper said the Council is here to discuss the name change; he added that the name Silver Creek may need to be changed.

Councilman Brubaker stated that the name was brought up months ago; he went on to say that something has happened to this point that encouraged the department to take the action to change the name. He went on to say he agrees with the reasoning that if the branding is going to change it would be a good time to make the name change.

John Mercer said he loves both towns and treats everyone the same. He went on to say that the new name is a new beginning for one department to serve the community.

Chief Burden added there are some hard feelings within the department and that a name change may neutralize the issue; employees are feeling this IGA is about Taylor.

Councilman Solomon said the Council has not had the chance to sit down together to discuss the item.

2. Consideration of Changes to Town Fees

Gus noted at the last Council meeting possible changes to Town fees was discussed; he presented Council with a proposal for cemetery fee changes and rules which includes raising the resident fee and adding a non-resident fee as well as increasing the opening and closing fee; with after hours and holiday fees. Council asked what the proof of residency requirement is; Gus stated anything showing a tie to the area as resident will suffice. Councilman Brubaker asked if his line of business excludes him from voting on this item; Gus said since Councilman Brubaker's business does not have interest in the fees he is permitted to vote. Council asked if individuals that already own plots are the excluded from the fee increase; Gus stated that they are. Councilman Brubaker added that the Town does not give a deed to the plot; that the resident is paying for perpetual care; adding that the Town maintains the ownership of the land.

A motion was made by Councilman Smith to approve changes to the Reed Hatch Cemetery Fees effective immediately; seconded by Councilman Brubaker; passed unanimously

3. Consideration of 2016 Tentative Budget

Gus noted that a Tentative Budget must be set by the 3rd Monday in July; he reminded Council that once a Tentative Budget is set it cannot be exceeded. The proposed budget is \$6,098,345. Gus added that once it approved he will publish the Auditor General's report for 2 weeks in the newspaper; adding that in August there will be a public hearing. Gus went over and explained the funding sources and expenditures for the coming year. Council asked if the revenue figures taken into account include the Wal-Mart coming this year; Gus stated some income from Wal-Mart is included. Gus added that the main change is in the HURF funds; Gus does not project spending those amounts but the funds are budgeted, if needed.

A motion was made by Councilman Solomon to approve the Tentative Budget in the amount of \$6,098,345; seconded by Councilman Brubaker; passed unanimously

4. Councilmember updates/Future agenda items: Mayor Hatch said he has received several comments about how good the town is looking. Councilman Solomon added that there has been a great effort. Councilman Brubaker thanked everyone that came out at 6:00 A.M. to help with the Rodeo Park clean up; as well as the work done on Main Street.

Gus reminded Council that Monday July 6th is the Regional Mayors and Councilmembers Association meeting and the League of Cities conference August 19 -21 in Tucson

5. Adjourn: A motion was made by Councilman Smith to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Councilman Solomon; passed unanimously; 7:50 P.M.

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 2nd day of July, 2015. I further certify that the meeting was duly called to order and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 6th day of July, 2015

Geri Judd-Town Clerk