



TAYLOR TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Thursday September 3, 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 Fay Hatch called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

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

COUNCIL ABSENT: Councilman Lynn DeWitt

STAFF PRESENT: Manager Gus Lundberg, Building Official Allen Davis, Clerk Geri Judd, Police Chief Larry Scarber

ATTORNEY: Not present

VISITORS: See list

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Councilman Cosper

INVOCATION: Offered by Mayor Hatch

CALL TO THE PUBLIC: No public comment

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approve Work Session minutes of August 6, 2015
- B. Approve Council Meeting minutes of August 6, 2015
- C. Approve August 2015 Check Register

A motion was made by Councilman Smith to approve the consent agenda as presented; seconded by Vice Mayor Palmer; passed unanimously

NEW BUSINESS

1. Comprehensive Annual Financial Report Award Presentation

Mindy Russell, Government Finance Officers Association President; presented the Town with a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting. Ms. Russell stated to earn this award you must conform to the programs demanding criteria. Ms. Russell stated the CAFR report is reviewed by members of the committee including finance professionals, she went on to say it takes a tremendous amount of effort and dedication to meet the standards to receive this award.

2. Introduction of new Police Chief, Larry Scarber

Chief Scarber addressed the Council stating he is grateful to be back in the Taylor-Snowflake area. Chief Scarber was with DPS for 28 years; he went on to say it is his goal to become an agency the communities can be proud of. Chief Scarber stated he hopes to earn the confidence that has been bestowed upon him. Council welcomed Chief Scarber and stated they appreciate the positive attitude he carries with him.

3. First Reading of Ordinance O2015-02 Repealing and Adopting Chapter 14, Floodplain Management

Allen Davis stated this Ordinance is cleaning up some unfinished work from 2008; Allen said in 2010 a recommendation was made to adopt a new floodplain management plan to meet the National Flood Insurance requirements. Vice Mayor Palmer read by title only, Ordinance 2015-02.

4. Consideration of Amendment to Fiscal Policy

Gus stated the current Fiscal Policy requires staff to obtain written sealed bids for projects over \$50,000. Gus went on to say there are no cost savings by having sealed bids; he added that the State statute is \$150,000. Gus suggested an Exception in Subsection B of \$50,000-\$100,000 and already in the Town's fiscal budget can be contracted for by Town Manager without first being presented to the Town Council. Council discussed raising the amount to \$150,000. Councilman Solomon added that projects \$50,000 to \$150,000 still require three bids, bid bonds and performance bonds; but would not have to come before Council. Gus noted the policy still requires three bids, but they need not be sealed.

A motion was made by Councilman Smith to approve the Fiscal Policy Amendment up to \$150,000; seconded by Councilman Cosper; passed unanimously

5. Consideration to Authorize Signing of ADEQ Consent Order

Gus stated back in February the Town received a notice of violation from ADEQ; since notice was received the process to stop land application of bio-solids has been made; Gus said there needs to be a long term solution. He went on to say this the second notice of violation on this issue; this notice gives the Town 90 days to come up with a plan to correct the issue and until June 30, 2016 to carry out the plan. Gus stated a consultant-engineer came to look at the treatment plant; he feels running processes that the plant is already capable of will most likely fix the problems with minimal costs. Tests have been ran and will take a week to 10 days for the results to come in to see if the plan will work. If this plan does not work the costs are in the neighborhood of \$200,000 to correct the issues.

A motion was made by Councilman Solomon to approve signing the ADEQ Consent Order; seconded by Councilman Smith; passed unanimously

6. Ratification of Show Low Construction Contract Regarding Love Lake Road Maintenance

Gus said this has to do with the Fiscal Policy amendment. Gus explained that the ADOT project on Love Lake Road required some changes; there was not enough money using ADOT funds to make those changes. Show Low Construction agreed to add to this project; the estimate to do the work is \$80,000 and will be paid for by the Town; Gus added there was savings by using the contractor that was already on site. Gus added that the Fiscal Policy has an emergency clause which allows approval by the Mayor; this item is asking for ratification of executing the contract.

A motion was made by Councilman Smith to approve the ratification of Show Low Construction’s contract regarding Love Lake Road maintenance; seconded by Vice Mayor Palmer; passed unanimously

7. Councilmember reports, updates and future agenda items:

Councilman Brubaker stated in his opinion funds budgeted for the Chamber of Commerce are well spent; in June there were 295 calls to the Chamber and 260 visitors; July had 350 calls with 275 visitors. He went on to say the Chamber assists with Town festivities, and awards for local businesses.

Councilman Brubaker attended the Apache & Navajo County Mayors & Councilmembers meeting; Sunrise Ski Resort gave a great presentation on activates available all year at the resort. He went on to say the resort attends expos in the valley advertising the area. Sunrise has offered to take brochures to hand out with information from local communities. The association meetings have changed to the third Thursday in each quarter with the next meeting planned for January 21st here in Taylor. Gus added that during the meeting Taylor has 10 minutes to showcase the town; and will hold meeting at Fire Department.

Councilman Cospers stated the League of Cities conference in Tucson was impressive; realizing that we as a community are not as prepared as we should be if a catastrophes happens. Councilman Cospers feels it is the Towns obligation to set things into motion and be prepared. Discussion followed on what steps can be taken to prepare for an emergency, if needed. Vice Mayor Palmer would like something with a little more longevity; with getting water in and sewer out.

8. Adjourn: A motion was made by Councilman Brubaker to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Councilman Cospers; passed unanimously; 8:58 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 3rd day of September, 2015. I further certify that the meeting was duly called to order and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 4th day of September, 2015

Geri Judd - Town Clerk