



**TAYLOR TOWN COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**Thursday November 5, 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 David Smith, Councilman Jason Brubaker, Councilman Carl Cosper, Councilman Gary Solomon

**COUNCIL ABSENT:** Councilman Lynn DeWitt

**STAFF PRESENT:** Manager Gus Lundberg, Building Official Allen Davis, Clerk Geri Judd

**VISITORS:** See list

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Led by Councilman Brubaker

**INVOCATION:** Offered by Councilman Cosper

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC:** Cindy Schreiber with the Silver Creek Senior Center stated that Thanksgiving Dinner will be served on November 19<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 A.M. Cindy thanked Dairy Queen in Taylor for donating ice cream for the dinner.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approve Council Meeting minutes of October 1, 2015
- B. Approve October 2015 Check Register

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Consideration of Utility Customer Service Line Warranty Program**

Gus stated at the League of Cities Conference there was a presentation from Utility Service Partners who offers service line warranty programs, these programs allow property owners to purchase an insurance policy that covers the water and sewer service lines from the property line to the home. Gus went on to say local contractors are hired to make repairs. Gus noted that the town has nothing to do with these policies besides endorsing them. Councilman Brubaker added that he spoke with representatives and would like to hear what the local contractor's thoughts are. Council asked if there was a requirement on how many residents must sign up; Gus answered that there is not a requirement. Councilman Cosper asked who pays for this service; Gus said the residents pay the premiums directly to Utility Service Partners. Council would like more information on this service program.

**A motion was made by Councilman Smith to table item #1; seconded by Councilman Cosper; passed unanimously**

**2. Consideration of Employee Leave Time Policy Changes**

Gus stated this time of year he has previously requested additional time off for employees during the holidays; he said that instead of giving time off during the holidays he would like to see the sick leave incentive policy reinstated. Gus said the policy is to allow employees who don't abuse their sick leave to buy time back. Gus explained the current sick leave incentive policy; noting that the only change requested is to omit deducting sick hours used from what can be bought back. Councilman Cosper asked why this policy hasn't been followed; Gus said it was put on hold due to budget constraints.

Gus stated the vacation leave policy changes will help avoid employees rushing at years end to take time off. The current carryover limit is 80 hours for hourly employees and 120 hours for salary employees. The goal is to set a limit of two years of accrued time, noting that if an employee reaches the maximum accrual time will stop accruing until leave falls below the maximum allowed. Council asked what employees thought; Gus stated there has been no negative feedback from employees.

**A motion was made by Vice Mayor Palmer to approve the proposed changes to employee leave time; seconded by Councilman Cospers; passed unanimously**

**3. Consideration of Real Property Purchase**

Mayor Hatch stated there is no need to go into executive session on this item. Gus said there is a one acre lot for sale west of the Taylor Museum on Center Street; Gus feels it's in the town's best interest to purchase the property; adding that the property is close to the rodeo grounds and is currently used for parking during events.

**A motion was made by Vice Mayor Palmer to approve an offer to purchase the property.**

**Discussion followed: Council asked what the asking price is; Gus said the property is currently listed at \$50,000. Council asked if there are utilities thru the property; Marion Hatch said the utilities are to the property line; he went on to say that there has previously been 100 cars parked on this acre lot. Gus stated if Council sets a purchase amount he would contact local realtors to inquire as to the property value.**

**Vice Mayor Palmer withdrew the first motion; seconded by Councilman Solomon; passed unanimously.**

**A motion was made by Vice Mayor Palmer to approve an offer of \$40,000 be made on the property; seconded by Councilman Smith; passed unanimously. Gus noted this is an approval for an offer only not an approval to purchase.**

- 4. Councilmember reports, updates and future agenda items:** Gus said the Regional Work Session is November 19<sup>th</sup> with Show Low, Snowflake, Taylor and Pinetop-Lakeside. A joint meeting with Snowflake will be held December 3<sup>rd</sup> regarding regional dispatch. Taylor's regular Council meeting will follow. Councilman Brubaker said the Mayors, Councilmembers Association meeting in January will be held in Taylor.

- 5. Adjourn: A motion was made by Vice Mayor Palmer to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Councilman Solomon. 7:48 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 5th day of November, 2015. I further certify that the meeting was duly called to order and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 6th day of November, 2015

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Gerri Judd - Town Clerk