



**TAYLOR TOWN COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**Thursday January 7, 2016 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 PM

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

**COUNCIL ABSENT:** Councilman Lynn DeWitt, Councilman Gary Solomon

**STAFF PRESENT:** Manager Gus Lundberg, Public Works Director Jeremy Peters, Utilities Supervisor Jeff Foster, Matt Hunt, Police Chief Larry Scarber, Clerk Geri Judd,

**VISITORS:** See list

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

**INVOCATION:** Offered by Vice Mayor Palmer

**STAFF INTRODUCTIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

Police Chief Larry Scarber introduced newly sworn Officer Amity Crunk, Amity graduated from the training academy in Phoenix. Amity stated she is from the area and had been dispatching for the past two years, adding that this is an incredible experience.

Public Works Director Jeremy Peters acknowledge three members of the public works staff for receiving various ADEQ certifications. Jeremy went on to say that Matt Judd & Matt Hunt received their Water Distribution Grade 1 certification, and Jeff Foster received his Waste Water Grade 4 certification.

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC:** No public comment

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approve Council Meeting minutes of November 5, 2015
- B. Approve November & December 2015 Check Registers

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

- 1. **Consideration of Residential Utility Service Line Program Provided by Utility Service Partners, Inc.** Presentation by Ashley Shiwarski. **Cancelled due to inclement weather.**

- 2. **Consideration of Resolution R2016-01- Real Property Purchase at 100 West and Center Street**  
Gus stated at the November Council meeting there was discussion concerning the possible purchase of property located at 100 West and Center Street. Attorney Shawn Lautz has drafted a purchase agreement offering \$40,000 for the property. Gus stated that a local broker gave an estimation of value which came back at \$40,000. Gus added that a request was made by the seller that the agreement include that at a future date a one inch water meter be installed at another property owned by the seller. The seller also requested that the town pay the closing costs.

**A motion by Councilman Smith to approve Resolution R2016-01 Real Property Purchase at 100 West and Center Street; seconded by Vice Mayor Palmer; passed unanimously**

- 3. **Consideration of Resolution R2016-02- Establishing the "2012-2014 Amendments to the Tax Code of the Town of Taylor" as a public document.**

Gus noted that items #3 and #4 are pertaining to the same item. He was recently contacted by the League of Cities & Towns concerning changes to the Model City Tax Code, he gave a brief summary of changes put together by the League; which include a classification change for retail sales, an option to tax food for home consumption, noting that nothing changes for the Town, and that sewer service can now be taxed; noting currently Taylor does not tax sewer.

Council discussed the changes to the code, Councilman Brubaker said the code states if you have more than three garage sales or sale more than three cars in one year you are required to pay sales tax; Councilman Brubaker feels that item should be changed and asked how that could be done. Gus explained that all 91 Arizona cities/towns follow the Model City Tax Code as a guide.

**A motion was made by Councilman Smith to approve Resolution R2016-02; seconded by Councilman Cosper; Discussion followed concerning consequences of not approving the Model City Tax Code. A vote was taken and the motion to approve Resolution R2016-02 passed unanimously**

**4. Consideration of First Reading of Ordinance O2016-01 Adopting the “2012-2014 Amendments to the Tax Code of the Town of Taylor” by Reference and Establishing Effective Dates.**

Vice Mayor Palmer gave first reading of Ordinance O2016-01 by title only.

**5. Acceptance of Resignation from Attorney Shawn Lautz and Consideration of New Legal Counsel**

Gus informed the Council that Attorney Shawn Lautz submitted his letter of resignation effective January 21, 2016. Gus recommended that a committee be formed to interview potential candidates for legal counsel, Vice Mayor Palmer and Councilman Cosper were on the previous committee and offered to serve on the new committee.

**6. Consideration of the Creation of a Committee to Explore Options for Increased Public Safety Funding**

Councilman Smith stated that previously the Fire Review Committee recommended that Taylor and Snowflake enter into an IGA for a joint Fire/EMS department. The first step was to provide an increased level of service to the community, and second was to find long term funding for the department. He went on to say with the growing community, public safety is going to need increased funding sources.

Councilman Smith proposed the creation of a committee that will focus on options for public safety funding; the committee may look into the possibility of a fire district outside the town limits, a small property tax or other resources to bring in funding. He noted that Queen Creek has a dedicated property tax that funds about 50% of the Town’s public safety budget.

A brief discussion followed on possible funding sources and the need to supplement Fire and EMS calls outside Town limits.

**A motion was made by Councilman Smith to approve the formation of a committee to explore public safety funding options; seconded by Vice Mayor Palmer; passed unanimously**

**7. Presentation of Fiscal Year 2015 Financial Audit and Comprehensive Annual Financial Report**

Gus reported that the CAFR has been submitted, and the audit went well this year with a clean report. He briefly gave a summary of the Management’s Discussion and Analysis section of the report; noting that the GADA loan was paid off this year, local sales tax collections are up 10% from the previous year, and the Town exceeded budget projections. Gus added that the most useful portion of the report is the Statistical Section which reflects changes in the Town’s finances over the past ten years.

Councilman Cosper said the CAFR awards are not handed out freely and he appreciates the hard work staff puts in.

**A motion was made by Vice Mayor Palmer to accept Fiscal Year 2015 Financial Audit and Comprehensive Annual Financial Report; seconded by Councilman Cosper; passed unanimously**

**8. Manager updates, Councilmember reports and future agenda items:**

Councilman Cosper reported that he has visited the Wal-Mart site and is pleased with the progress being made.

Councilman Brubaker reported that January 21<sup>st</sup> is the Mayors and Councilmembers Association meeting at Taylor-Snowflake Fire Department #1, he noted that it would be good for Council to attend. Gus added that we need a head count of who will attend.

Gus reported that the newspaper announcement has been placed for the CDBG concrete work at Freeman Park, next will be acquiring playground equipment. He added that next Thursday is a mandatory pre-bid meeting for the concrete project.

Gus highlighted the Towns' new website which includes the addition of a cemetery map. He noted that the map is updated as Town records are updated.

Councilman Brubaker stated the White Mountain Geocaching event is going to take place, with a kick off this September, also a regional coordinator has been hired. He said that the hopes are to boost the economy during the winter months.

Councilman Smith stated he was impressed at the turn out for the nativity presentation this year, adding that the cast did a great job. He said the plan is to do it again next year.

**9. Adjourn a motion was made by Councilman Smith to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Vice Mayor Palmer; passed unanimously 8:03 PM**

*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, 2016. I further certify that the meeting was duly called to order and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 8th day of January, 2016

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Geri Judd - Town Clerk