



TAYLOR TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Thursday February 4, 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 Hatch called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

COUNCIL PRESENT: Mayor Fay Hatch, Vice Mayor Shawn Palmer, Councilman David Smith, Councilman Gary Solomon, Councilman Jason Brubaker, Councilman Lynn DeWitt (7:13 PM)

COUNCIL ABSENT: Councilman Carl Cosper

STAFF PRESENT: Manager Gus Lundberg, Clerk Geri Judd

VISITORS: See list

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Councilman Solomon

INVOCATION: Offered by Mayor Hatch

CALL TO THE PUBLIC: Tony Tangalos with the Kerr-Cole Sustainable Living Center invites the Council to an open house Saturday, February 27th at 10am. He said the goal of the center is to have a community in area that is comprised of solar homes.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approve Council Meeting minutes of January 7, 2016
- B. Approve January 2016 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. Presentation by Summit Healthcare Regarding New Expanded Facility in Snowflake

Ken Allen, Chief of Physician Services said Summit Healthcare has expanded its facility in Snowflake, the new facility is located adjacent to the imaging services building and will be opening Monday February 8th. He said the goal of the new facility is to improve access to healthcare, offering after hours, walk-in, OB, and Oncology services.

Mr. Allen introduced Dr. Chad Brimhall and Dr. Darrell Brimhall who will be manning the clinic. Dr. Chad Brimhall said they are glad to be back in the community, taking care of people they know and love. Mr. Allen said the construction was done by local contractors, Dr. Darrell Brimhall added that the contractor did a great job.

2. Consideration of Agreement for Legal Services with Sims Murray, LTD

Gus noted that at the January meeting a recommendation was made to form a committee to interview candidates for legal counsel. The committee's recommendation is to contract with Sims Murray LTD as the town's general counsel on an as needed basis. Gus added that Bill Sims provides legal services through the municipal risk pool.

**A motion was made by Councilman Smith to approve the Agreement for Legal Services with Sims Murray LTD; seconded by Vice Mayor Palmer; the motion passed (5-0)
Councilman Solomon abstained from the vote**

3. Consideration of Agreement for Municipal Court Prosecutions Services with Shawn Taylor

Gus reported that the last time the town was hiring for attorney services, Shawn Taylor was one of the top candidates. He went on to say that Shawn Taylor also provides legal service for the town of Springerville, the committee recommends using a local attorney for municipal court matters.

A motion was made by Councilman Brubaker to accept the Agreement for Municipal Court Prosecution Services with Shawn Taylor, seconded by Vice Mayor Palmer; passed unanimously

4. Consideration of and Second 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 the second reading of Ordinance O2016-01 by title only. Gus noted that the Ordinance goes along with Resolution R2016-02, which was approved at the last Council meeting. Gus reported that the model city tax code is designed to keep laws uniform throughout the State.

Councilman Brubaker stated that the code permits the Town to implement taxes on items such as, sewer services, noting that currently the Town does not tax this service, and tax food for home consumption. He went on to say the code gives cities and towns an opportunity to tax more if wanted but is not a required.

A brief discussion followed concerning the benefits of the code to keep laws consistent, while some feel that one committee guiding 91 towns and cities is a concern.

A motion was made by Councilman Smith to approve Ordinance O2016-01; seconded by Councilman DeWitt; Councilman Brubaker opposed; passed (5-1)

5. Consideration of Wal-Mart Liquor License Application to Add Sampling Privileges to Existing License

Gus reported that the town received an application requesting an amendment to the Walmart liquor license to add sampling privileges. Gus read a statement from Ms. Abel a representative of Walmart concerning the sampling events and the guidelines that will be in place at the events. A brief discussion followed.

A motion was made by Councilman Solomon to approve the application; seconded by Councilman DeWitt; passed unanimously

6. Consideration of Transit Station License Agreement with Wal-Mart

Gus said that during the site plan process Walmart agreed to add space for a bus stop; he reported that today the shelter was installed at the bus stop, which was paid for through a grant. Gus stated that most riders are comminuting to the county for work, he mentioned that there are parking spaces nearby for the riders to use.

A motion was made by Councilman Smith to approve the Transit Station License Agreement with Wal-Mart; seconded by Vice Mayor Palmer; passed unanimously

7. Consideration of Bid Award for Taylor Parks ADA Improvement Project to McCauley Construction

Gus reported that the bid opening for the concrete work at Freeman Park was held last week; McCauley Construction from Winslow was the low bid at \$43,527.50. Gus stated that the grant consists of two line items, sidewalks & parking, and playground equipment. Gus will be requesting quotes for the playground equipment with a projected install of late spring.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Palmer to approve the bid award McCauley Construction; seconded by Councilman Solomon; passed unanimously

8. Manager update, Councilmember reports and future agenda items:

Police Chief Scarber reported that there has been some reorganization within the police department; Bobby Martin has been promoted to Sargent. He talked about Blue Courage Training which focuses on attitudes and service, this training is done 4 times per year and all officers will attend. He noted that officer Amity Crunk has already attended as part of her police academy training.

Councilman DeWitt asked if it's possible to insure that the Snowflake court hears cases when the citation is given within town limits even if received from another law enforcement agency.

Mayor Hatch reported that a work session will be scheduled for the end of the month, to discuss the town budget and the ADEQ consent order. Councilman Brubaker offered to have the meeting at Silver Creek Mortuary. It was decided that Tuesday, February 23rd at 2:00PM to hold the work session.

Gus reported that he has been working with Walmart's media relations representative to have a walkthrough of the building. He added that March 9th is the planned grand opening. Gus said Walmart has hired over 160 employees so far and would like to hire 180. Vice Mayor Palmer added that a lot of local residents have been hired.

9. Adjourn: a motion was made by Councilman Solomon to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Vice Mayor Palmer; 7:48 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 4th day of February, 2016. I further certify that the meeting was duly called to order and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 5th day of February, 2016

Geri Judd - Town Clerk