



## TAYLOR TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Thursday April 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

### PUBLIC HEARING

The Taylor Town Council will take public comment on adoption of the Alternative Expenditure Limitation (Home Rule)

- Open Public Hearing 7:00 PM
- Receive public comment - no public comment received
- Close Public Hearing 7:01 PM

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

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

**COUNCIL ABSENT:** Councilman Lynn DeWitt

**STAFF PRESENT:** Manager Gus Lundberg, Clerk Geri Judd, Police Chief Larry Scarber

**VISITORS:** See list

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

**INVOCATION:** Offered by Vice Mayor Palmer

### TOWN RECOGNITIONS

- Vance Muder and Brad Click were presented with plaques in appreciation for their years of service and dedication to the Special Events Committee.
- Proclamation by the Mayor Proclaiming April 2016 Child Abuse Prevention & Awareness Month read by Councilman Smith. Mayor Hatch said this is a serious subject and we should all make an effort to help the situation.

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC:** Lynn Hancock said the Heritage Foundation was thankful for all the help they have received from the town. He noted that this year is the towns 50th anniversary, a social event is being planned for some time between Memorial Day and July 4<sup>th</sup>. There are plans for games, water balloon volleyball, story time, a pie and cake auction and various other activities. The event will be held at Freeman Park; Mr. Hancock is requesting the town to assist by making flyers and blocking off Papermill Road from Town Hall to Main Street to allow for safer parking and resident crossing.

Jo Russell addressed the Council stating there is an increasing issue with loose dogs running her neighborhood. Ms. Russell stated that there are three families who she feels are repeat offenders. She has met with Chief Scarber to get this issue resolved. Ms. Russell suggested a heavy fine be issued against the dog owner every time the dogs are running loose. Ms. Russell went on to say she can no longer walk her dog in the neighborhood and is concerned for the safety of the children playing in the area.

Linda Brimhall announced that her company, Synkromax, an internet service provider is now open for business. Coverage is offered in Taylor and Snowflake. She stated business is doing well, and a third tower will be installed on County property within the next month.

### CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approve Council Meeting minutes of March 3, 2016
- B. Approve March 2016 Check Register
- C. Resolution R2016-04 Fair Housing Awareness

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

### ACTION ITEMS

**1. Presentation by Navajo County Regarding New Voting Equipment**

Navajo County Recorder, Laura Sanchez gave a presentation on the new express vote equipment, Ms. Sanchez said the new equipment allows voters to cast their vote at any polling location. Ms. Sanchez said the express vote equipment is all touch screen, and does not allow voters to over vote but will allow them to under vote, after elections are cast the ballot is then printed so voters have an opportunity to review their elections. Ms. Sanchez noted that paper ballots are still available, as well as early ballots.

A representative with the Navajo County Elections office will be at Taylor Town Hall Monday, April 11th from 11am -2pm offering demonstrations of the new express vote equipment.

**2. Presentation on Upcoming Geocaching Event**

Scott Bowler reported on the upcoming geocache event, he said the number of caches was reduced from 10 to 5, Taylor has chosen all 5 locations and is looking for trinkets to place at the sites. Mr. Bowler went on to say they are working on sponsorship, he noted there are different levels of sponsorship offered. Mr. Bowler said the participants will get a passport to enter their progress, he said if participants stay at a local hotel they receive two additional points and if they eat at a local restaurant they receive another point.

Mr. Bowler said the start date has been pushed back from April 27<sup>th</sup> because not all communities are ready. He noted that Taylor’s kickoff event will be tied to Trapper Days, and the grand finale will be in Round Valley. Mr. Bowler said if anyone in the community would like to help get sponsors they would like to have them involved.

**3. Presentation Regarding Forest Issues**

Jason Whiting, District III Supervisor and Paul Watson, Navajo County Economic Development Director gave a presentation on forest health, and the upcoming fire season. Mr. Whiting said the large fuel load contributed to the last two large fires. He went on to say after a fire trees are gone and erosion goes into our water sheds. Environmental agencies, forest service and local governments are all working together to stop these catastrophes. Mr. Watson announced that there will be a tour of Nova Power during the Real AZ meeting this Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup>.

Mary Springer talked about emergency management, and the Community Wildfire Protection Plan that is currently underway. Catrina Jenkins spoke about emergency preparedness and the Ready Navajo County Emergency Notification System. Ms. Jenkins went on to say that every week during fire season there is a conference call with many organizations to discuss restrictions that may need implemented.

A brief discussion followed concerning wood materials available to local businesses that rely on them to keep their business in operation. Mr. Whiting said he has met with local supervisors to come up with immediate ways to get wood to these businesses, adding that the Governor’s office is on board in addressing these issues.

**4. Discussion/Action Regarding Utility Service Partners’ Service Line Warranty Program**

Ashley Shiwarski, with Utility Service Partners, Inc., (USP) is offering residents a water and sewer service line protection plan that covers the property owner’s side of the service lines. Ms. Shiwarski said the cost of the program is a few dollars a month to homeowners who choose to enroll. Ms. Shiwarski added that USP is endorsed by the National League of Cities, League of Arizona Cities and Towns, and is certified by the Better Business Bureau. Ms. Shiwarski said the company has three mailing campaigns per year to promote the program, adding that nothing is sent to residents without approval from the town.

Ms. Shiwarski said USP uses local contractors who are licensed, insured and have gone through an approval process. If a homeowner has a service line problem they can contact USP anytime, and the company will then contact a local plumber. She went on to say the homeowner receives up to \$4,000 per repair, there is no limit on the number of claims that a resident can have in a year, as well as no service fee or deductible.

Councilman Brubaker asked about preexisting conditions and if USP sets the price the contractors can charge. Ms. Shiwarski said it’s an honor system, property owners do sign a form that there is currently no problems with their service lines. She noted that there is no waiting period if there is an active campaign, when there is not an active campaign there is a 30 day waiting period. She went on to say USP does not tell the companies what they can charge, adding that they must be approved and meet USP guidelines.

Gus said it’s an opportunity for residents to have some coverage; that currently do not. A brief discussion followed concerning the town’s responsibility, Ms. Shiwarski said the town is only involved in the campaign letters that are sent to residents.

**A motion was made by Councilman Brubaker to approve the partnership with Utility Service Partners; seconded by Vice Mayor palmer; passed 5-1 (Councilman Solomon opposed)**

**5. Presentation on Sports Court at Freeman Park**

Councilman Brubaker reported that there is a large pad of concrete at Freeman Park that can be used by families, and is great for a sports court. A fence would need installed and the sports court surface. He stated that the surface has a 15 year warranty, after 10-11 years they spray a project on it to extend the life.

Councilman Brubaker feels the court would be used greatly, especially when fields are wet and useable the court can be used instead. The cost for the court is approximately \$25,000 plus delivery and installation. A brief discussion followed about the possible addition of a sports court.

**6. Consideration of Appointments to the Special Events Committee**

Vice Mayor Palmer said Vance Muder and Brad Click did a great job, it takes a lot to do those jobs. Aaron Solomon has agreed to fill Brad Clicks position; and Mayor Hatch will be the new Committee Chairman.

**A motion was made by Vice Mayor Palmer to approve the appointment of Aaron Solomon and Mayor Fay Hatch to the Special Events Committee; seconded by Councilman Smith; passed unanimously**

**7. Councilmember updates/Future agenda items:**

Councilman Smith would like to look into the possibility of a walking path, and community fishing pond North of the soccer fields at Freeman Park.

Gus reported that candidate packets are ready for those interested in running for the three Council seats that will be on the August 30<sup>th</sup> ballot. He said John Romero has done great work on the landscaping in front of Town Hall and the playground equipment for Freeman Park is being ordered at a savings of 45% off the regular price. Gus asked if there is interest in an agenda item to chip in town funds to for more equipment.

Gus reported that the application has been submitted to obtain a flood permit, Gus would like to enhance the project to revise the FEMA floodplain map, the town needs to make sure process is done before FEMA is approached with this request, the consultant has been authorized to move forward.

**8. Adjourn: A motion was made by Councilman Smith to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Vice Mayor Palmer 9:00 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 7th day of April, 2016. I further certify that the meeting was duly called to order and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 8th day of April, 2016

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Geri Judd - Town Clerk