



## TAYLOR TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Thursday June 2, 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 P.M.

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

**COUNCIL ABSENT:** Councilman Carl Cosper, Councilman Lynn DeWitt

**STAFF PRESENT:** Manager Gus Lundberg, Building Official Allen Davis, Fire Chief Clint Burden, Clerk Geri Judd

**VISITORS:** See list

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Led by Vice Mayor Palmer

**INVOCATION:** Offered by Councilman Brubaker

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC:** Bill Schwab said there are currently 13,000 pickleball courts in the country. He went on to say that Snowflake offers pickleball and would like to advocate for the Taylor Council to consider adding a sports court in Taylor.

### CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approve Council Meeting minutes of May 5, 2016
- B. Approve May 2016 Check Register

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

### NEW BUSINESS

#### 1. Consideration and Acceptance of Resignation of Councilmember David Smith

Councilman David Smith said he turned in his letter of resignation on May 26, 2016 so that he may enter the race for Navajo County Supervisor for District 3. He thanked the Council for the way they represent the Town and that he is proud to say that he is from Taylor and was part of the Council.

Mayor Hatch presented Mr. Smith with a plaque of recognition and thanked him for his years of service to the Town.

#### 2. Consideration of Appointment to Town Council Vacancy

Mayor Hatch noted that the Council may appoint anyone they desire to fill a Council seat vacancy; he also reported that several individuals have turned in packets to run in the next election.

Mr. David Smith stated the individual he is recommending comes from a long line of family in the area, has lived here all his life, and has respect for the Council and Town; Mr. Smith would like to nominate Marion Hatch to fill the vacant Council seat.

Vice Mayor Palmer said he has spoken with citizens concerning the qualities desired in Councilmembers like, how someone feels about are County and the Town of Taylor and how willing a person is to correct things that need correcting and keep us moving in the right direction.

**A motion was made by Vice Mayor Palmer to consider Marion Hatch to fill the vacant Council seat; Seconded by Mayor Hatch.**

Before the vote was taken a brief discussion followed. Councilman Solomon stated Mr. Harold Meservey approached him expressing interest in serving on the Council, Mr. Meservey had one request and that was he does not want to be paid. Councilman Solomon made a recommendation to consider Harold Meservey as a candidate for the vacancy.

Councilman Brubaker said he would have liked to have Mr. Meservey attend the meeting. He went on to say he is pleased with the direction the Town Council has taken over the last few years and he would like to make it clear that Mr. Hatch is not being considered because of his previous stance on consolidation.

**Mayor Hatch stated a motion to consider Marion Hatch was made and seconded; a vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously to appoint Marion Hatch to fill the vacant Council seat.**

**Judge Peterson swore in Mr. Marion Hatch to the Taylor Town Council.**

(Councilman Solomon was excused at this time 7:22 P.M.)

**3. Consideration of Appointment of Planning & Zoning Commission Members**

Allen Davis stated that Planning & Zoning Commissioner terms have expired, letters of interest have been received from Taylor residents; Mr. Steve Foster and Mr. Jack Babb. Allen added that both residents have been attending meetings. Allen noted that there is still need to fill one more vacancy on the commission.

**A motion was made by Vice Mayor Palmer to accept the appointment of Mr. Steve Foster and Mr. Jack Babb to the Planning & Zoning Commission; seconded by Councilman Brubaker; passed unanimously**

**4. Consideration of Bio-solids Contract**

Gus noted as previously discussed during work sessions, the town currently has an agreement with Saline Farms to take the bio-solids from the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Gus added that since ADEQ issued a notice of violation and a consent order, the town has been working to bring the handling of bio-solids into compliance with ADEQ requirements.

Gus said town staff has come to the recommendation to terminate the agreement with Saline Farms and seek alternatives for handling the bio-solids. Gus added that since the agreement with Saline Farms began regulations have changed making it harder and more costly for the town to be in compliance. Staff feels it is more cost effective to dispose of the bio-solids by hauling them to the landfill.

Council asked if Saline Farms was willing to lower the cost, Gus said yes, although it is still more cost effective to haul off the material. Gus added that under a separate agreement Saline Farms will continue to take the liquids.

**A motion was made by Councilman Brubaker to terminate the agreement with Saline Farms to take the Bio-solids; seconded by Vice Mayor Palmer; passed unanimously**

**5. Consideration of Parks and Fire/EMS Budget Request**

Gus reported that the Parks budget changes are not required at this time. However, there is a request to increase the Fire/EMS budget. Gus stated that when the IGA with Snowflake was agreed upon, he wanted to be conservative with the anticipated revenues. The budget was \$550,000 of ambulance revenues, we have collected over \$600,000 in revenue thus far. Gus feels that it's still conservative to increase the estimated annual revenues to \$650,000, therefore, he is requesting an increase to the expenditure budget of \$100,000.

Council asked if the funds would stay in their budget and not be used elsewhere, Gus replied yes. Gus added that this is an expenditure limit situation; the town cannot spend more than what was approved without taking it before Council; he added that the voters approved to continue to do so. Gus said under the State imposed limit you cannot spend more regardless of how much money comes in during the year. A brief discussion followed concerning the possible budget increase for next year.

**A motion was made by Councilman Marion Hatch to approve the Fire/EMS budget request; seconded by Vice Mayor Palmer; passed unanimously**

**6. Manager update, Councilmember reports and future agenda items:**

Gus reported that yesterday (6/1/16) was the deadline for the Council candidate packets to be turned in, 6 packets were received from Shawn Palmer, Fay Hatch, Kyle Peck, Sandy Stewart, Bill Baldwin and Velma Perkins all vying for 3 Council seats. Also, the Police Department is working on citizen's academy to educate citizens about the ins and outs of the Police Department.

Councilman Brubaker reported that he wants to learn more about the sports court and plans to go to Phoenix to find out more. Also, the Town's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration is coming up June 18<sup>th</sup>.

**7. Adjourn: A motion was made by Vice Mayor Palmer to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilman Marion Hatch; passed unanimously 7:40 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 2nd day of June, 2016. I further certify that the meeting was duly called to order and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 3rd day of June, 2016

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Geri Judd - Town Clerk