



TAYLOR TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Thursday July 7, 2016 6:30 p.m.

Town Hall

425 Paper Mill Road
Taylor, Arizona

Mayor
Fay Hatch
Vice-Mayor
Shawn Palmer
Councilmembers
Jason Brubaker
Gary Solomon
Carl Cosper
Lynn DeWitt
Marion Hatch

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Fay Hatch called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT: Mayor Fay Hatch, Vice Mayor Shawn Palmer, Councilman Marion Hatch, Councilman Lynn DeWitt, Councilman Jason Brubaker

COUNCIL ABSENT: Councilman Carl Cosper, Councilman Gary Solomon

STAFF PRESENT: Manager Gus Lundberg, Police Chief Larry Scarber, Fire Chief Clint Burden, Clerk Geri Judd

VISITORS: See list

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Councilman Hatch

INVOCATION: Offered by Councilman DeWitt

TOWN RECOGNITIONS:

Mayor Hatch presented letters of appreciation to three Eagle Scouts for their generous donation performing various projects for the town.

Eagle Scout Nick Larson for his project to extend the water supply lines to the north of the Rodeo Park arena.

Eagle Scout Guy Lewis for his project to improve the practice arena fencing at Rodeo Park.

Eagle Scout Dillan Owens for his project in suppling new trash receptacles at Rodeo Park. Mayor Hatch noted that the trash receptacles were also used during the Town of Taylors' 50th Anniversary Celebration.

Gus also thanked Eddie Hancock and Aaron Solomon for their time working on the waterline extension at Rodeo Park.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC: Mr. Steve Foster with American Legion Post 126 thanked town staff and the Special Events Committee for helping with the American Rising event.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approve Council Meeting minutes of June 2, 2016
- B. Approve June 2016 Check Register

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

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Executive Session:** Discussion of issues related to pending and potential litigation associated with the Little Colorado River Adjudication and other legal issues regarding the Town's water supply pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3) and (A)(4)

A motion was made by Mayor Hatch to recess into Executive Session to discuss potential litigation associated with the Little Colorado River Adjudication; seconded by Vice Mayor Palmer; passed unanimously

The Taylor Town Council recessed into Executive Session at 7:00 p.m.

The Taylor Town Council reconvened into Regular Session 7:28 p.m.

2. **Consideration of FY 2016-2017 Tentative Budget**

Gus reported that a few months ago Council held a retreat and discussed the upcoming budget. He said there are minimal operational adjustments, and no major personnel changes as to costs or benefits. Gus said the largest departments are Police and Fire/EMS. Gus said after meeting with Snowflake staff that the towns' portion of the Police budget has increased from \$840,645 to \$842,108. Since Taylor handles the day to day operations for Fire/EMS the total budget increases from \$1,125,000 to \$1,236,250. Gus said some significant changes are able to be made with nominal out of pocket costs, the change will allow for a second fulltime crew of three to staff

station 2. Gus acknowledged Chief Burden for bringing the departments together and staying within the budget.

Gus noted that the budget includes a contingency fund of \$700,000 up from \$600,000 last year. A brief discussion followed concerning the contingency fund and if it's over and above what is reflected. The projected sales tax revenue from Walmart, and any effects Walmart has had on sales tax received by other businesses.

Gus said the HURF fund is showing an increase and there is a good reserve in the streets fund, Gus noted that this can go quickly with one project. There is no change in the water and sewer budget, although there is a little concern that the cost of utilities and usage is going up. Gus went on to say that with minor increases the water and sewer budget is getting tighter and tighter. Two sewer pumps were replaced this year and the capital reserve is not available. Gus said in the near future there needs to be discussion on what can be done concerning the utility funds.

Grants had a slight increase, the town is getting ready for another \$400,000 to \$500,000 airport project utilizing entitlement funds from the FAA, to enhance the runway lighting.

The total 2016-2017 tentative budget is \$6,981,008; Gus added that this is the legal spending authority and he does not expect the town to come anywhere close to that.

A motion was made by Councilman DeWitt to approve the 2016-2017 tentative budget not to exceed \$6,981,008; seconded by Councilman Hatch; passed unanimously

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

Gus thanked everyone for their support during the July 4th celebration. Gus reported that on Wednesday, July 13th APS will be hosting an event with major league baseball players for local students. The event will be held at the Taylor Little League field from 9:30-12:30, anyone who would like to attend is invited to do so. Gus also reported that the Mayors and Councilmembers Association meeting is July 21st in Holbrook, and the League of Arizona Cities conference is August 23-26 in Scottsdale.

Gus reported that Councilman Carl Cosper is doing well and is in good spirits. Councilman Cosper hopes to be home soon and is looking forward to attending the League conference in August.

Councilman Brubaker requested that the Special Events Committee attend the next Council meeting to give an update on this year's rodeo. Councilman Brubaker said he had received some comments in regards to the ticket pricing, he added that the fireworks were great.

Vice Mayor Palmer reported that the Special Events Committee oversees three events, referred to as the Triple Crown, the events consist of Trapper Days, July 4th and the Sweet Corn Festival. He went on to say that attendance at the July 4th celebration has risen and that attendance is two to 2 ½ times the town's population, he said expenses are huge for this celebration. Vice Mayor Palmer added that the family ticket has been abused in the past. He said a huge upgrade is the restaurant quality food that is offered. The committee is looking into a remedy for the long lines next year. Mr. Steve Foster added that the American Legion would volunteer to run a water/soda concession stand.

Councilman Brubaker said that attendance during the Cowboy poetry was down due to weather.

Councilman DeWitt said that he feels the rodeo keeps the small town feel.

4. Adjourn: A motion was made by Vice Mayor Palmer to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Councilman Hatch; passed unanimously 7:44 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 July, 2016. I further certify that the meeting was duly called to order and that a quorum was present.

Geri Judd - Town Clerk - Dated this 8th day of July, 2016