



**TAYLOR TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Thursday September 8, 2016 7:00 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
Marion Hatch

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 Carl Cosper, Councilman Marion Hatch, Councilman Jason Brubaker, Councilman Lynn DeWitt
COUNCIL ABSENT: Councilman Gary Solomon
STAFF PRESENT: Manager Gus Lundberg, Fire Chief Clint Burden, Police Chief Larry Scarber, Clerk Geri Judd
VISITORS: See list
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Councilman Cosper
INVOCATION: Offered by Councilman Brubaker

CALL TO THE PUBLIC: Bill Baldwin thanked the Council and citizens for their support in the election; he hopes the newly elected members can lead the town in a good direction. Mr. Baldwin congratulated Kyle Peck, and would like to offer his service in the event of a vacancy.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approve Council Meeting minutes of August 4, 2016
- B. Approve July & August 2016 Check Registers

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 of Canvassing the Votes of the August 30, 2016 Primary Election**
Manager Gus Lundberg

Results of the August 30, 2016 Primary Election are as Follows:

Shawn Palmer	541
Fay Hatch	535
Kyle Peck	474
Bill Baldwin	425
Sandy Stewart	169
Velma Perkins	162

Proposition 408- Alternative Expenditure Limit – Home Rule Option
“Yes” Votes 601 “No” Votes 166

Proposition 409- 2015 General Plan
“Yes” Votes 552 “No” Votes 217

John Fay Hatch, Shawn Palmer and Kyle Peck received a majority of the votes, therefore they will be seated and a General Election will not be held.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Palmer to Canvass the vote of the August 30, 2016 Primary Election for the Town of Taylor, thereby seating Shawn Palmer, Fay Hatch and Kyle Peck for a term of four years commencing in December 2016. Also, enacting Propositions 408 and 409, both of which passed by a majority vote; seconded by Councilman Hatch; passed unanimously

2. Consideration of Resolution R2016-07 Navajo County Community Wildfire Protection Plan

Chief Clint Burden reported that the Navajo County Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) agreement was first entered into in 2009; the plan recognizes areas within Navajo County as wildfire hazard areas.

Mary Springer, Navajo County Emergency Management Director stated that the Central Navajo Plan covers the mid or center part of Navajo County, the plan is necessary to actively seek funding and grants that become available to assist homeowners in clean-up of their property, the funds reimburse property owners 50% of the clean-up costs.

A brief discussion followed concerning any strings that are attached to receiving funds through these grants, Councilman Brubaker stated he would like to insure that the grant funds are shared by both large and small property owners.

A motion was made by Councilman DeWitt to approve Resolution R2016-07 Navajo County Community Wildfire Protection Plan; seconded by Councilman Cosper; passed unanimously

3. Consideration of Arizona State Forestry Intergovernmental Agreement

Chief Clint Burden said the State Forestry IGA was signed last year but required some updating. Gus added that employee insurance was an issue that needed to be clarified. The IGA allows the town to send crews on wildfires and invoice for costs incurred. So far this fire season the department has grossed \$166,000; these funds have allowed the department to upgrade equipment.

A motion was made by Councilman DeWitt to approve the Arizona State Forestry Intergovernmental Agreement; seconded by Vice Mayor Palmer; passed unanimously

4. Consideration of Fire Department Vehicle Purchases

Chief Clint Burden reported that a couple of the older ambulances need to be replaced, with service personnel being dual duty as firefighters and EMT's the vehicles need to carry more equipment which takes up space. Clint explained the various types of vans and trucks and the differences in each, a brief discussion followed on which type is best suited for the department needs.

Three bids have been received and Clint's recommendation is to purchase an EVG-wheeled coach at a cost of \$152,968 to replace the 1998 Type II vehicle. Clint said there is also need for a new command truck, bids were received from Show Low Ford, Winslow Ford and Tate Ford; the recommendation is to purchase a 2017 F150 4x4 from Show Low Ford for \$32,195.21; Clint added that the current command truck would be utilized as a crew vehicle since it is larger than the truck currently used. A brief discussion followed concerning the financing of the vehicles and the use of wildland funds to cover some of the costs.

A motion was made by Councilman DeWitt to approve the purchase of two Fire Department vehicles as discussed; seconded by Councilman Cosper; passed unanimously

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

Gus reported that the work has been completed for the ADA playground equipment project. Gus said he is greatly appreciative of the public works staff for their efforts.

Gus reported that there was discussion with ADEQ regarding the consent order; and the issue concerning a plan to dispose of the bio-solids. He said the bio-solids can no longer be land applied. ADEQ requested the town find a permanent solution for the bio-solids. A request for an engineer to address the issue and find a solution has been submitted, the deadline to have a Statement of Qualification submitted to the town is September 22nd.

Gus said the Sweet Corn Festival was a great success. Vice Mayor Palmer thanked Justin Burt and Mark Carlisle for their work in organizing the event.

Vice Mayor Palmer reported on the League of Cities Conference; he said it was a good conference with valuable information.

Councilman Hatch reported that the League of Cities Conference was very educational.

Councilman Brubaker reported that the information received at the League of Cities Conference concerning the legalization of Marijuana was very informative. Councilman Brubaker said the League will provide tools and information to municipalities if the legalization law passes.

6. Adjourn: A motion was made by Vice Mayor Palmer to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Councilman DeWitt; passed unanimously 8:11 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 8th day of September, 2016. I further certify that the meeting was duly called to order and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 9th day of September, 2016

Geri Judd - Town Clerk