



**TAYLOR TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Thursday April 5, 2018 7:00 pm

Town Hall
425 Paper Mill Road
Taylor, Arizona

Mayor
David Smith
Vice-Mayor
Shawn Palmer
Council Members
Jason Brubaker
Kyle Peck
Carl Cosper
Lynn DeWitt
Fay Hatch

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

COUNCIL PRESENT: Mayor David Smith, Vice Mayor Shawn Palmer, Councilman Kyle Peck, Carl Cosper, Councilman Jason Brubaker

COUNCIL ABSENT: Councilman Fay Hatch, Councilman Lynn DeWitt

STAFF PRESENT: Manager Gus Lundberg, Police Chief Larry Scarber, Fire Chief Willie Nelson, Clerk Geri Judd

VISITORS: See list

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Councilman Peck

INVOCATION: Offered by Vice Mayor Palmer

CALL TO THE PUBLIC: Neil Traver with APS addressed the Council; Mr. Traver said he is the new division manager and looks forward to working with the town.

Cindy Schreiber with the Silver Creek Senior Center reported Mary Beals-Luedtka with NACOG came to visit; NACOG is reaching out to the public for ideas and recommendations for change. Cindy said senior center staff would forward recommendations from the public to NACOG.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approve Council Meeting minutes of March 1, 2018
- B. Approve March 2018 Check Register
- C. Proclamation declaring April 2018 Child Abuse Prevention & Awareness Month

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

NEW BUSINESS

1. Presentation of First Things First, "Week of the Young Child" Proclamation

Byron Lewis, with the Navajo & Apache Council of First Things First program reported that the organization helps children ready for school to identify early developmental delays. Mr. Lewis asked council to sign a proclamation to be forwarded to the state.

Councilman Brubaker asked if the proclamation would continue, Mr. Lewis stated the hope is to have the proclamation each year. Mr. Lewis added that there are regional councils all over the State of Arizona. Mayor Smith read aloud the Week of the Young Child Proclamation.

Councilman Peck made a motion to approve the Week of the Young Child Proclamation; seconded by Councilman Brubaker; passed unanimously

2. Presentation of Ready. Set. Go! Program

Catrina Jenkins, Deputy Director of the Navajo County Emergency Management said the Ready, Set, Go program is not just for fire, this is an all hazard program for all manmade and natural disasters.

Mel West with the City of Show Low put together a video presentation that was shown to those in attendance. Council asked if the program is only for Navajo County, Ms. Jenkins stated the program is Statewide.

3. Presentation by Snowflake High School FFA Team

Snowflake FFA advisor, Heather Scott addressed the council; Ms. Scott said on June 7th the FFA team will be in Tucson competing at the state conference; if the team does well in Tucson they will compete at the national convention in October.

FFA team members, Anna Greenwood, Shayley Paz, Elizabeth Moses, Caleb Vowell and Conner Scott gave a performance and discussed issues FAA members face with animal rights activists.

4. Consideration of Electronic Speed Limit Signs

Police Chief Larry Scarber said several months ago, Gus requested the department look into speed issues near school zones. Chief Scarber has obtained bids for speed signs, each vendor bid two different signs, battery and solar.

Chief Scarber said the information obtained from the signs will help to identify the days and times the speed issue is occurring. Chief Scarber said the signs are stationary, and will initially be placed on East Willow.

Council asked about the size of the signs, Chief Scarber said the vendors thought the 11-inch signs would suffice for the speeds in our area. Chief Scarber added that there are other options if the signs do not slow down traffic.

A motion was made Vice Mayor Palmer to approve the purchase of two electronic speed limit signs; seconded by Councilman Peck; pass unanimously

5. Consideration of Resolution R2018-02 Public Safety Retirement System

Fire Chief Willie Nelson said this resolution deals with the Fire Fighter pension system; the Public Safety system is designed for those in hazardous professions; the town would be entering in tier 3, which is comparable to the current State Retirement system. Chief Nelson said there would be an actuary study, at a cost of \$2,500 to give a finding of costs to join the system. The contributions from Arizona State would transfer to PSPRS to give the same years of credit.

Council asked if this retirement system would bring possible employees to the area. Chief Nelson said he has discussed the option with employees and they are in favor of the benefit. Council asked how much this system would cost; Chief Nelson replied that the funding level would come from the actuary study.

Gus explained that previously the PSPRS system was not as solid, current legislation has changed so the system is more affordable to new members. Gus added that previously ambulance employees were not eligible for the PSPRS system; now that the town has joined fire and EMS the PSPRS system is more suitable.

A motion was made by Mayor Smith to approve Resolution R2018-02 Public Safety Retirement System; seconded by Councilman Peck; passed unanimously

6. Consideration of Waste Water Treatment Plant Improvement Project Construction Bids

Manager Gus Lundberg reported that three companies submitted bids for the WWTP project; due to varying bids, staff recommends that the three bids not be accepted.

Gus advised that a second request for bids be advertised; and a recommendation be made at the next Council meeting. Gus added that the plans and specs would be revised to clarify the project details.

A motion was made by Councilman Cospers to reject all bids received on the Waste Water Treatment Plant Improvement Project; seconded by Vice Mayor Palmer; passed unanimously

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

Gus reported that tomorrow is the annual water adjudication meeting at 8:30am in Show Low. The Mayor and Councilmembers Association meeting is at noon on Thursday in Show Low.

Gus reported that the Airport Wash grant is moving along, the environmental assessment was in the process. He said once the finding of no impact is received; the grant would be given.

Gus shared pictures of the Freeman Park project that includes extending the parking lot, added culverts and fencing. Gus said a request was submitted to APS for donations of additional soccer nets.

Gus shared pictures of 100 blue spruce trees staff planted in the new section of the cemetery. Gus also reported that the town recently purchased a disc for the rodeo arena, as well as a new reader board.

Councilman Brubaker reported on the Agency on Aging meeting; Councilman Brubaker said anyone with concerns on benefits for seniors could call 877-521-3500 for assistance. Councilman Brubaker shared a flyer from NACOG regarding assistance for energy efficient homes through the weatherization program.

Vice Mayor Palmer reported that the Southwest Indian Rodeo Association recently rented Rodeo Park; he said he was impressed with the organization. The association would like to use Rodeo Park for the nationals' rodeo as well.

Councilman Peck reported that the paperwork for the anvil parade has been submitted to ADOT; the insurance paperwork will be ready in the next week. Councilman Peck said the firing cylinder has returned from testing with good results. The parade waiver is in the process of being worked up.

8. Adjourn: Mayor Smith adjourned the meeting at 8:40 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 5th day of April 2018. I further certify that the meeting was duly called to order and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 5th day of April 2018

Geri Judd, Town Clerk