



## TAYLOR TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Thursday May 3, 2018 7:00 pm

Town Hall

425 Paper Mill Road  
Taylor, Arizona

<b>Mayor</b> David Smith <b>Vice-Mayor</b> Shawn Palmer <b>Council Members</b> Jason Brubaker Kyle Peck Carl Cosper Lynn DeWitt Fay Hatch
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**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00pm  
**COUNCIL PRESENT:** Mayor David Smith, Vice Mayor Shawn Palmer, Councilman Kyle Peck, Councilman Fay Hatch, Councilman Brubaker  
**COUNCIL ABSENT:** Councilman Lynn DeWitt, Councilman Carl Cosper  
**STAFF PRESENT:** Manager Gus Lundberg, Fire Chief Willie Nelson, Police Chief Larry Scarber, Clerk Geri Judd  
**VISITORS:** See list  
**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Led by Colin Rencher  
**INVOCATION:** Offered by Mayor Smith

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC:** Brad Click reported that Jeff Kyle brother of American Sniper Chris Kyle would be speaking at the Veterans Memorial Program during the Trapper Days Celebration; there will be a motorcycle remembrance ride from Heber through Show Low down HWY 77 to the Taylor Rodeo Park.

### CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approve Council Meeting minutes of April 5, 2018
- B. Approve April 2018 Check Register
- C. Resolution R2018-03 Fair Housing Awareness Month

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

### NEW BUSINESS

#### 1. Consideration of Waste Water Treatment Plant Improvement Project Bid Award

Manager Gus Lundberg reported that the WWTP Improvement Project was advertised to bid again, the engineer added better clarification to the bid documents as well as estimated linear foot numbers. Gus said the same three bidders submitted a second bid, with the low bidder being Navapache Equipment Company at \$547,796. Staff recommends the award of the project to Navapache Equipment Company.

**A motion was made by Vice Mayor Palmer to accept the bid from Navapache Equipment Company for \$547,796; seconded by Councilman Peck; passed unanimously**

#### 2. Consideration of Taylor-Snowflake Fire & Medical Rate Increase

Fire Chief Willie Nelson reported that there is an automatic rate increase each year, however, Taylor-Snowflake Fire & Medical rates are lower than other agencies in the area. Chief Nelson recommends being in line with other departments in the area, the department apply for a rate increase.

A brief discussion followed concerning how long the rates would be in place before they would need to be increased, Council questioned why Taylor-Snowflake rates are lower than others in the area. Gus explained that other departments have policies in place to not bill customers in their taxing area; Gus added that a large driver of the costs is Medicare and Medicaid, who pay a discounted portion or set amount of what is billed. Chief Nelson added that the billing company goes through a process to collect; he said the department does understand the difficulty for some that cannot afford to pay the bills.

**A motion was made by Mayor Smith to approve the Taylor-Snowflake Fire & Medical rate increase application; seconded by Councilman Hatch; passed unanimously**

<p><b>3. Consideration of Resolution R2018-04 Town Code Title 2 Chapter 10 and Title 13 Chapters 05 and 10 Text Amendments</b></p> <p>Manager Gus Lundberg said the recommended changes are catch items in the Town Code that no longer apply; one item is the election cycle, which was changed from Spring to Fall; Gus explained that the water rates are 20 years old; the new language allows for Council to set the rates by Resolution. Gus said the Resolution is to allow changes so the Ordinance in a shorter format; the Ordinance will be published in the newspaper and a public hearing will be held at the next Council meeting.</p> <p><b>A motion was made by Councilman Brubaker to approve Resolution R2018-04; seconded by Councilman Peck; passed unanimously</b></p>
<p><b>4. First Reading of Ordinance O2018-01 Town Code Title 2 Chapter 10 and Title 13 Chapters 05 and 10 by Title Only</b> – Councilman Hatch read Ordinance O2018-01 by Title Only</p>
<p><b>5. Consideration of Resolution R2018-05 Town Code Title 18 Chapter 75 Administrative Procedures Text Amendments</b></p> <p>Planning &amp; Zoning Administrator Allen Davis said this item pertains to the portion of variance procedures; the current procedures do not follow the special use permit procedures. Allen said the changes allow the Planning &amp; Zoning Commission to make the decision; and if appealed, it would go before Council.</p> <p><b>A motion was made by Councilman Peck to approve Resolution R2018-05; seconded by Councilman Brubaker; passed unanimously</b></p>
<p><b>6. First Reading of Ordinance O2018-02 Town Code Title 18 Chapter 75 Administrative Procedures by Title Only</b> – Vice Mayor Palmer read Ordinance O2018-02 by Title Only</p>
<p><b>7. Consideration of Revisions to the Personnel Discipline, Appeal and Grievance Policy</b></p> <p>Manager Gus Lundberg said a couple of months ago the town dealt with an appeal of termination; staff has met concerning the current appeal and disciplinary procedures. Pearce Colman Law Office has proposed the revised policy; the proposed procedures remove the progressive discipline policy; and the Council would no longer sit as the hearing board; the Town Manager would appoint an independent hearing officer.</p> <p><b>A motion was made by Mayor Smith to approve the Personnel Discipline, Appeal and Grievance Policy revisions; seconded by Vice Mayor Palmer; passed unanimously</b></p>
<p><b>8. Manager update, Councilmember reports and future agenda items:</b></p> <p>Gus reported that the parking lot at Freeman Park is nearing completion. Gus met with Aaron Dunford and the school superintendent, concerning the installation of lights at the Taylor Intimidate field.</p> <p>Councilman Peck reported that there was some pushback from ADOT on the Anvil Parade application. He said the waiver verbiage is being finalized; the Town’s attorney has advised that drivers be 18 years of age or older.</p> <p>Mayor Smith reported that Trapper Days is approaching; he said the program is the best and recommends those who are able should attend.</p>
<p><b>9. Adjourn: Mayor Smith adjourned the meeting 7:41pm</b></p>

***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 3rd day of May 2018. I further certify that the meeting was duly called to order and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 3rd day of May 2018

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Geri Judd, Town Clerk