



TAYLOR TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Thursday July 12, 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, Councilman Carl Cosper, Councilman Fay Hatch, Councilman Jason Brubaker, Vice Mayor Shawn Palmer (7:15)
COUNCIL ABSENT: Councilman Lynn DeWitt, Councilman Kyle Peck
STAFF PRESENT: Manager Gus Lundberg, Police Chief Larry Scarber, Public Works Director Jeremy Peters, Recreation Director Aaron Dunford, Clerk Geri Judd
VISITORS: See list
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Mayor Smith
INVOCATION: Offered by Councilman Hatch

RECOGNITIONS

Chief Scarber recognized and thanked volunteers David Sands, Steve Buck, Don Anderson, Jimmy Harden and Chase Carlson for their assistance in providing crowd control, traffic control and security during community events. Mayor Smith thanked the volunteers for their assistance during the July 4th celebration.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC: Tammy Gibson gave a report on the July 4th rodeo; she said the event was a success, and collected approximately \$45,000 at the gate. All events were full and there were no issues. Councilman Brubaker thanked the committee for allowing the rodeo attendees to sing the national anthem; Ms. Gibson said they plan to make that tradition each year. Ms. Gibson announced there would be a BBQ August 11th at the Rodeo pavilion for those that assisted with the event.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approve Council Meeting minutes of June 7, 2018
- B. Approve June 2018 Check Register

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

NEW BUSINESS

1. Navajo County Budget Update Presentation

Supervisor Jason Whiting said County Manager Glenn Kephart, and Asst. County Manager Bryan Layton are here to present an update on the county's budget. Mr. Layton said with the 2008 State budget cuts the burden shifted to the counties. To meet budget cuts the county had to cut services such as juvenile detention, public fiduciary and child support services.

Mr. Layton presented a power point with an overview of the county budget. Mr. Layton said this is the first year services have been cut. With the loss of coalmines and the closing of power plants, the county will have a \$2.5 million loss in sales tax revenue; resulting in further cuts in staffing and services that residents rely upon.

Mr. Layton said the county is looking into a possible jail district, which would be a one-third cent sales tax increase. He said public safety is one of the largest expenditures to the county. Mr. Layton reported that eight other counties have implemented a jail district.

Mr. Kephart said the county is meeting with cities and towns to start a discussion and work with the communities as partners. He said the county had a good budget year this past year. Mr. Kephart said the jail district would be on the ballot this election year. Councilman Brubaker asked if the revenue generated from the sales tax increase is secure enough to rely upon. Mr. Kephart said the county has put together a 5 year budget; with a conservative projection of what the economy will do.

Mr. Whiting said the county is looking for solutions and wants to work with the town. He said the public needs to see the data. Mr. Whiting asked what the town would like from the county. Mayor Smith replied that the county should come update the council each year.

2. Consideration of Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Tentative Budget

Manager Gus Lundberg said last year's budget was just over \$10 million; this fiscal year the tentative budget will be \$9,353,930. Gus said last year had some large capital expenditures; such as the \$2 million sewer expansion and water tank replacement projects. This next fiscal year will likely have a half million dollar grant from the FAA to complete fencing and gate access at the airport; as well as a half million dollar grant from FEMA for the flood control project. Gus said the general fund includes the shared recreation services department; fund adjustments were made according to the shared services agreement with Snowflake.

Mayor Smith asked about the contingency budget; Gus replied this is where it ended last year after adjustments were made. Councilman Brubaker asked why the sewer budget is lower than last year; Gus said the operational budget is about \$600,000; there will be approximately \$400,000 expended this year. Gus said the tentative budget will be published and a public hearing held at the next meeting.

A motion was made by Councilman Cosper to approve the FY 2018-2019 Tentative Budget; seconded by Vice Mayor Palmer; passed unanimously

3. Consideration of Town Fee Schedule

Manager Gus Lundberg said the last fee schedule was updated in 2008; he said the fee schedule involves town fees outside of utility rates. Gus reported that the solar system permit fee was reduced to \$125; there are no changes to building permit fees. He said commercial plan review has gone up; at the prior rate, the fee did not cover cost incurred, as the town does not have an engineer on staff.

A brief discussion took place concerning the rodeo arena light fee; Council recommended a \$50 light fee to users who are not paying for a full day rodeo. Gus reported that recreation fees have been added to the fee schedule.

A motion was made by Councilman Hatch to approve the Town Fee Schedule; seconded by Councilman Cosper; passed unanimously

4. Consideration of Street Chip Sealing Intergovernmental Agreement with Navajo County

Public Works Director Jeremy Peters said the county has offered to do chip sealing. Jeremy said millings were received from ADOT last year and there would be a partnership with Navajo County to complete 18.3 miles of chip sealing.

Gus said last year the county loaned crack sealing equipment to the town. He said the town would provide the materials and a crew and the county will provide the equipment to complete the chip-sealing project; the partnership will be a million dollar savings to the town.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Palmer to approve the Street Chip Sealing IGA with Navajo County; seconded by Mayor Smith; passed unanimously

5. Consideration of Facility Use Intergovernmental Agreement with Snowflake Unified School District

Recreation Director Aaron Dunford said staff has been in discussion with the school district concerning use of facilities for town sports leagues. Aaron said the field at Taylor Intermediate will be used by the town; the town will provide poles and light fixtures in exchange for irrigation of the field; the School District will provide the maintenance.

Councilman Hatch asked if the School would be paying to have the light fixtures installed; Aaron replied yes, they would. Gus added that the light fixtures to be provided are already owned by the town. Gus said the districts cost for water has been approximately \$6,000 per year.

A motion was made by Mayor Smith to approve the Facility Use IGA with the Snowflake Unified School District; seconded by Vice Mayor Palmer; passed unanimously

6. Executive Session: Discussion Regarding Possible Real Estate Purchase

Pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.03 (A)(7) the Town Council may Adjourn into Executive Session

Mayor Smith made a motion to recess into executive session; seconded by Councilman Hatch; motion passed unanimously; 8:25 p.m.

Council reconvened the Special Meeting at 9:50 p.m.

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

Manager Gus Lundberg reported on the following:

Thursday, July 19th is the Mayor and Councilmembers meeting at the Taylor Fire Station

League of AZ Cities & Towns Conference is in Phoenix August 21st – 24th

The trees ordered for the park are scheduled to arrive next week

Sewer plant project is going well. Building is in progress.

Chief Scarber is working on a smoking ordinance that will be on the next council agenda

There is an Industrial Hemp ordinance in progress

8. Adjourn: Mayor Smith adjourned the meeting at 10:15 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 12th day of July 2018. I further certify that the meeting was duly called to order and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 12th day of July 2018

Geri Judd, Town Clerk