



TAYLOR TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Thursday August 2, 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
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CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm
COUNCIL PRESENT: Mayor David Smith, Councilman Fay Hatch, Councilman Kyle Peck, Councilman Carl Cosper, Councilman Jason Brubaker (7:03pm), Vice Mayor Shawn Palmer (7:03pm)
COUNCIL ABSENT: Councilman Lynn DeWitt
STAFF PRESENT: Manager Gus Lundberg, Fire Chief Willie Nelson, Police Chief Larry Scarber, Clerk Geri Judd
VISITORS: See list
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Councilman Hatch
INVOCATION: Offered by Mayor Smith

CALL TO THE PUBLIC: Mr. Steve Foster reported that during last month's storm the power was out for 3 hours; he stated that APS and the Corporation Commission are not helping. He said for over 40 years the power has gone out for extended lengths of time.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approve Council Meeting minutes of July 12, 2018
- B. Approve July 2018 Check Register

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

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. First Reading of Ordinance O2018-03 Smoking and Vaping in Public Places by Title Only**
Police Chief Larry Scarber said in discussions with the rodeo committee regarding concerns of smoking at rodeo park he researched the Smoke Free Arizona Act Title 36 Section 601-01; Chief Scarber said this section does not include outdoor venues. Following some research and discussion, Chief Scarber found that other communities have smoke free ordinances in place. Chief Scarber is recommending council approve the ordinance regarding Smoking and Vaping in Public Places.

Mayor Smith read Ordinance O2018-03 Smoking and Vaping in Public Places by Title Only
- 2. First Reading of Ordinance O2018-04 Renumbering Title 12, Chapter 15 to Title 8, Chapter 20 by Title Only**
Manager Gus Lundberg said when the smoking ordinance came about the thought was to have both drinking and smoking in the health and safety section of the town code. Ordinance O2018-04 is amending the numbering to move Possession or Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages in Public Places to Title 8 of the town code.

Mayor Smith read Ordinance O2018-04 Renumbering Title 12, Chapter 15 to Title 8, Chapter 20 by Title Only
- 3. Consideration of Additional "Doing Business As" (DBA's) for Taylor-Snowflake Fire & Medical**
Fire Chief William Nelson said the fire department is working on rebadging the departments' equipment; the Arizona Department of Health Services (AZDHS) requires council approval. Chief Nelson is requesting the approval to add Taylor Snowflake Fire & Medical and TSFMD as DBA's

A motion was made by Mayor Smith to approve the additional DBA's as Taylor Snowflake Fire & Medical and TSFMD; seconded by Vice Mayor Palmer; passed unanimously

4. Consideration of Notice of Intent to Increase Utility Rates

Manager Gus Lundberg said part of a rate increase is to substantiate why the increase is needed; he said rates were last increased in 2012. The water rate is currently \$15.00 with an allowance of 4,000 gallons, and \$1.00 per thousand over that.

Gus said expenses have increased; the cost of maintenance has gone up, the town's portion of costs paid to attorneys for the water adjudication has increased from \$15,000 per year to \$65,000 and are expected to increase to over \$80,000. Additionally, there is loan debt for the WWTP upgrades and the Rolling Hills water tank.

Gus said this is the first step in the rate increase process followed by the posting the notice on the town's website for 60 days; he said the rate study will be made available for the public to view. A public hearing will be held at the October 4th council meeting. Gus recommended the council have a more detailed work session to discuss the rate increase.

Councilman Brubaker said the town provides a service and for the service to be successful it should be ran like a business. Mayor Smith said he would like the increase done overtime and not in one jump. Vice Mayor Palmer said he would like the public to be aware of the costs for the water adjudication and discussed in-depth during the public hearing.

A motion was made by Councilman Brubaker to approve the Notice of Intent to Increase Utility Rates; seconded by Vice Mayor Palmer; passed unanimously

5. Consideration of Sweet Corn Ranch Rodeo Budget

Manager Gus Lundberg said previously, the town reached out to the Chamber of Commerce for assistance with the Sweet Corn Festival; he said for the past several years Justin Burt has coordinated the ranch rodeo. Gus said gate money collected last year was just over \$6,000; along with \$4,500 in sponsorships collected this year, the ranch rodeo could be done at no cost to the town. Gus added that the soccer team has volunteered to help take tickets.

A motion was made by Councilman Hatch to approve the Sweet Corn Ranch Rodeo Budget; seconded by Councilman Peck; passed unanimously

6. Consideration of Proclamation Declaring September 12 - September 15, 2018 as Navajo County Fair Days

Mayor David Smith read a proclamation Declaring September 12th-15th, 2018 as Navajo County Fair Days.

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

Gus reported on the following:

League of Cities conference is August 20th -23rd.

Chamber is hosting a candidate forum Tuesday, August 7th at the Catholic Church Community Center

Electronics and hazardous waste recycling event will be Saturday, August 25th at Show Low City Hall

Chip seal project is going well and should be completed next week. Councilman Brubaker asked if the gravel would be removed. Gus replied yes, followed by fog sealing and painting of stripes.

Councilman Brubaker reported that the Senior Center had a successful, well-attended fundraiser. He thanked the Barn Sour Band who played during the event.

8. Adjourn: Mayor Smith adjourned the meeting at 7:45 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 2nd day of August 2018. I further certify that the meeting was duly called to order and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 2nd day of August 2018

Geri Judd, Town Clerk