



**TAYLOR TOWN COUNCIL
WORK SESSION MINUTES
Thursday October 25, 2018 5:00 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 5:10 pm
COUNCIL PRESENT: Mayor David Smith, Councilman Fay Hatch, Councilman Lynn DeWitt, Councilman Kyle Peck, Councilman Jason Brubaker (5:30), Vice Mayor Shawn Palmer (5:45)
COUNCIL ABSENT: Councilman Carl Cosper
STAFF PRESENT: Manager Gus Lundberg, Public Works Director Jeremy Peters, Utilities Supervisor Jeff Foster, Clerk Geri Judd
VISITORS: Elmer Magee, Cindy Schreiber, Loretta Whitlow

- 1. Discussion on Water and Wastewater Rates:** Gus said there is a need to increase utility rates; a public hearing and consideration of the rate increase will be on next week's agenda. Gus went on to say the last water rate increase was in 2012.

Discussion followed concerning the debt incurred to upgrade the sewer treatment plant and replace the Rolling Hills water tank; how long the proposed rate increase will be good before rates would need increased again; and how long the current sewer and water upgrades would hold up. Gus replied at least 10 years. Jeff said currently the sewer plant tank is a 300,000-gallon capacity and 130,000-gallon capacity in the ponds, Jeff said current capacity is just below half.

Gus said the suggested rate increase would add an additional \$60,000 per year toward the water adjudication fees. Council recommended that public information be available concerning the water adjudication process.

Council discussed upgrading to electronic read water meters; Gus said at this time he would not suggest the added debt.

Gus said staff recommends an increase to the base rate from \$15.00 to \$23.18 for the first 4,000 gallons; and an increase per 1,000 gallons volume from \$1.00 to \$1.92. With an annual increase figured on the Consumer Price Index.

Mr. Elmer Magee addressed the Council stating he would like to see a sewer rate discount for low water users. A brief discussion followed on the possibility and legal impact of a low consumption discount.

Gus said he would like to see the sewer impact fee replaced with the sewer connect fee.

- 2. Discussion Concerning FY2019 Budget:** Gus said the final budget would be on the December agenda.

ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Smith adjourned the meeting at 6:15 pm

Certification of Minutes:

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the Taylor Town Council work session held on the 25th day of October 2018.

Dated this 25th day of October 2018

Geri Judd-Town Clerk