



**TAYLOR TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Thursday November 1, 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 Fay Hatch and Councilman Jason Brubaker
COUNCIL ABSENT: Councilman Lynn DeWitt, Councilman Kyle Peck, Councilman Carl Cosper
STAFF PRESENT: Manager Gus Lundberg, Clerk Geri Judd,
VISITORS: See list
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Vice Mayor Palmer
INVOCATION: Offered by Councilman Hatch
CALL TO THE PUBLIC: No public comment

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approve Council Meeting minutes of October 4, 2018
- B. Approve Work Session minutes of October 25, 2018
- C. Approve October 2018 Check Register

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

NEW BUSINESS

1. Information: Community Health Status Assessment Report

Jeff Lee, Navajo County Chief Health Officer, said a Community Health Assessment was conducted; this was a collaboration between the county, hospitals and tribal communities to identify key health needs.

Allison Hephner, Community Outreach Specialist, said the project began in January; meetings were conducted regarding public health within the community, and assessments were done by a countywide survey, a focus group in Show Low and Winslow analyzed the data to identify priorities.

Edwin Rodriquez, Epidemiologist said the top five priorities are mental health, substance abuse, poverty, chronic diseases and sexually transmitted diseases. Navajo County has four times the state rate of alcohol deaths and twice the US suicide rate.

Navajo County health department is working on education and counseling. Council asked how the public would know where to get counseling. Providers refer patients to the county for counseling, where the patients receive a risk assessment and provides information on care options.

Ms. Hephner is asking for the community to get involved, there is a sub-committee for each five of the issues, Survey data is available at the county's website. Councilman Brubaker asked what Council could do to get information out to the public. Vice Mayor Palmer said he likes the idea of education in schools. Ms. Hephner said school and after-school programs are in the future for the health department.

2. Public Hearing – Proposed Water Rate Changes

Mayor Smith opened the public hearing; receiving no public comment the hearing was closed

3. Consideration of Resolution R2018-08 Proposed Water Rate Changes

Manager Gus Lundberg said the rate increase was discussed in last week's work session last week. He said the last rate increase was in 2012. Costs have increased with the new water storage tank, expansion of the WWTP; and the water adjudication is entering into litigation, the costs over the past year has increased by approximately \$75,000.

Gus said staff is proposing the base rate increase to \$23.18 for the first 4,000 gallons; and \$1.92 per thousand volume over the base. Gus recommends an annual CPI adjustment to the rates.

Council stated some residents do not understand or know what is involved in the water adjudication. Gus advised putting a statement on the water bills.

Gus said the resolution also includes the new waterline tap fee, meter set costs, and sewer connection fee decrease.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Palmer to approve Resolution R2018-08 Water Rate Changes; seconded by Councilman Brubaker; passed unanimously

4. Consideration of TPT Tax Reporting Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Phoenix

Manager Gus Lundberg said the state collects sales tax funds for the town; some larger cities would collect their own taxes. The City of Phoenix has created an online system for better reporting. The proposed IGA allows Taylor to view the data received by the City of Phoenix on sales tax reporting. Gus said there is a one-time fee of \$1,500 and \$270 annually.

A motion was made by Mayor Smith to approve the TPT Tax Reporting IGA with the City of Phoenix; seconded by Vice Mayor Palmer; passed unanimously

5. Consideration of Business Park Property Purchase

Manager Gus Lundberg said the town was offered an opportunity to purchase approximately 147 acres in the business park. Gus is asking for approval from Council to move forward with the property purchase from Hatch Development.

Discussion followed on what the town may do with the property; Gus said the town has been approved to receive a FEMA flood control grant; Taylor's flood issue is a State priority project. The floodway project should move forward in the next year or two; the flood control project would remove 10 to 15 properties from the flood maps.

Gus said the sale price includes pay property tax and closing costs as well. A brief discussion followed concerning the property taxes, Council agrees with closing cost but does not agree with the town paying the property taxes.

A motion was made by Councilman Hatch to authorize Manager Gus Lundberg to move forward with the Business Park purchase agreement; seconded by Vice Mayor Palmer; passed unanimously

6. Consideration of Contract with Taylor Rodeo LLC to manage Taylor's July 4th Rodeo

Manager Gus Lundberg said this item is not ready for approval.

A motion was made by Councilman Hatch to postpone this item; seconded by Mayor Smith; passed unanimously

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

Gus reported the following:

November 7th Chamber of Commerce dinner

November 15th Council invited to serve Thanksgiving Dinner at the Silver Creek Senior Center

Live Nativity December 3rd and 5th three shows per night 6:00, 6:30 and 7:00

Last night was the first Trunk or Treat it was a great success
Fire truck financing has come through, trucks will be picked up next week
The town purchased a loader and Snowflake will be purchasing the old one; and a street sweeper has been purchased

Councilman Brubaker stated he has been approached by residents regarding a lot at the end of town for a possible park

8. Adjourn: Mayor Smith adjourned the meeting at 8:15 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 1st day of November 2018. I further certify that the meeting was duly called to order and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 1st day of November 2018

Geri Judd, Town Clerk