



**TAYLOR TOWN COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**Thursday April 4, 2019 7:00 pm**

**Town Hall**

425 Papermill Road

Taylor, Arizona

**Mayor**

David Smith

**Vice-Mayor**

Carl Cosper

**Council Members**

Bill Baldwin

Jason Brubaker

Fay Hatch

Shawn Palmer

Kyle Peck

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

**COUNCIL PRESENT:** Mayor David Smith, Vice Mayor Carl Cosper, Councilman Fay Hatch, Councilman Kyle Peck, Councilman Bill Baldwin, Councilman Shawn Palmer

**COUNCIL ABSENT:** Councilman Jason Brubaker

**STAFF PRESENT:** Manager Gus Lundberg, Holly Hatch, and Clerk Geri Judd

**VISITORS:** See list

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Led by Mayor Smith

**INVOCATION:** Offered by Councilman Baldwin

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC:** Doug Harris with the Lions Club said they are interested in starting a new chapter here in the community. In 1963, there was a local club, however, the members all ages out and the club dissolved. There are currently 158 clubs in the state with over 800,000 members. Mr. Harris said if anyone would like to be president of the new club, please contact him.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approve Council Meeting minutes of March 7, 2019
- B. Approve March 2019 Check Register

**A motion was made by Vice Mayor Cosper to approve the consent agenda as presented; seconded by Councilman Palmer; motion carried unanimously**

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

**1. Consideration of National Libraries Week Proclamation**

Cathie McDowell said national Libraries week has been going on for many years, the purpose of the proclamation is to get information out to the public; the library provides story time, computers for public access and is a community center.

Mayor Smith proclaimed April 7-13, 2019 as National Libraries Week

**A motion was made by Mayor Smith to approve the National Libraries Week Proclamation; seconded by Vice Mayor Cosper; motion carried unanimously**

**2. Consideration of Burial Vaults in Reed Hatch Memorial Cemetery**

Cemetery Coordinator Holly Hatch said there has been an increase in green burial inquires; green burials do not require a coffin or embalming; all other cemeteries in the area require a vault. Holly gave a brief overview of a green burial process; she said for these reasons she is requesting council reconsider the decision to require vaults.

Discussion followed concerning an area in the cemetery for green burials, and the effects a green burial could have on surrounding burial plots, and the added expense for a vault.

**A motion was made by Mayor Smith to approve the requirement for burial vaults in the Reed Hatch Memorial Cemetery; seconded by Vice Mayor Cosper; motion carried unanimously**

**3. Information by Arizona Public Service Regarding Fire Mitigation**

Neil Traver APS Division Manager said with drier weather coming; there is concern for fire danger; APS has looked into fire mitigation plans and modified the grid to reduce the risk of fire.

Mr. Traver described how power line reclosing devices work; by recharging the system in case of a power outage or surge; he said in the next month or two APS will shut off the recharging systems to reduce the risk of fire; turning these devices off could leave residents without power until an employee physically inspects the line for failure. APS will be sending a mailer with the next billing to inform customers of the possible outages.

Council asked how APS decides to turn off the reclosing devices; Mr. Traver stated they have an individual trained in wild fire who watches fire danger and makes the decision to shut the systems down.

**4. Consideration of Resolution R2019-05 Assuming Maintenance of Airport Loop Road**

Manager Gus Lundberg said the resolution says the town will assume maintenance of Airport Loop Road from Pinedale Road to Airport Road; yeas ago the town paved from Pinedale Road to HWY 77. Gus said in 2010 a deed dedicating a public easement from Airport Road to Pinedale Road was recorded.

Gus said the road is in bad shape and the public uses that road daily; with recent bad weather, the road is in need of maintenance. A grant application has been submitted and if approved the road will be paved later.

Council asked if this would affect the flood control project; Gus replied no.

**A motion was made by Vice Mayor Cospser to approve Resolution R2019-05 Assuming Maintenance of Airport Loop Road; seconded by Councilman Palmer; motion carried 5-1 with Councilman Peck casting the dissenting vote.**

**5. Summary of Current Events:**

A. Council Members

B. Manager

Gus reported on the following current events:

Chamber dinner was last night

Attorney for the Water Adjudication case will hold an update meeting tomorrow in Show Low at 8:30 am.

The Town has a backhoe and two trucks on the public surplus auction

Rolling Hills water tank project is making good progress

WWTP project is nearing completion

Willow Lane is still closed due to water flowing over the road

**6. Future Agenda Items:** None noted

**7. Adjourn:** There being no further business Mayor Smith adjourned the meeting 7:40 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 4th day of April 2019. I further certify that the meeting was duly called to order and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 4th day of April 2019

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Geri Judd-Town Clerk