



**TAYLOR TOWN COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
Thursday December 12, 2019 7:00 pm  
Town Hall  
425 Papermill Road  
Taylor, Arizona**

<b>Mayor</b> David Smith <b>Vice-Mayor</b> Carl Cosper <b>Council Members</b> Bill Baldwin Jason Brubaker Fay Hatch Shawn Palmer Kyle Peck
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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 Bill Baldwin, Councilman Jason Brubaker, Councilman Shawn Palmer (by telephone)  
**COUNCIL ABSENT:** Councilman Kyle Peck  
**STAFF PRESENT:** Manager Gus Lundberg and Clerk Geri Judd  
**VISITORS:** See list  
**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Led by Councilman Baldwin  
**INVOCATION:** Offered by Councilman Brubaker

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC:** Four Mile Ranch Estates residents Daniel McCauley and Justine Cluff addressed Council concerning the lack of fire hydrants on Charolais Circle. Ron Reeves said he lost a home on Charolais Circle due to lack of fire hydrants; Mr. Reeves said there is a waterline with stubs in the neighborhood for hydrants.

The White Mountain Robotics Club gave a demonstration on the need for a community Recreation Center.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**A motion was made by Councilman Brubaker to approve the consent agenda as presented; seconded by Councilman Baldwin; motion carried 5-0 with Mayor Smith, Council Members Brubaker, Palmer, Baldwin, and Hatch voting in favor.**

**DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

- 1. Recognition of Vice Mayor Carl Cosper**  
Mayor Smith presented Sherry Cosper with a blanket and recognized Vice Mayor Carl Cosper for his years of service to the town.
- 2. Consideration of Selection to Vice Mayor Seat**  
Mayor Smith nominated Councilman Jason Brubaker to fill the Vice Mayor seat. No other nominations were made.  
  
**A motion was made by Councilman Hatch to appoint Councilman Brubaker as Vice Mayor; seconded by Councilman Baldwin; motion carried 5-0 with Mayor Smith, Council Members Brubaker, Palmer, Baldwin, and Hatch voting in favor.**
- 3. Discussion/Possible Action regarding process to fill vacant Council Seat**  
Mayor Smith said there has been one written letter of interest to fill the council vacancy. Council discussed advertising in the newspaper and accepting letters of interest until January 2, 2020 for residents interested serving on the council.  
  
**A motion was made by Mayor Smith to accept letters of interest to fill the Council seat vacancy until January 2, 2020; seconded by Councilman Hatch; motion carried 5-0 with Mayor Smith, Vice Mayor Brubaker, Council Members Palmer, Baldwin, and Hatch voting in favor.**
- 4. Public Hearing Ordinance O2019-01 Use of Portable Wireless Communication Device While Driving**  
Mayor Smith opened the public hearing at 7:20 pm  
One question from the public concerning who receives the fees generated from citations; Police Chief Martin said he is looking into how the fees would be disbursed.

**5. Consideration of and Second Reading by Title Only of Ordinance O2019-01 Use of Portable Wireless Communication Device While Driving**

Police Chief Martin said the Arizona Statue is in effect as a warning faze. The town ordinance will be in effect as of January 2020 and will expire when the State code become effective January 2021. Chief Martin added that several municipalities have enacted their own code before the State Statute become effective.

Vice Mayor Brubaker, said habits have to be changed and the new ordinance should include public education concerning the new ordinance; he would like the fines changed. Chief Martin said the proposed ordinance uses the same fee structure as the State Statute.

Mayor Smith asked if the citation is mandatory; Chief Martin responded that it is officer discretion.

Councilman Hatch said the ordinance should move forward since it is effect in one year throughout the State; Mayor Smith agreed. Council discussed a process to get the word out to schools and the public.

Mayor Smith read Ordinance O2019-01 by title only.

**A motion was made by Vice Mayor Brubaker to adopt Ordinance O2019-01 Use of Portable Wireless Communication While Driving; seconded by Councilman Hatch; motion carried 3-2 with Mayor Smith, Vice Mayor Brubaker and Council Member Hatch voting in favor. Council Members Baldwin and Palmer opposed.**

**6. Discussion of East Willow School Zone Traffic Control Reports**

Police Chief Martin reported on the traffic control signs on Willow; he said during one week's report several vehicles were doing excessive speed; and felt the report could not be accurate. In ten months, there were 586,000 vehicles on one street; most vehicles were headed East bound averaging 1,200 to 1,500 per day.

Council said the sign itself has made an impact to slow traffic down. Chief Martin said the sign is set to warn at five miles per hour over the posted speed; the large mobile traffic sign is set the same.

Mayor Smith asked about placing more traffic signs; Chief Martin said the signs could benefit in the school zones to slow traffic down; and the data collected will be used for enforcement during higher traffic times.

**7. Summary of Current Events:**

A. Mayor Smith reported that approximately 1,000 people attended the live nativity this week.

B. Councilman Baldwin reported that the recreation committee has held one meeting to date. Councilman Hatch reported the Senior Center Christmas lunch will be served Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup> Vice Mayor Brubaker thanked everyone for supporting the Vice Mayor nomination.

C. Gus reported that he and Aaron Dunford visited Cottonwoods recreation center. Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup> is the staff Christmas Luncheon  
January 16, 2020 is the next Navajo Apache County Mayors & Councilmembers meeting  
January 2, 2020 Council meeting to postponed until January 9, 2020

**8. Adjournment:** There being no further business Mayor Smith adjourned the meeting 7:59pm

***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 December 2019. I further certify that the meeting was duly called to order and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 12th day of December 2019

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Geri Judd-Town Clerk