



**TAYLOR TOWN COUNCIL**  
**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**Thursday February 4, 2021 7:00 pm**  
**Town Hall**  
425 Papermill Road  
Taylor, Arizona

<b>Mayor</b> David Smith <b>Vice-Mayor</b> Jason Brubaker <b>Council Members</b> Bill Baldwin Sherry Cosper Dustin Hancock Kris Neff Shawn Palmer
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**CALL TO ORDER** Mayor Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00pm  
**COUNCIL PRESENT:** Mayor David Smith, Vice Mayor Jason Brubaker, and Council Members Bill Baldwin, Dustin Hancock, Sherry Cosper, Kris Neff  
**COUNCIL ABSENT:** Councilman Shawn Palmer  
**STAFF PRESENT:** Gus Lundberg, Town Manager; Willie Nelson, Fire Chief; and Geri Judd, Town Clerk  
**VISITORS:** See list  
**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Led by Councilwoman Cosper  
**INVOCATION:** Offered by Mayor Smith  
**CALL TO THE PUBLIC:** None

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approve meeting minutes of January 7, 2021
- B. Approve January 2021 Check Register

**A motion was made by Vice Mayor Brubaker to approve the consent agenda as presented; seconded by Councilman Baldwin; motion carried 6-0 with Mayor Smith, Vice Mayor Brubaker, and Councilmembers Cosper, Baldwin, Hancock and Neff voting in favor.**

**DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

**1. Public Hearing: Zone Change Request from AG-2 to AG-1 for Parcel 205-37-010A on Papermill Road**

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

**2. Consideration and Action Regarding Zone Change Request from AG-2 to AG-1 for Parcel 205-37-010A on Papermill Road**

Jack Babb, Planning & Zoning Chairman reported that the property is a 3-acre parcel West of Papermill Road; two brothers have requested to split the property into two smaller parcels; and change zoning to AG-1 to keep with the area.

The planning commission recommends approval of the request; no complaints were received. Vice Mayor Brubaker asked about the easement; Councilman Hancock asked about neighboring homes.

**A motion was made by Mayor Smith to approve the zone change request from AG-2 to AG-1 on Parcel 205-37-010A located on Papermill Road; seconded by Councilman Hancock; motion carried 6-0 with Mayor Smith, Vice Mayor Brubaker, and Councilmembers Cosper, Baldwin, Hancock and Neff voting in favor.**

**3. Snowflake-Taylor Police Department Update**

Police Chief, Bobby Martin presented the 2020 update: dispatch consolidation complete; Officer tracking upgrade; evidence room to be complete by July 2021; Walmart event resolved without injury; hired part-time Evidence Custodian and Animal Control Officer; also hired Officer and Administrative Assistant.

Goals for 2021: receive ALEAP accreditation; CAD mapping of community crime spots; re-start citizens police academy with more hands-on; improve response times to priority calls; hire additional Officer; receive grant funding for laptops and software to assist officers in the field.

Review 2020 crime stats: felony and misdemeanor arrests are down; traffic accidents down; citations are up; Officer safety concerns with a 75% increase; Officer assaults have increased, no officers injured; domestic violence calls are up; over past five-years 30% of arrests are people not from the community.

**4. Consideration and Action Regarding Intergovernmental Agreement with Navajo County for Election Services**

Manager Gus Lundberg said the Town has an agreement with Navajo County for Election Services; this IGA is a renewal of that agreement.

**A motion was made by Councilwoman Cospers to approve the IGA with Navajo County for Election Services; seconded by Councilman Neff; motion carried 6-0 with Mayor Smith, Vice Mayor Brubaker, and Councilmembers Cospers, Baldwin, Hancock and Neff voting in favor.**

**5. Approve Settlement Agreement among the Town, Richard and Alice Franco, Aaron Solomon, Gary Solomon, Marion Hatch, Hatch Development LLC, Jason Hatch, and Karen Godfrey related to a complaint and injunction filed in connection with the Town's purchase of real property to be acquired by the Town in connection with the Business Park and authorize the closing of the Town's purchase of such property.**

Manager Gus Lundberg reported a settlement agreement has been proposed on the Business Park injunction, which would result in the release of the injunction; permitting the town to move forward with the purchase of the Business Park; closing on the property would proceed upon notice from the Court that the injunction has been lifted.

Gus said tonight's approval will authorize the Mayor to execute the settlement agreement and authorize closing of the Business Park sale; Gus recommended the town pay cash for the property.

Mayor Smith said this agreement tonight is a rough draft and subject to change but moving in the right direction.

**A motion was made by Vice Mayor Brubaker to authorize Mayor Smith to sign the Settlement Agreement and authorize the Mayor to execute the closing of the Town's purchase of the Business Park as soon as the injunction is lifted; seconded by Councilman Hancock; motion carried 6-0 with Mayor Smith, Vice Mayor Brubaker, and Councilmembers Cospers, Baldwin, Hancock and Neff voting in favor.**

**6. Consideration and Action Regarding Cemetery Fence Project and Associated Budget Adjustment to the Parks Department**

Manager Gus Lundberg said staff has discussed a Cemetery fencing project; along Center Street and 500 West; replacing the old fencing with a precast concrete wall with rod iron; Jarom Hatch could get on the project quickly; the cost is estimated at approximately \$60-\$65,000; additionally panels will be set in the new section for a future rose garden; having the concrete meet the ground would make weed eating easier; Gus added that the concrete portion will not be placed for bid as there are no other providers; the rod iron project would be put out for bid.

Gus is requesting a \$50,000 Parks department increase, reducing the Contingency budget. Gus added that he will be looking at costs for paving roads in the new section.

**A motion was made by Councilman Hancock to approve the Parks Department budget adjustment of \$50,000 to fund the Cemetery fence project; seconded by Councilwoman Cospers; motion carried 6-0 with Mayor Smith, Vice Mayor Brubaker, and Councilmembers Cospers, Baldwin, Hancock and Neff voting in favor.**

**7. Summary of Current Events:**

A. Mayor

Plans are to move forward with July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration.

B. Council Members

C. Town Manager

Papermill Road project resumed; utility relocates in process.

Annual water adjudication meeting February 26<sup>th</sup> at 8:00am over zoom here at Town Hall.

Joint Work Session with Snowflake regarding Sales Tax increase scheduled for March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 4:00pm

Light project at park; LED lights are in, working on getting a crane.

**8. Adjournment:** There being no further business Mayor Smith adjourned the meeting 8:10pm

***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 February 2021. I further certify that the meeting was duly called to order and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 4th day of February 2021

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Geri Judd-Town Clerk