



TOWN OF TAYLOR & TOWN OF SNOWFLAKE JOINT COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday March 3, 2021 4:00 pm

Taylor-Snowflake Fire Station #1

415 Papermill Road, Taylor, Arizona

1. **Call to Order/Roll Call** Mayor Smith called the meeting to order at 4:00pm

Taylor Council Present: Mayor David Smith, Vice Mayor Jason Brubaker, and Council Members Shawn Palmer, Sherry Cosper, Bill Baldwin, Dustin Hancock, and Kris Neff

Taylor Staff Present: Gus Lundberg, Town Manager; and Geri Judd, Town Clerk

Snowflake Council Present: Vice Mayor Kerry Ballard, and Council Members Allison Perkins, Bob Flake, Cory Johnson, Byron Lewis, and Greg Brimhall

Snowflake Staff Present: Brian Richards, Town Manager and Katie Melsner, Town Clerk

Visitors: See list

2. **Pledge of Allegiance/Invocation:** Cosper/Ballard
3. **Discussion Regarding Possible Sales Tax Increase**

Gus said both towns have been exploring the possibility of a recreation center; other cities within the State have used sales tax as a source of revenue; both managers have investigated sales tax rates within other communities and suggest an increase to 3%. Brian agreed, adding we are behind other communities in sales tax rates. Mayor Smith added that with growth if something is not done, we will be behind.

Councils reviewed sales tax rates by community and population. Discussion followed on a possible cap to large purchases, timing of an increase and concerns with having a new Federal administration; concerns with rising costs of living; more amenities bring higher costs; both Councils would like education and information sent out to ensure public input; with a joint council public hearing being withheld in the next thirty days.

4. **Adjournment:** Being no further business Mayor Smith adjourned the meeting 4:55pm

Certification of Minutes:

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the Joint Council meeting held on the 3rd day of March 2021. I further certify that the meeting was duly called to order and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 3rd day of March 2021

Geri Judd-Town Clerk