



TAYLOR TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Thursday July 1, 2021 7:00 pm

Town Hall

425 Papermill Road

Taylor, Arizona

Mayor
David Smith
Vice-Mayor
Jason Brubaker
Council Members
Bill Baldwin
Sherry Cosper
Dustin Hancock
Kris Neff
Shawn Palmer

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

COUNCIL PRESENT: Mayor Dave Smith, Vice Mayor Jason Brubaker, and Council Members Bill Baldwin, Kris Neff, Sherry Cosper, and Shawn Palmer

COUNCIL ABSENT: Councilman Dustin Hancock

STAFF PRESENT: Manager Gus Lundberg; Joseph Jarvis, Asst. to the Manager; and Geri Judd, Town Clerk

VISITORS: See list

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Councilman Baldwin

INVOCATION: Offered by Councilman Neff

CALL TO THE PUBLIC: Gus introduced Joseph Jarvis as Assistant to the Manager for Gus and Brian Richards, Snowflake Town Manager. Mr. Jarvis said he was grateful for the opportunity, he was the Town Manager of Springerville previously.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approve Work Session minutes of June 3, 2021
- B. Approve Regular meeting minutes of June 3, 2021
- C. Approve June 2021 Check Register

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

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

1. Consideration and Action Regarding Notice of Intent to Raise Utility Rates and other Town Fees

Joseph Jarvis said it is the municipalities responsibly to maintain the infrastructure; he is analyzing water meter install and operation of the wastewater system costs. The Notice of Intent is to let the public know of the intent to adjust rates and the backup associated with that decision. A Public Hearing will be held in 60 days.

Gus said the current town fee schedule has not been updated for a couple of years. Gus said at the August meeting Council will be presented with the report that will be available to the public.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Brubaker to approve the Notice of Intent to Raise Utility Rates and other Town Fees; seconded by Councilwomen Cosper; motion carried 6-0 with Mayor Smith, Vice Mayor Brubaker, and Council Members Palmer, Cosper, Baldwin, and Neff voting in favor.

2. Consideration and Action Regarding Approval of Fiscal Year 2022 Tentative Budget

Gus said the proposed budget is similar to the current year; with a few departmental changes; Gus presented Council with the proposed budgets and transfers; biggest expenditures are public safety, the Shared Services Committee approved making some warranted increases to Police Officer wages, Capital purchases of vehicles, a Fire Department Assistant Chief position, and more staffing; fire budget increased significantly with revenue up, expenditures will be increased.

Vice Mayor Brubaker said he is shocked at the increase in emergency calls; the increase will help emergency service coverage. Mayor Smith asked about the pool and if the budget is sufficient; Gus said he doesn't see the pool operating the entire fiscal year; and if needed the contingency can be adjusted.

Councilman Neff asked if a larger fuel tank at the airport would help so that our airport could accommodate planes during fire season. Gus said a better look into profits from fuel sales can be investigated to see if that would be beneficial. Mayor Smith said there has been a significant increase in traffic at the airport.

Gus said grants has decreased slightly due to the airport grant ending. Gus asked if there should be more cushion in the event another unplanned project should come along. Councilman Neff asked about the parks budget decrease and noted trees as the park need replaced. Gus said it is down but has enough budgeted. Mayor Smith asked what Gus is thinking for a contingency increase; Gus said he is comfortable with an additional \$1 million in contingency if needed; Council agreed with that.

A motion was made by Mayor Smith to approve the Fiscal Year 2022 Tentative Budget of \$12,382,672 with an additional Million-Dollar increase to the Contingency budget; seconded by Councilman Baldwin; motion carried 6-0 with Mayor Smith, Vice Mayor Brubaker, and Council Members Palmer, Cosper, Baldwin, and Neff voting in favor.

3. Consideration and Action Regarding Septage Dumping Policy & Procedures

Joseph Jarvis said he and Jeremy have been working on a policy update for Septage Dumping. The town has added additional functions at the sewer plant to allow dumping.

Jeremy said the new system will have hookups to clean out septage; track how much is being dumped; the PH level of septage; customers will have an access card to dump, and cameras are installed.

Council asked if the chemicals dumped disrupt the plant, and if there is a consequence for infractions. Joseph replied the intent is to have a good working relationship. Vice Mayor Brubaker said he would like the infraction fee increased. Mayor Smith asked what will keep people from dumping in the old location. Jeremy said it will be fenced off. Joseph said the key cards will have PIN numbers to identify who used the facility. Council agreed with the increase to \$200 for each infraction after 3 infractions the access card will be deactivated.

Mayor Smith asked how much in funds are brought in each year; Gus replied \$160,000 last year. Gus said the increase in housing market has most likely attributed to the increase.

A motion was made by Councilwomen Cosper to approve the Septage Dumping Policy & Procedures to include the amendment of fees as discussed; seconded by Mayor Smith; motion carried 6-0 with Mayor Smith, Vice Mayor Brubaker, and Council Members Palmer, Cosper, Baldwin, and Neff voting in favor.

4. Consideration and Action Authorizing Town Manager to Apply for Airport Rescue Grant Program Funds

Gus said he has received notification that the airport qualifies for additional Covid relief funds; Gus is in the process of getting the last \$20,000 in funds.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Brubaker to Authorize the Town Manger to apply for Airport Rescue Grant Program Funds; seconded by Mayor Smith; motion carried 6-0 with Mayor Smith, Vice Mayor Brubaker, and Council Members Palmer, Cosper, Baldwin, and Neff voting in favor.

5. Summary of Current Events:

A. Mayor

B. Council Members

Councilman Baldwin community prayer and fast Sunday July 4th for fires to cease and for rain.

C. Town Manager

Flood control structures in Business Park for the Pinedale Wash Flood Control Project complete.

Public Works started on the Airport terminal building septic abandonment and running sewer lines.

July 4th celebration this weekend.

Engineer has approved bleacher repairs.

6. Adjournment: There being no further business Mayor Smith adjourned the meeting 7:50pm

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

Dated this 1st day of July 2021

Gerri Judd-Town Clerk