



**TAYLOR TOWN COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

**Thursday January 9, 2020 7:00 pm**

**Town Hall**

425 Papermill Road  
Taylor, Arizona

**Mayor**  
David Smith  
**Vice-Mayor**  
Jason Brubaker  
**Council Members**  
Bill Baldwin  
Fay Hatch  
Shawn Palmer  
Kyle Peck

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00pm  
**COUNCIL PRESENT:** Mayor David Smith, Vice Mayor Jason Brubaker, Councilman Fay Hatch, Councilman Kyle Peck, Councilman Bill Baldwin, Councilman Shawn Palmer  
**STAFF PRESENT:** Manager Gus Lundberg, Clerk Geri Judd, Recreation Director Aaron Dunford, Fire Chief Willie Nelson  
**ATTORNEY:** William Sims  
**VISITORS:** See list  
**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Led by Councilman Baldwin  
**INVOCATION:** Offered by Councilman Peck

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC:** Justine Cluff spoke about fire hydrants on Charolais Circle.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approve Council Meeting minutes of December 12, 2019
- B. Approve December 2019 Check Register

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

**DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

1. **Consideration of Letters of Interest and possible appointment to fill vacant Council Seat**  
Mayor David Smith said three letters of interest were submitted from Jack Babb, Sherry Cosper and Kris Neff. The seat will be a two-year term on the August ballot.

Jack Babb addressed Council explaining his desire to serve on the Town Council.

Sherry Cosper addressed Council stating she feels strongly in giving back to the community.

Councilman Hatch said he recommended Kris Neff because he has experience with the rodeo and would serve well on the council. Mayor Smith read Kris Neff's letter of interest.

Councilman Peck nominated Sherry Cosper.

Councilman Palmer encourages all who submitted letters of interest to run in the next election. In addition, he feels Sherry Cosper would serve the Town well.

No further nomination were made.

**A motion was made by Mayor Smith to appoint Sherry Cosper to the Taylor Town Council; seconded by Councilman Hatch; motion carried 6-0 with Mayor Smith, Vice Mayor Brubaker, and Council Members, Baldwin, Peck, Hatch and Palmer voting in favor.**

Judge Fred Peterson swore in Sherry Cosper.

**2. Consideration of Northland Pioneer College Microwave Tower and Network Intergovernmental Agreement**

Police Chief Bobby Martin said the IGA before Council is for use of the existing network tower at NPC to communicate with the Show Low Police Department, there is no cost to the town for using the tower other than maintaining the Snowflake-Taylor Police Departments equipment.

**A motion was made by Councilman Hatch to approve the Northland Pioneer College Microwave Tower and Network Intergovernmental Agreement; seconded by Councilman Peck; motion carried 7-0 with Mayor Smith, Vice Mayor Brubaker, and Council Members Palmer, Cosper, Baldwin, Peck and Hatch voting in favor.**

**3. Shared Services 2019 Year End Reports**

**A. Police - Chief Bobby Martin**

Reported on changes that occurred in the Police Department during the last year; three retirements opened vacancies; Chief Martin appointed as Chief opened his previous position; crime rate statistics; traffic statistics.

**B. Recreation – Aaron Dunford**

Reported on sports events and special events throughout the year. Flag football was introduced this year and very successful. Special Programs have been added; Choir and Trunk or Treat; start marketing outside the community and have a Recreation website.

**C. Fire - Chief Willie Nelson**

Reported that 2019 was a busy year with growth and development. Two full-time positions were vacated and filled; there are now 7 full-time paramedics; training has been on going; grants have been received for training and communication; new equipment that can aid in response and patient treatment.

**D. Library - Cathie McDowell**

Reported the circulation supervisor position is vacant and Cathie will be retiring in March; between Snowflake and Taylor there are 6,157 Library users; items are available for download are highly used in the community; computer usage is high; Summer programs are well attended.

**4. Executive Session:** Discussion or consultation for legal advice with the attorney or attorneys of the public body related to pending and potential litigation associated with the Business Park Purchase Agreement dated November 2018 pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3) and (A)(4)

**Mayor Smith made a motion to recess into executive session; seconded by Councilman Peck; motion carried 7-0 with Mayor Smith, Vice Mayor Brubaker, and Council Members Palmer, Cosper, Baldwin, Peck and Hatch voting in favor.**

**Council reconvened the Special Meeting at 9:30pm**

**5. Consideration of Direction to Town Manager and/or Town Attorney regarding Business Park**

Mayor Smith said this has been an ongoing project for the town to address floodplain mitigation, and economic development.

Attorney Bill Sims stated the property has been a subject of concern; Town Council did execute an agreement and residents have raised some concerns. Council will direct staff to report on and come back with answers concerning the floodplain issue and the impact on several businesses and residences as set forth below. No agreement will be negotiated until after these points are addressed.

1. Staff to report on the economic impact to businesses in the area.
2. Report back to Council on ADEQ approval of water & sewer lines
3. Estimate flood insurance costs to businesses and residents and amount of reduction if floodplain mitigation plan is implemented
4. Staff directed to obtain an independent appraisal
5. Negotiate price based on the appraisal, if necessary
6. Confirm that Seller of the property (Jason Hatch or an entity created by Jason Hatch) is the legal owner of the property and has the power to sell the property

7. Staff to come back with a plan for floodplain mitigation efforts
8. Staff to come back with a floodplain mitigation plan confirming grant from FEMA and Town matching funds and in-kind resources, at no additional cost to the town.
9. Commission a study to identify development options to be implemented by developers

Vice Mayor Brubaker stated that it is not the Town or the Hatches responsibility to develop the area; he asked that the ADEQ report be available soon.

**A motion was made by Mayor Smith to have staff report back to Council regarding items listed by the Town Attorney and move forward thereafter; seconded Councilman Hatch; motion carried 7-0 with Mayor Smith, Vice Mayor Brubaker, and Council Members Palmer, Cospers, Baldwin, Peck and Hatch voting in favor.**

**6. Summary of Current Events:**

- A. Mayor
- B. Council Members
- C. Town Manager

Thursday Jan 16<sup>th</sup> Legislative Day at the League of Cities office in Phoenix.

Meeting with Little Colorado River Adjudication; March 6, 2020

Next meeting February 6<sup>th</sup> changed to Tuesday, February 11<sup>th</sup>

**7. Adjournment:** There being no further business Mayor Smith adjourned the meeting 9:45pm

***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 9th day of January 2020. I further certify that the meeting was duly called to order and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 9th day of January 2020

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Geri Judd-Town Clerk