



## TAYLOR TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Thursday July 2, 2020 7:00 pm

Town Hall

425 Papermill Road  
Taylor, Arizona

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

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00pm  
**COUNCIL PRESENT:** Mayor David Smith and Council Members Bill Baldwin, Fay Hatch, Sherry Cosper  
**COUNCIL ABSENT:** Vice Mayor Jason Brubaker and Council Members Kyle Peck and Shawn Palmer  
**STAFF PRESENT:** Manager Gus Lundberg and Clerk Geri Judd  
**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Led by Councilwomen Cosper  
**INVOCATION:** Offered by Councilman Hatch  
**CALL TO THE PUBLIC:** None

### CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approve Council Meeting minutes of June 4, 2020
- B. Approve Special Meeting minutes of June 10, 2020
- C. Approve June 2020 Check Register

**A motion was made by Councilman Hatch to approve the consent agenda as presented; seconded by Councilman Baldwin; motion carried 4-0 with Mayor Smith and Council Members Cosper, Baldwin and Hatch voting in favor.**

### DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

#### 1. Information Regarding APS Fire Mitigation

Neil Traver, APS Division Manager said APS has a comprehensive fire mitigation program to ensure field equipment safety, vegetation management, defensible space around power poles, comprehensive line inspection every spring, operational protocols shutting off power to lines where issues are detected, and outreach sending letters to customers who may be effected by power outages.

#### 2. Nexus Coalition for Drug Prevention Organization Update

Vicky Solomon, Nexus Coalition Executive Director reported that the coalition is starting in Snowflake/Taylor; the coalition is working to build partners within the community. The Nexus Coalitions provides various programs such as the ACEs/Trauma prevention program helping kids build resilience; Junior Leadership Academy; Safety Town program for drug safety; a peer to peer program where high school students teach 5<sup>th</sup> graders over the counter drug safety; Drug Diversion program to educate the youth; free drug testing kits to parents; and the drug take back day partnership with law enforcement.

Mayor Smith asked if this program works with DARE; Ms. Solomon replied this program is separate.

#### 3. Consideration and Action Regarding Fiscal Year 2021 Tentative Budget

Manager Gus Lundberg said the tentative budget of \$12.1 million would be published in the newspaper. Gus reported that sales tax is up significantly; approximately \$500,000 in Covid relief funds will be coming. Mayor Smith asked if the Covid funds go into the town's general fund; Gus replied yes. Gus said the application reported emergency services expenses and come with no strings; the fire department is getting an additional \$11,000 in funds.

Gus reported the proposed general fund expenditures are \$5.6 million; year-end fund balance is \$2.1 million; enterprise funds consist of water and sewer activities; and the new rates have helped the fund recover some losses; sales tax is the largest revenue source and has more than doubled from pre-recession; building permits are

staying consistent; there will be a dip from the state shared revenue, as it lags by two years; ambulance fees are increasing and the department has put in for a CPI increase.

Councilman Hatch asked about the split with Snowflake on the Walmart sales tax; Gus replied the agreement is for 10 years to share 40% of the revenue with Snowflake. Gus said traditionally the town goes by population to figure the shared revenue with Snowflake; and Walmart revenue comes into the equation.

Mayor Smith asked about the utility increase this year and if that will help with the revenues; Gus replied the rate increase is calculated on the Consumer Price Index (CPI) and eventually will help; and utility funds should cover their costs of operations.

Gus said the tentative budget sets what the town has to work with and each department will create a budget based on that. Mayor Smith asked about the shared services funds; Gus replied Taylor budgets for the total costs of the shared services departments; the parks department has capital projects budgeted for restrooms at the rodeo ramada and to improve the restrooms at Freeman Park; Airport budget was increase to allow spending the \$20,000 Covid funds that are expected; HURF budget is allocated for the streets department and Papermill Rd., project. Two grants will complete the Airport Wash and Pinedale Wash projects; there will not be an Airport project in 2021; and a grant \$75,000 will be used to replace some water meters with radio read meters.

**A motion was made by Mayor Smith to adopt the Fiscal Year 2021 Tentative Budget; seconded by Councilwoman Cosper; motion carried 4-0 with Mayor Smith and Council Members Cosper, Baldwin and Hatch voting in favor.**

**4. Summary of Current Events:**

A. Mayor

B. Council Members

Councilman Baldwin reported that Eric Bennett, Olympic Archer would be in the Anvil Parade.

C. Town Manager

Gus reported on the July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration schedule

Structural engineer working on fix for bleachers

Work on 700 West is nearing completion

Snowplow acquired from ADOT; Fire tinder truck picked up; remounting of new ambulance; Jet-A fuel tank truck for Airport

Next meeting postponed to August 13<sup>th</sup> to allow for canvass of August 4<sup>th</sup> election

**5. Adjournment:** There being no further business Mayor Smith adjourned the meeting 8:25pm

***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 2nd day of July 2020. I further certify that the meeting was duly called to order and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 2nd day of July 2020

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Geri Judd-Town Clerk