



**TAYLOR TOWN COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday August 16, 2022 7:00 pm

Town Hall

**425 Papermill Road
Taylor, Arizona**

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

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 Kris Neff, Bill Baldwin, Dustin Hancock, and Shawn Palmer

COUNCIL ABSENT: Council Member Sherry Cospers

STAFF PRESENT: Gus Lundberg, Sara Ramsay, Richard Troutman, and Geri Judd

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Mayor Smith

INVOCATION: Offered by Councilman Neff

CALL TO THE PUBLIC: April Williams said during the July 4th rodeo, there were many people sitting in their own chairs in the Handicap area of the bleachers, this left those who needed the seating no area to sit.

Sara Ramsay said the Sweet Corn Festival Parade will be Saturday September 3rd; Charlotte Hatch would like to get the word out for parade participants. Mogollon Band plays Friday night followed by fireworks.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approve meeting minutes of July 7, 2022
- B. Approve July 2022 Check Register
- C. Ratification of Accepting a Grant Agreement for Airport Improvement Program – Master Plan Update

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

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

1. Northland Pioneer College Update

Betsyann Wilson thanked Council for support of the Disc Golf Tournament. Classes start on the 22nd; and there are two new scholarships to be awarded. Carson Flake is the new theater director and will be having a play this fall.

2. Discussion and Action Regarding Resolution R2022-06 Declaring and Adopting the Results of the Primary Election Held on August 2, 2022

Gus said there were 4 seats open with 6 candidates on the ballot; required votes needed was 362. Candidates will be seated in December, after the General Election.

Motion by Mayor Smith to approve Resolution R2022-06 Declaring and Adopting the Results of the Primary Election Held on August 2, 2022; seconded by Councilman Baldwin; motion carried 6-0 with Mayor Smith, Vice Mayor Brubaker, and Council Members Palmer, Baldwin, Hancock, and Neff voting in favor.

3. Discussion and Action Regarding Resolution R2022-07 Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Final Budget

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

Motion by Vice Mayor Brubaker to approve Resolution R2022-07 Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Final Budget; seconded by Councilman Neff; motion carried 6-0 with Mayor Smith, Vice Mayor Brubaker, and Council Members Palmer, Baldwin, Hancock, and Neff voting in favor.

4. Discussion and Action Regarding Purchase of Airport Fuel Tank

Gus said a new fuel tank at the Airport would be a good investment; there are two flight schools operating at the Airport; the current tank is old with physical problems; the proposed new tank would upsize and allow a semi-truck load of fuel.

Gus said there are some available funds coming up; with the tank generating revenue there would be stipulations; there is a commerce grant he would like to pursue. Gus recommends moving forward and purchase the tank, and there are Covid relief funds that may be used.

Mayor Smith asked if this includes the credit card equipment; Gus said he would check on that, but the current equipment is newer.

Councilman Neff said with a larger capacity Taylor Airport could be used during fire season.

Motion by Mayor Smith to approve the purchase of an airport fuel tank; seconded by Councilman Neff; motion carried 6-0 with Mayor Smith, Vice Mayor Brubaker, and Council Members Palmer, Baldwin, Hancock, and Neff voting in favor.

5. Discussion Regarding Freeman Park Master Plan Development

Gus said staff has reached out to the company working on the Rodeo Park masterplan; he would like to get ideas for future enhancements of Freeman Park. Some ideas are pickle ball, and more grass area.

Gus recommends staff and Council Members meet to give ideas for a master plan. Council Members Baldwin and Hancock volunteered to be on a committee.

Gus showed a preliminary plan for the area; the existing well could feed a pond and supply an irrigation system with water. Gus said flood project drainage could be added.

Gus, Richard, Sara, and Council Members Palmer, Neff, Hancock, Baldwin, and Cospere are interested being on the committee.

Vice Mayor Brubaker said he likes the proposed plans and asked if any concepts keep the current walking path; Gus replied, they do not.

Councilman Palmer asked about kids and safety with a pond; Gus said the pond would have a gradual edge.

6. Discussion and Action Regarding Reestablishment of Drainage Ditches Within Town Right of Way

Gus said with the recent monsoons there are issues with drainage ditches filling with rock, and property owners covering ditches. Gus reviewed the culvert policy; he said this is town right of way and the public should be aware of the policy.

Richard Troutman said staff is spending a lot of time installing culverts for property owners; there are areas in town experiencing issues with drainage due to incorrect pipe size; there are properties that have landscaped and closed in ditches, which cause drainage issues; this has caused homes to flood; and there are areas that need ditches dug out.

Gus asked if Council is open to staff addressing the issues with property owners; some property owners are going to have to purchase culverts; town staff will install the culverts in the town right of way, not on private property.

Council discussed options for current and new properties; Vice Mayor Brubaker asked if the town could get the word out and give the public a chance to have input.

Gus said there are areas developed that don't have proper drainage. Richard asked if an area needs maintenance, does the town absorb the cost, or put the cost of culverts on the property owners. Gus added that currently property owners purchase their own culverts.

Councilman Palmer said with the cost of culverts, what if the town absorbed half the cost.

Councilman Hancock recommended replacing the wording out that states 12” culvert with culvert size will be determined by town staff.

Council said the property owner should pay for and install culverts on newly developed property, staff would work on maintenance issues within the town right of way.

Motion by Vice Mayor Brubaker to direct the town staff to edit culvert policy #4 and on new construction town will not install new culverts, town to re-establish drainage ditches, if its maintenance the town will replace at towns expense, the town will inspect and provide specifications, public will give town proper notification; seconded by Councilman Neff; no vote, motion died.

Motion by Vice Mayor Brubaker to direct staff to re-establish ditches in the town right of way, if maintenance is deemed necessary by the town, town will bare cost on the towns right of way; new construction installation follows amended town policy updated as of today’s date; seconded by Councilman Neff motion passed 6-0 with Mayor Smith, Vice Mayor Brubaker, and Council Members Palmer, Baldwin, Hancock, and Neff voting in favor.

7. Summary of Current Events:

A. Mayor

League of Cities starts Tuesday August 30th

B. Council Members

Councilman Neff said there is need to re-establish a Special Events Committee.

C. Town Manager

Wednesday the 24th Mayor Councilmembers Association meeting

Lot across from Trappers should be closing soon.

Future date to discuss guidelines for parking cars for sale on the lot across from Trappers

8. Adjournment: There being no further business Mayor Smith adjourned the meeting 8:35pm

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 16th day of August 2022. I further certify that the meeting was duly called to order and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 16th day of August 2022

Geri Judd-Town Clerk