



TAYLOR TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Thursday October 6, 2022 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: Vice Mayor Brubaker called the meeting to order at 7:00pm
COUNCIL PRESENT: Vice Mayor Jason Brubaker, and Council Members Kris Neff, Shawn Palmer, Bill Baldwin, Sherry Cosper, and Dustin Hancock
COUNCIL ABSENT: Mayor David Smith
STAFF PRESENT: Gus Lundberg, Sara Ramsay, and Geri Judd
VISITORS: See list
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Councilman Neff
INVOCATION: Offered by Councilman Hancock

CALL TO THE PUBLIC: RaNae Rowles said she did not see the agenda for tonight on the website; Gus replied it was uploaded last week.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approve meeting minutes of August 16, 2022
- B. Approve August & September 2022 Check Registers
- C. Ratify purchase of two backhoes

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

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

1. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Freeman Park Master Plan Development

Gus said a master plan project was started for Freeman Park; staff reached out to J2 Engineering, who provided three concept ideas; J2 has been working on the rodeo grounds plan; J2 was asked to make soccer fields the appropriate size for tournaments.

Vice Mayor Brubaker stated Richard Troutman mentioned functionality of using the water supply already available.

Council discussed option #1 which has larger fields, the drainage would need to come across; and a culvert installed at Centennial; Gus said there is a well at the top of the property that feeds irrigation for the soccer fields; there are issues with the well pump; some options are doing away with the well and irrigating; or fill a pond with the well and use that to irrigate the fields.

Councilman Palmer asked about liability of a pond; Gus responded that it shouldn't raise insurance premiums, but it could possibly be a liability.

Vice Mayor Brubaker asked about the idea of a pond at the industrial park, and should we have both? Gus said staff met with Game & Fish and they seemed interested in having a stocked fishpond.

Councilman Palmer likes the idea of a pond at the park and raised concerns about the possibility of a mosquito problem.

Vice Mayor Brubaker said option #2 is the one most preferred; the water adds aesthetics.

Councilwoman Cosper stated she likes the idea of the parking access in option #3.

Gus said water runoff gives options for an area with trees, rocks, and water that kids could play in, but allow storm flow when needed.

Vice Mayor Brubaker asked those in attendance for their thoughts on a water feature; Mr. Williams said his grandkids in the valley like pond areas; Ms. Rowles said her concern is a pond near kids playing, and to move it away from where kids are; Councilman Palmer added that there would be a gradual edge into the pond so it would be shallow further out. Jack Babb asked if there would be additional ramadas or would it be all soccer fields; Gus replied there are some proposed additional ramadas.

Gus stated there is a proposal to add futsal to the design plan.

Councilman Baldwin asked what depth would be needed for fishing pond; Gus replied 10-15 feet deep.

Jack Babb asked if the existing walking path would be used; Gus replied that it would be modified, with a perimeter path.

Sara said she likes the ideas but is concerned with Saturday activities and parents not keeping an eye on children; a pond could bring possible safety issues.

Councilman Palmer said parents are responsible for the children, and there can be issues with the streets around the park as well; asked about having a person watch the water during busy times at the park.

Councilwoman Cospier said she likes the idea of the pond away from the playground area.

Gus added that larger fields move the playground too close to the water.

Mr. Williams said he agrees with Sara, regarding parents keeping an eye on kids when activities are going on.

Vice Mayor Brubaker said the pond could be smaller and moved away from the playground; and use town water to irrigate instead of pond water.

Gus recommended Council choose what they prefer to do at Freeman Park; then design could move forward and brought back to Council for approval.

Motion by Councilman Hancock to approve design option #2, removing the splash pad, moving pickleball, basketball, and futsal, and adding more ramadas and trees; seconded by Councilman Neff; motion carried 6-0 with Vice Mayor Brubaker, and Council Members Palmer, Cospier, Baldwin, Hancock, and Neff voting in favor.

2. Discussion and Action Regarding Rodeo Park Bleacher Design Build Contract

Gus said options have been investigated for bleachers; metal options were proposed; consultant assisted with master plan for a concept of how bleachers could be placed on the East end.

Gus stated a concept was proposed by town staff; with two responses received from a request. Desert Recreation Inc. proposed a traditional metal option for \$644,385 this does not include the concrete slab and groundwork, which would be a significant cost. Hatch Industries proposed bleachers made from concrete, with room for concession and restrooms underneath; the bleachers would be same rise and run as existing large bleachers; and would seat about 2,600 people; the proposed cost is \$800,000 with no additional work needing to be done.

Gus said the option from Desert Recreation takes out some of the corals, and rough stock area to allow for more seating. Councilman Palmer said that design is too invasive for what is needed.

Gus said if the metal bleachers are going to be used, they would have to be lifted above ground level.

Councilman Palmer asked if the first section is \$800,000 Gus replied yes; the concept shows options for additional seating later; Gus said the design shows a walkway and possibly an option to open up the center of the bleachers.

Vice Mayor Brubaker asked if the option from Hatch is to add more; Councilman Hancock said there is option to wrap around to the existing bleachers.

Councilman Palmer asked about access for semitrucks to unload stock; Councilman Hancock said the area would have to be moved with minor adjustments.

Councilman Hancock recommended Council choose who they want to work with, and adjustments can be worked out later.

Motion by Councilman Palmer to work with Hatch Industries to continue the design contract; seconded by Councilman Hancock; motion carried 6-0 with Vice Mayor Brubaker, and Council Members Palmer, Cosper, Baldwin, Hancock, and Neff voting in favor.

Councilwoman Cosper asked if Hatch is large enough to do the project; Gus said a structural engineer will have to seal the project, and he is confident Hatch Industries can do the project.

Councilman Hancock said these bleachers should last forever; with the engineers stamp of approval.

Councilman Palmer asked what the timeline is; Councilman Hancock replied, if the project could start by December, it can be done by June.

Gus asked Council for more direction regarding who should be part of the design project; Councilman Hancock volunteered to be on the committee along with Jeff Baldwin and Steve Frost.

3. Summary of Current Events:

A. Mayor

B. Council Members

Councilman Palmer updated shop lifting epidemic talked about at the League Conference.

Vice Mayor Brubaker Chamber of Commerce awards banquet is October 20th; this Saturday is a Harvest Festival in Snowflake

C. Town Manager

October 31st Trunk or Treat; bike race at Cottonwood Wash with over 1,000 riders; working with Aztec Land to have a paved walking trail.

4. 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 6th day of October 2022. I further certify that the meeting was duly called to order and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 6th day of October 2022

Geri Judd-Town Clerk