



**TAYLOR TOWN COUNCIL  
WORK SESSION MINUTES**

**Thursday June 6, 2024 6:00 pm**

**Town Hall**  
425 Papermill Road  
Taylor, Arizona

**Mayor**  
Shawn Palmer  
**Vice-Mayor**  
Jason Brubaker  
**Council Members**  
Bill Baldwin  
Lynn DeWitt  
Sherry Cosper Duke  
Dustin Hancock  
Kris Neff

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Palmer called the meeting to order at 6:10pm

**COUNCIL PRESENT:** Mayor Shawn Palmer, Vice Mayor Jason Brubaker, and Council Members, Bill Baldwin, Dustin Hancock, Sherry Cosper Duke, and Kris Neff

**COUNCIL ABSENT:** Councilman Lynn DeWitt

**STAFF PRESENT:** Gus Lundberg, Josh McGinnis, and Geri Judd

**1. Discussion Concerning Town Fees**

Gus said at the last council meeting the notice of intent to increase fees was authorized. The findings and recommendation letter from the auditor report state the sewer fund is running in a deficit. Water and Sewer are the only enterprise funds of the town.

Financing of the WWTP was \$4.5 million, the annual debt payment is \$280,000 funds were borrowed approximately six years ago to pay for the water tank and WWTP to make upgrades. In approximately four years both of the loans will be paid off.

Gus said Council has the authority to manage the funds and set rates to help offset the debt. The current sewer fee is a flat rate for residential, commercial customers pay based on water usage. Gus said to increase fees on residential customers is a lot.

Vice Mayor Brubaker said the General Fund is there for the general public; to forgive the debt will not fix the future issue.

Mayor Palmer asked if it was possible to forgive the debt and increase the fee?

Gus said septage dumping revenue is \$140,000 a year; Council discussed increasing the fee; and costs associated with taking the septage; Gus said a .10 cent increase is still lower than other dumping options. The council discussed a monthly service fee.

Councilman Neff suggested creating a monthly user/maintenance fee and increasing septage by .10 cents. Gus suggested a \$5 increase to non-sewer residents.

Gus said water is doing well, covering costs; however, fees for hooking into the system have not been increased in years and costs of materials have gone up.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 6:58pm

***Certification of Minutes:***

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the Taylor Town Council Work Session held the 6th day of June 2024. I further certify that the meeting was duly called to order and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 6th day of June 2024

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Geri Judd-Town Clerk