



**TAYLOR TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Thursday July 11, 2024 7:00 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 7:00pm
COUNCIL PRESENT: Mayor Shawn Palmer, and Council Members Dustin Hancock, Sherry Cosper Duke, Bill Baldwin, and Kris Neff
COUNCIL ABSENT: Vice Mayor Jason Brubaker and Councilman Lynn Dewitt
STAFF PRESENT: Gus Lundberg, Josh McGinnis, and Geri Judd
VISITORS: See list
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Councilman Hancock
INVOCATION: Offered by Councilwoman Cosper Duke

CALL TO THE PUBLIC: April Williams said the handicap seating is not placed in line of site and should be against the fence; there were people standing in front of the handicap area because the bleachers were so full.

Jack Babb asked Council to sponsor and support FFA events at the fair in September; there will be an auction and exhibits; Mr. Babb asks Council to support the kids in their projects.

Ella McAdams announced exhibits for the Snowflake Pioneer Days.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approve Work Session minutes of June 6, 2024
- B. Approve Regular Meeting minutes of June 6, 2024
- C. Approve Joint Meeting minutes of June 20, 2024
- D. Approve June 2024 Check Register

Motion made by Councilman Neff to approve the consent agenda as presented; seconded by Councilwoman Cosper Duke

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

- 1. Public Hearing Regarding Zone Change Request of Parcel 202-54-016 from R-1 to R-2 Multi-Family**
Mayor Palmer opened the public hearing. Receiving no public comment the hearing was closed.
- 2. Discussion and Action Regarding Zone Change Request of Parcel 202-54-016 from R-1 to R-2 Multi-Family**
Mayor Palmer said this property has CC&R's that prohibit the zone change and is beyond town control.

The applicant Quintin Scott asked if there are rules on renewing CC&R's; Gus read from the CC&R's that state changes can be made only on a majority vote of property owners in the subdivision.

Mayor Palmer said the options now are to build R-1 or have neighbors agree to the change.
- 3. Public Hearing Regarding Intent to Raise Town Fees**
Mayor Palmer opened the public hearing. Receiving no public comment the hearing was closed.

4. Discussion and Action Regarding Resolution R2024-05 Rates for Utilities and Other Town Services

Gus said for the past several years the auditor has commented on the sewer fund debt; a large portion of expenses is debt to the town; there is no cash and little asset; \$1.3 million is due to the General Fund; two loans on the sewer plant that will be paid off in eight years.

Staff proposal is to increase the commercial sewer rate and classify mobile home and RV parks as commercial; increase the fee to \$2.75 based on water usage; adding a treatment plant expansion fee of \$5 per month to sewer customers; and increase the septage fee by .10 cents.

Councilman Neff asked if the increases would fill the shortage in funds. The council discussed raising septage to .29 cents. Gus recommended increasing sewer hook-up to \$4,000 per unit with a 50% discount for multi-family.

Gus proposed changes to the water meter set and line tap fees. Councilman Hancock asked if the fee included town employees setting the meter; Gus replied that the town would dig and set the meter.

Motion by Councilman Baldwin to approve Resolution R2024-05 with rate increases effective September 1, 2024; seconded by Councilman Neff; motion carried 5-0 with Mayor Palmer, and Councilmembers Baldwin, Cosper Duke, Hancock, and Neff voting in favor.

5. Discussion and Action Regarding Adopting Fiscal Year 2025 Tentative Budget

Gus said the council must adopt the Tentative Budget; the proposed budget is \$20 million and is less than last year; and includes contingency funds; sales tax collection this year is over \$3 million; there has been a slight decrease in State funding; a couple more positions to be staffed at the Fire Department; and no other major expenses expected.

Motion by Councilman Neff to adopt the Fiscal Year 2025 Tentative Budget; seconded by Councilman Baldwin; motion carried 5-0 with Mayor Palmer, and Councilmembers Baldwin, Cosper Duke, Hancock, and Neff voting in favor.

6. Summary of Current Events:

A. Mayor: Recognition of Marcie Pawlik and Josh McGinnis; Rodeo was amazing, commend Rodeo Committee. Patriotic Program was a success.

B. Council Members: Councilman Neff: would like an official town song; thanked everyone who helped with Patriotic program

Councilwoman Cosper Duke: people came from far away to see the Rodeo; Patriotic program was not on poster.

Councilman Baldwin: honor to be a part of the 4th of July celebration; Silver Creek Senior Center craft fair this weekend.

C. Town Manager: Thursday the 18th Mayor/Councilmember meeting at 12:00pm; Election Day is July 30th

7. Adjournment: There being no further business Mayor Palmer adjourned the meeting at 8:28pm

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 11th day of July 2024. I further certify that the meeting was duly called to order and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 11th day of July 2024

Geri Judd-Town Clerk