



**TAYLOR TOWN COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA  
Thursday August 15, 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

- Pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431-02, notice to hereby given to Taylor Town Council and to the general public that a public meeting will be held at the Taylor Town Hall on the date listed above.
- The Town Council may adjourn into executive session, which will not be open to the public, to discuss certain matters in accordance with A.R.S. 38-431-03; A.3 consultation for legal advice with the Town Attorney; A.4 consultation with the Town Attorney regarding possible litigation.
- Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), the Town of Taylor endeavors to make its meetings accessible to persons with disabilities. Please advise the Town Clerk's office at (928) 536-7366 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting regarding accommodation.
- Town meetings notices and agendas are posted in the Taylor Post Office, 25 S. Main Street; the Taylor Town Hall, and the Town of Taylor website [www.tayloraz.org](http://www.tayloraz.org)

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Shawn Palmer called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

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

**COUNCIL ABSENT:** Lynn Dewitt

**STAFF PRESENT:** Gus Lundberg, Marcie Pawlik

**VISITORS:** See List

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** April Williams

**INVOCATION:** Offered by John Williams

**CALL THE PUBLIC:**

None

**CONSENT AGENDA**

All items listed below are considered routine and uncontroversial. The consent agenda is considered a single item and may be approved by a single motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Any single item removed from the Consent Agenda at the request of the Council may be considered as a separate item.

- A. Approve meeting minutes of July 11, 2024
- B. Approve July 2024 Check Register
- C. Approve Resolution R2024-06 Navajo County Hazard Plan Mitigation
- D. Approve Resolution R2024-10 RAGHT Trustees
- E. Resolution R2024-08 Authorizing National Bank of Arizona Signers

**Motion made by Councilman Dustin Hancock to approve the consent agenda as presented:**

**Seconded by Councilman Jason Brubaker**

**Motion passed; unanimous**

**DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

**1. Discussion and Action Regarding Resolution R2024-07 Canvass Votes of July 30, 2024, Primary Election**

Manager Gus Lundberg Said on July 30<sup>th</sup> Navajo County held our election on our behalf which included opening 3 council seats, and proposition 435 home rule option.

Total Votes casted and counted 964 ballots.

Total number Votes cast for council members 2,266

Results in Council members Shawn Palmer and Kris Neff will return to their seats with April Williamson filling the third seat. Home Rule option passed also.

**Motion to approve Resolution R2024-07 was made by Councilman Jason Brubaker**

**Second by Councilman Bill Baldwin.**

**Motion passed; unanimous**

## **2. Public Hearing Regarding Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Final Budget**

At 7:12 pm Mayor Palmer opened the public hearing. Gus Lundberg reported that a budget of \$20 million for this Fiscal year 2024-2025. No members of the public made any comments during the public hearing. Mayor Palmer Closed the public hearing at 7:19 pm.

## **3. Discussion and Action Regarding Resolution R2024-09 Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Final Budget**

Manager Gus Lundberg stated that when the Budget is approved this will cover the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year.

Council Member Kris Neff asked if the budget covered park projects or new buildings.

Manager Gus Lundberg stated that we have put in for funding for a community center with Congressional Directed Spending with Senator Mark Kelly's office. Our project is still in the running for consideration.

Fire Chief Willie Nelson explained our call volume keeps increasing every year last year we had 2200 calls this Budget will allow seven 1<sup>st</sup> responders around the clock at both stations.

Police Chief Bobby Martin said this will help with our goal to have 2-man 24-hour coverage and increase our CAD reporting systems. The Police Department will be getting a new look, by being painted this weekend. Chief Martin Recognizes Officer Mercer getting MADD award (Mothers Against Drunk Drivers) in Tucson this weekend.

Librarian Ella McAdams stated there has been a 20 Percent increase this year. There were 700 - 800 participants in the summer reading program which just ended. Library is Getting new carpet and shelves built. Ella encouraged the council to stop by to see some of the new changes.

Park Recreation Director Sara Ramsay commented that the pool staff numbers have been great. She recently hired Brittney Camacho as a full-time assistant, and she has been fantastic. Pool lap swim and water aerobics have doubled. Looking to add more classes. Special events for families once a month.

**Motion to approve Resolution R2024-09 made by Council member Dustin Hancock Second by Council Women Sherry Cospir Duke member**

**Motion passed; unanimous**

## **4. Consideration and Action Regarding the Naming of Features at Taylor Rodeo Park**

Manager Gus Lundberg reported that due to the poor condition and tangled wires he asked the contractor to remove the Clyde Sherman sign. He Looked into past council minutes and could not find an official council action declaring a name of the big grandstand. Staff wants to recognize Clyde Sherman's dedication and service to this project and therefore recommends the Council take formal action to name the grandstands after Clyde Sherman.

Mayor Shawn Palmer stated that the Town of Taylor has recognized and gives tribute to many locals who have made significant contributions to town facilities. He mentioned the rodeo has lots of history including Clyde Sherman for donating his time getting the grandstand bleachers up and Eddie Hancock for his vision for the Rodeo.

Mayor Shawn Palmer Proposed to officially memorialize the Clyde Sherman Grandstand and Eddie Hancock Arena. He then asked each council member to share any thoughts or memories about the two men and their contributions to the town and the rodeo.

**Council member Dustin Hancock made a motion to Name the original grandstand bleachers the Clyde Sherman Grandstand and to name the arena the Eddie Hancock Arena at Taylor Rodeo Park Second by Council member Sherry Cospir Duke.**

**Motion passed; unanimous**

**Summary of Current Events:**

- A. Mayor Palmer would like to see if Vickie Solomon can come to a council meeting / Nexus Coalition
- B. Council Members Jason Brubaker- Sweet Corn Festival coming up August 31<sup>st</sup>, welcomes anyone to enter a float theme is growing up in a small-town.
- C. Town Manager Gus Lundberg- Reminder about the League of Cities Annual Conference coming up. Council members to be in Sweet Corn Parade.  
Mother & Son's Shindig coming up in September put on by the Recreation Department and Library.  
County Project Road Construction Bordon Ranch Road will be closed for 35 days.

**5. Adjournment:** There Being no further business Mayor Plamer adjourned the meeting at 8:11

***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 15th day of August 2024. I further certify that the meeting was duly called to order and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 15th day of August 2024

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Marcie Pawlik- Town Clerk