



## TAYLOR TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Thursday October 3, 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.
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- 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 **7:03pm**

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

**STAFF PRESENT:** Gus Lundberg, Marcie Pawlik, Jeremy Peters, William Nelson, Bobby Martin

**VISITORS:** See List

**COUNCIL ABSENT:**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Bill Baldwin

**INVOCATION:** Dustin Hancock

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC:** Public may comment on matters within Town jurisdiction but not on the agenda, subject to reasonable time and decorum. Council will take no action on matters presented. Council may respond to criticism, ask staff to review a matter or direct staff to include the matter on a future agenda. (A.R.S. 38-431.01H)

Cindy Schreiber and Bill Plants are here from the Silver Creek Senior Center and Cindy States tis the season again. Bill is the new Chairmen of the Board now he is taking over for me. Silver Creek Senior Center Thanksgiving Dinner is coming up and as you know for the past 10 years, we have asked the council to come to help serve our amazing Thanksgiving dinner to the community members of Snowflake and Taylor. During the Holidays we're open every day. We will be selling tables again this year for 100.00 dollars for a table that seats 8. We want to keep the cost down. This year our goal is to sell 15 tables. If we hit that goal Cindy states, she will donate 300.00 because she knows how important this is to the seniors and the community. We would like everyone that would like to come to be able to come and enjoy a Thanksgiving dinner and not only dinner but develop friendships with some of our seniors. I know some of our council members have met some of our seniors and have continued their friendships with them.

Cindy encourages if anyone can ride around with are meals on wheels route. The closer we get to the Holidays the bigger the depression of our home-based seniors some don't even want to get out of bed because there is no one there. The week before Thanksgiving we take them a Thanksgiving dinner along with a frozen dinner so they can have Thanksgiving dinner on the day of

Thanksgiving. If you know of anyone that needs a dinner you can contact Faith at the senior center.

Both communities are amazing. Both Town Council come and serve. It's our busiest time of year so with all the help we get it is greatly appreciated. We hope you put us on your calendar Nov. 21 @ 11:30.

### 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 September 5, 2024.

B. Approve September 2024 Check Register

**Motion made by Council member Kriss Neff to approve the consent agenda as presented.  
Second by Council member Jason Brubaker  
Motion passed; unanimous**

**DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

**1. Discussion and Action Regarding Request for Sewer Fee Waiver at 417 N 1000 East**

Caroline Dupuis lives on 1000 East. She has lived there for 20 years; she states she feels she shouldn't have to pay for the city sewer when she doesn't use it.

Council member Jason Brubaker asked does Caroline have septic?

Caroline Dupuis states yes, she has septic, and it has worked just fine. With the cost of everything going up, groceries, utilities, medical she can't afford it. Not alone being able to afford to hook up to the city sewer.

Council member Jason Brubaker asked if at the time she moved in was the city sewer available. Caroline stated she was not sure if it was or not.

Mayor Shawn Palmer states Caroline is on City water not City Sewer.

Council member Dustin Hancock asked how far are you from the city hook up. Caroline didn't know for sure.

Council member Jason Brubaker asks at the time you moved in, would it have been a personal expense for you to hook up?

Mayor Shawn Palmer states yes it would have been its on private property.

Manager Gus Lundberg states it's been sometime since we have had a new sewer line come in through a neighborhood that does not get serviced through the town. The town code states if a sewer service comes available to a property that currently hasn't been served that the homeowner has a year to hook on. Gus States this is predated to my time here 16 years prior. Gus says he is not sure if in the past they offered a great discount for hooking up or if the town paid for it. The standard rate now to hook up for sewer is 4,000. In the code it states if they don't hook up, they still must pay for sewer.

Mayor Shawn Palmer asked council members to give input. The State Required us to open a new sewer plant which was a 4 million cost to the town. We went from a natural flow of sewage to a full state of the art sewer plant.

Council member Jason Brubaker asked if Caroline lived alone. And stated if Council was to agree to waive fee that it would only be for her. And not for future residence.

Council member Dustin Hancock asked if there was a way to have a system put in place for low-income residents to fill out a form to get a discounted rate. He states he would like to see that happen so it's on an individual basis on their finances.

Council member Jason Brubaker asked Caroline if she had reached out to NACOG for help. Caroline said social security is too much.

Mayor Shawn Palmer states he would like to get a work session together with Caroline there and see where we can. Asked Gus if we could get one together soon. Manager Gus Lundberg stated we could in a couple weeks.

**Motion made by Council member Jason Brubaker to have town staff to research financial poverty level  
Second by Council member Kriss Neff  
Motion passed; unanimous**

## **2 Presentation from Navajo County Regarding County Code Enforcement Building and Broadband Project**

Grant Evans stated he is the Capital Project Manager for Navajo County. These two projects are the Broadband project and the Code Enforcement Building. The Code Enforcement Building will be located on Pinedale Road Where the county has a place there already. Both projects we used HARPA funds.

Our Code Enforcement Building will house Animal Control-Environmental Health and the Medical Examiner. Building. It will be large enough space to be used for staff meetings and training facilities. This building will be 10,400 sq ft. We have a Sheriff Sub Station in Snowflake that will move out there. This was put out to bid and we are looking to start the project early November with approximately a 14-to-16-month Completion Being March 2026.

Grant Evans stated in 2021 our Board developed a purpose statement for our HAPA funds with this once in a lifetime opportunity to invest in a transformation project that can impact Navajo County for generations to come with that vision and that for sight the project checked all the boxes. And we recognize the impact it can have with all the citizens for growth. Partnering with the other communities to connect the facilities to benefit the entire region. Our board allocated more than half the HARPA funds to this project. With the HARPA money the county pursued another grant called the grant match money from the Arizona Commerce Authority. 20 million dollars Broad Band Project Covered all in Grant money. Our project starts up by Joe City I-40 to Holbrook South out of Holbrook to Snowflake to Pinedale Road in Taylor on over to Show low, West to Heber and South up to Pinetop Lakeside. This Route passes through all the major populations to impact the most for all the citizen in the areas.

APS has a project in Joe City which is key for our project this gives Navajo County a direct Fiber Connection straight to Phoenix High-Capacity High Speed all the way to Phoenix. We have installed 32 miles of Duct so far 32 percent of our project the whole project is 105 miles. Right now, we are in Snowflake (Belly Button) this is the end of our permit. Right now, we are working on a new permit from ADOT. We have had some hurdles with BLM Forest Service, State land Dept. took longer with all the environment clearance. We are happy to be in construction looking to be finished in June 2025. Benefits of this project for all of us in Navajo County with 288 fibers in, this is nearly unlimited capacity for the county or citizens would ever need. Economic growth engine for economic development for this High-speed Internet Increase competitiveness services offers to drive down prices to perform in this digital time we live in. We are Excited to work with Taylor on this project.

**No Action**

## **2 Discussion and Action Regarding Bid Award for Verde Road Paving Project**

Manager Gus Lundberg stated this is the Casa Linda development that most of the roads are paved. Loma Road is not. This funds for this project is from the CBG Fund. CBG funds comes on a 4 year rotation usually about 200,000. Couple years ago we were offered Grant we didn't have a project for the money. So we gave our funds to Pinetop. In return Pinetop donated their funds this time to us for this project. There is about 450,000 available from the grant funds. Our engineers did their best what we think you can get done with this amount of money. The town is absolutely able to pitch in. We weren't quite sure we would be able to pave all of Verde and loma and have ribbon curb on the South side of road, and on the North side of road will be mostly have ribbon curb or vertical gutter to help with the storm water. So, if we can't afford everything give us a price paving loma and not paving loma.

WW Clyde was the only bidder base bid was 615,000.00 alternate Bid #2 taking off the ribbon curb on the south side so that gets the project in the 550,000 range and it was an addition 124,000 to pave loma. Staff is recommending

That we award this bid taking out the alternate bid #2 and take the discount and not put in the ribbon curb on the south side of the road which gets it down to 560,000 so there will still be 1110,000.00 -115,000.00 of local funds to put into this project. Manger Gus Lundberg stated he did receive one email from a resident wishing we were doing a sewer project instead. We did look into that, and it was way more money.

**Motion made by Council member Dustin Hancock to approve the Verde Road Paving Project to WW Clyde Construction taking addendum # 1**

**Second by Council member Bill Baldwin**

**Motion passed; unanimous**

**3 Discussion and Action Regarding Resolution R2024-11 Accepting Utility Infrastructure on Sunrise Circle**

Manager Gus Lundberg explained the subdivision and improvement accepted process and stated that Sunrise Circle did not receive infrastructure improvements when platted by the developer in the 1970s. A new property owner has entered into a development agreement with the Town to install water and sewer services to the lots on this street. This resolution states that the Town has inspected and now accepts these improvements for maintenance as part of the Town's water and sewer systems.

**Motion made by Council member Bill Baldwin accept the Resolution R2024-11 for the Utility Infrastructure on the Sunrise Circle**  
**Second by Council member Dustin Hancock**  
**Motion passed; unanimous**

**4 Discussion and Action Regarding Request to Display a Jewish Holiday Menorah**

Mayor Shawn Palmer we have a great thing called Constitution of the United States we live in a community that is very diverse Shawn and Manager Gus met with the Rabi and it was proposed to them that they want to put a large menorah up and have the town store it. Mayor Shawn said we could do that.

This year they would start on the Dec 25 to Jan 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> Because we do understand the religious freedoms. They asked if the town would help purchase a menorah. We thought we could possibly pay for half.

Manager Gus Lundberg states they asked 2 things would the town allow a Menorah to be set up with the town decorations and would the town help purchase the Menorah.

**Motion made by Council member Jason Brubaker to match their funds up to 1500 to display their Menorah.**  
**Second by Council member Dustin Hancock**  
**Motion passed; unanimous**

**5 Summary of Current Events:**

- A. Mayor Shawn Palmer mentioned a big thank-you to Big John Williams thank you for filling in the big hole in the driveway into the Bashes parking lot.
- B. Council Members Jason Brubaker busy time, Chamber Commerce Oct 12 October Festival at Pioneer Park. Thursday Oct 17 6:00 pm Community Center the annual awards banquet Monster Bash. He invites the council to come, we have a table for 8. On Nov 13<sup>th</sup> coming up are Chamber of Commerce does a thanksgiving lunch snowflake and Taylor rotates this year is Taylors year to buy the turkeys and Hams.
- C. Town Manager Gus Lundberg Thanks Bill for representing Taylor at the APS 101 energy update. Also, we don't have a Concrete Date of the Up Coming project on the Bourdon Ranch Road But it is coming up, they have moved equipment in.

**6 Adjournment:** There being no further business Mayor Palmer adjourned the meeting at 8:25 pm

***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 3<sup>rd</sup> day of October 2024. I further certify that the meeting was duly called to order and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 3rd day of October 2024

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Marcie Pawlik-Town Clerk