



**TAYLOR TOWN COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA  
Thursday September 5, 2024, 7:00 pm  
Town Hall  
425 Papermill Road  
Taylor, Arizona**

<b>Mayor</b> Shawn Palmer <b>Vice-Mayor</b> Jason Brubaker <b>Council Members</b> Bill Baldwin Lynn DeWitt Sherry Cosper Duke Dustin Hancock Kris Neff
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- 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.gov](http://www.tayloraz.gov)

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Shawn Palmer called the meeting to order at 7:02pm  
**COUNCIL PRESENT:** Mayor Shawn Palmer, and Council Members Dustin Hancock, Sherry Cosper Duke, Bill Baldwin, Kris Neff, Jason Brubaker and Lynn Dewitt  
**STAFF PRESENT:** Gus Lundberg, Marcie Pawlik, Sara Ramsay, and Josh McGinnis  
**VISITORS:** See List  
**COUNCIL ABSENT:**  
**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Led by Lynn Dewitt  
**INVOCATION:** Offered by Jason Brubaker

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC:** Jack Babb said the sweet corn festival was a great turn out. He appreciated the towns help with the Corn Hole Boards for the Tournament. Reminded us of the Navajo County Fair which will be in a couple weeks. He encourages all to come out and support the youth at the auction and fill our freezers with some meat.

**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 August 15, 2024
- B. Approve August 2024 Check Register

**Motion made by Council member Kriss Neff to approve the consent agenda as presented.**  
**Seconded by Council member Dustin Hancock**  
**Motion passed; unanimous**

**DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

**1. Discussion and Action Regarding Participation in a Lateral Fiber Optic Line from Navajo County to Taylor Municipal Airport.**

Town Manager Gus Lundberg said he has been working with Navajo county for some time now. He had the opportunity to sit on a task force with the county for the middle mile project. A lot of work and research has been going on to make this happen for the communities to get grant funds for the major broadband project. Gus said what we're proposing tonight is for Taylor to take part in the fact that there is already a company bringing fiber into our community the line will run out to the county building on Pinedale Road which is close to our airport. What is proposed tonight is to take the line from the corner of Airport Road which is off Pinedale Road and up to our business park and airport.

Rachael Lacapa from the Navajo County said when they heard of the APS project bringing broad band from Payson to the cholla power plant. They knew they wanted to get in on it. Our project is called the Middle Mile project

With APS Coming through we can save taxpayers' dollars and cross over with their line. To make an entire loop. Our project starts up by Joe City right near Cholla Plant comes down HWY 77 cuts across lone pine dam over to linden and circles back to Show low and goes up to Pinetop Lakeside and cuts over to 260 and down to Heber. Our timeline for completion is the end of December 2025. All our infrastructure We will be ready to light including any of our additional partner projects like the one that is being proposed tonight. With this we will be able to have speeds like they have in the valley.

Rachael Lacapa said the county received 20 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds and the board of supervisors allocated 10 million to the Broadband project. In addition, the county received a grant from the state for 9.7 Million with this we were able to do this project without passing any cost to the tax payers.

**Motion made by Council member Lynn DeWitt to accept the proposal from Navajo County to put internet Airport Road and industrial park**

**Second by Council member Dustin Hancock**

**Motion passed; unanimous**

**2. Discussion and Action Regarding the Participation in a 90/10 Cost Match to Overlay the North Taxiway at Taylor Municipal Airport**

Town Manager Gus Lundberg stated we have participated in ADOT federal grants, This Grant is a 90/10 Cost Match. The State pays 90 percent the town will pay 10 percent. The State has kept good tabs on the condition of our runway. This Project cost would be 261,000 for the overlay on the North Taxiway at the airport and the town would pay 26,000.

What we are Proposing tonight is to say yes to participate in the 90/10 cost match to Overlay the North Taxiway at the Taylor Municipal Airport.

**Motion made by Council member Sherry to participation in the 90/10 Cost Match to overlay the North Taxiway at the Taylor Municipal Airport**

**Second by Council member Bill Baldwin**

**Motion passed; unanimous**

**3. Discussion and Action Regarding the Acceptance of Economic Strength Grant to Develop and Build Cessna Loop Road in the Taylor Airport Industrial Park**

Town Manager Gus Lundberg said a couple months ago Grant Money came up and we were awarded the money to pave Cessna Loop Road includes 380,000 dollars from the state and requires 163,000 from our local funds for a total of 560,000 70/30 match.

**Motion made by Council member Bill Baldwin to accept the Economic Strength Grant to Develop and Build Cessna Loop Road in the Taylor Municipal Airport**

**Second by Council member Dustin Hancock**

**Motion passed; unanimous**

**4. Executive Session: Discussion Regarding Possible Property Acquisition Near SR77 and 19<sup>th</sup> South Pursuant to A.R.S 38-431-03 (A)(7)**

Mayor Shawn Palmer stated will head into executive session now.

Manger Gus Lundberg let the public know we will not be making any decisions tonight on the possible property acquisition. That will be at the next council meeting on October 3, 2024. Mayor Palmer opened the floor up for the summary of current events.

**Motion made by Council member Jason Brubaker to proceed into executive session Regarding Possible Property Acquisition Near SR77 and 19<sup>th</sup> South  
Second by Council member Sherry Cosper Duke  
Motion passed; unanimous**

5. Summary of Current Events:

- A. Mayor Shawn Palmer reported on the Arizona league of City and Towns. He Thought it was very productive. Classes he went to talked about Sports and tourism to drive dollars to our local community, Affordable housing and rent, drug issues, Future power supply, nuclear power. Thanked Gus for being a good host.
- B. Council Member Lynn Dewitt said he talked with a Consultant from Williams they need a new sewer plant because of the hotels going in from all the tourism they have. The sewer plant is going to cost them 40 million.
- C. Council Member Jason Brubaker said what a wonderful manager and great council members who have. They have their head on straight and spend wisely. Also, our Chamber Commence is working hard Best around.
- D. Council Member Dustin Hancock agreed there was a lot of good information at the League.
- E. Council Member Sherry Cosper Duke Felt how blessed we are to have a great Manager and live where we do. Went to some great classes, one was on the Homeless and our state is really trying to help the homeless.
- F. Council Member Bill Baldwin enjoyed the comradery. Thanked Gus.
- G. Town Manager Gus Lundberg said it was a pleasure to be there with everyone it's a benefit to go and learn more. Thanked everyone for going.  
Next week we will be opening Bids for the Casa Linda job.  
Shared Services Sept 17, 2024, meeting every 6 months
- H. Recreation Coordinator Sara Ramsay stated she went to Az Park and Rec conference in Tucson's it was very informative. She said we live in a community with not very good swimmers. Football players came and they had to rescue two of the players.  
Sara said we do offer swimming lessons we need more, she said there are foundations that work with towns for discount swim lessons. She would like to work with them to see if we can get extra funding to be able to offer more swimming lessons. Sara is very Confident we have great lifeguards.  
Events coming up are Night Swim and Night Run.

**6. Adjournment:**

Was made in the Executive Session @ 9:20 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 5th day of September 2024. I further certify that the meeting was duly called to order and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 5th day of September 2024

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Marcie Pawlik-Town Clerk