



TAYLOR TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Thursday July 3, 2025 @ 7:00 pm

Town Hall
425 Papermill Road
Taylor, Arizona

Mayor
Shawn Palmer
Vice-Mayor
Bill Baldwin
Council Members
Jason Brubaker
Sherry Cosper Duke
Kris Neff
Lynn DeWitt
April Williams

- 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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CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, INVOCATION

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CALL ORDER: Mayor Shawn Palmer called the meeting to order @ 7:00 Pm

COUNCIL PRESENT: Jason Brubaker, April Williams, Sherry Cosper Duke, Lynn Dewitt, Chris Neff

STAFF PRESENT: Manager Gus Lundberg, Town Clerk Marcie Pawlik, Fire Chief Willie Nelson & Police Chief Bobby Martin

VISITORS: See List

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Logan Hatch

INVOCATION: Chris Neff

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)

Doug Reeder, a resident at 4159 Paper Mall, raised concerns regarding the town's infrastructure, referencing previous zoning commission discussions.

The town is reportedly reaching limits on school infrastructure and post office capacity.

Doug inquired if there is a plan or set milestones to anticipate when infrastructure upgrades are needed, suggesting population growth as a likely metric.

He requested clarification on whether such planning exists and what those milestones might be.

Additional infrastructure areas of concern included water, waste, police, fire, and the post office.

The council acknowledged the importance of these concerns and stated that while they could not respond immediately (as the topic was not on the agenda due to legality), the town manager would look into the issues raised.

CONSENT AGENDA

All items listed below are considered routine and uncontroversial. 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 June 5, 2025
- B. Approve June 2025 Check Register
- C. Adopt Resolution 2025-08 Hazard Mitigation Plan
- D. Approve Task Order 1 for Taxiway Lighting Engineering
- E. Approve FY25 Budget Adjustments

Motion made by Bill Baldwin

Second by Sherry Cosper

Motion passed; Unanimous

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

1. Consideration and Action Regarding Special Use Liquor License at Hatch Family Farm August 8-9, 2025

Applicant Representative Allison Ward

Purpose: To obtain a permit to sell canned beer and seltzers during the event.

The Liquor Board requires town approval for the special event permit.

Sales Distribution:

25% of sales will be donated to Tales of Love, a 501c pet rescue organization.

The remaining proceeds will benefit the Hatch Farm during their event.

The event will be limited to two days; the permit is not for year-round alcohol sales.

Criteria for obtaining the license have been met by the applicants.

The council clarified that approval is based on compliance with established criteria, not personal views on alcohol consumption, noting that other enterprises in town hold year-round liquor licenses.

The serving area will be barricaded, and entry will be controlled.

All attendees wishing to purchase alcohol will be ID'd at entry.

Wristbands will be used to identify those of legal drinking age; only wrist banded individuals may consume alcohol within the barricaded area.

The main server will be state-certified and trained to verify IDs and recognize signs of overconsumption through observation.

Five security guards will be present to monitor compliance and address any issues, including underage drinking or over-serving.

The event has a history of being family-oriented, and organizers intend to maintain this environment, believing the community will act appropriately.

The event location is 700 East Love Lake Road.

Allison Ward agreed to verify and correct the mailing address before submission.

This will be the fifth year of the event at Hatch Family Farm.

In previous years, the event was operated under a no alcohol/no smoking policy, similar to other local venues like the rodeo grounds. Organizers have not encouraged outside alcohol and have not observed violations.

The intent is to manage alcohol sales in a controlled and compliant manner for this special event, ensuring it is done "the right way."

Council members inquired about the impact of alcohol service on the family environment.

Organizers expressed confidence that the event would remain family-friendly and that community standards would be upheld, noting that the outcome of this year's approach would dictate future decisions.

The council discussed the process for advertising the Special Use Liquor License at Hatch Family Farm.

Confirmation was given that advertising will inform the public about the license.

Motion made by Council Member Bill Baldwin to Approve the Special Permit License for the Hatch Family Farm Event August 8-9 2025

Second by April Williams

Motion passed; Unanimous

2. Consideration and Action Regarding a Town Park Bench Memorial Policy

Manager Gus Lundberg

The policy discussion originated from community requests to sponsor or place memorial benches along the Freeman Park walking path, with at least three inquiries received.

Staff have discussed and developed a proposed policy to address these requests, which was included in the council's packet.

The proposed policy supports memorial benches but maintains town control over bench placement, material, and uniformity.

Only town-approved benches will be used, matching the mesh material of existing benches on the community walking trail by the industrial park and picnic tables at the rodeo pavilion.

Benches will be installed in predetermined locations, with "bump outs" or extra spaces in the asphalt already prepared for future placements during recent pavement projects.

The memorial plaque will be placed on a two-inch metal face on the front of the bench for visibility, as alternative placements (e.g., on the backrest) were considered but deemed less visible.

The policy includes a fee structure:

The proposed fee for sponsoring a bench is \$500.

The plaque is guaranteed to remain for at least three years, with the possibility of longer display if there is no waiting list or demand for that location.

The \$500 fee does not cover the full cost of the bench installed but helps fund additional benches and plaques, as the cost of the plaque itself is minimal.

There is no strict limit on the length of text for the plaque, but concerns about clutter were noted.

The policy is not intended as an advertising scheme but as a community memorial opportunity, with benches available on a first-come, first-served basis.

The town will not wait for a sponsor to install benches; benches will be placed as part of ongoing park improvements.

Currently, there are approximately five benches around Freeman Park, with potential for up to ten.

The walking path before the remodel was about six-tenths of a mile in total, and a new loop around the pond offers additional placement opportunities.

The policy could be expanded to other city parks and the local cemetery, with a preference for uniform bench styles.

Council members expressed strong support for the policy, especially the focus on uniformity and controlled expansion.

**Motion made by Council Member Sherry Cosper Duke to approve Town Park Bench Memorial Policy
Second by April Williams
Motion passed; Unanimous**

3. Summary of Current Events:

Mayor Shawn Palmer Thanked everyone for coming

- Firing Anvil 5:00am
- Patriotic program Sat 10:00am.
- Rodeo Ticket Sells 3:00 Doors open at 4:00.

Town Council Members

Bill Baldwin

- Free Pancake Breakfast 6-7am
- Zennie home fair NPC on 23rd of July from 1-6
- Attending board meeting on the 10th for Zennie Homes

Town Manager Gus Lundberg

- Looking forward to a great weekend
- Thanked all the staff for their hard work getting ready for the weekend.

4. Adjournment: There being no further business Mayor Shawn Palmer adjourned the meeting at 7:40 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 3rd day of July 2025. I further certify that the meeting was duly called to order and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 3rd day of July 2025

Marcia Pawlik