



TAYLOR TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Thursday August 7, 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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- 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

CALL ORDER: Vice Mayor Shawn Palmer called the meeting to order @ 7:03 PM

COUNCIL PRESENT: Kris Neff, Jason Brubaker, Lynn Dewitt, April Williams, Sherry Duke, Vice Mayor Bill Baldwin

STAFF PRESENT: Manager Gus Lundberg, Town Clerk Marcie Pawlik, Parks and Rec Director Sara Ramsay, Streets Supervisor Richard Troutman

VISITORS: See List

COUNCIL ABSENT:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Council Member Sherry Cosper Duke

INVOCATION: Council Member Lynn Dewitt

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)

John Williams shared his concerns about the rodeo. Shared photos of the area in front of the main grandstands. Where kids sit with their legs dangling in the path of the animals coming through. John suggests a fence be put there. To prevent future accidents happening. Mayor Palmer thanked Mr. Williams for his concerns. Being its not on the agenda council is not allowed to discuss. But appreciated his time for coming in.

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 July 3, 2025
- B. Approve July 2025 Check Register
- C. Approve 2025-2026 IGA Dispatch

Motion made by Council Member Jason Brubaker to approve the Consent Agenda A,B & C

Second by Council Member Bill Baldwin

Motion passed; Unanimous

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

1. Recognition of Snowflake High School Track Team - State Champions

Mayor Shawn Palmer expressed how impressed he is with the girls and boys track team and recognized their accomplishments and all the records they made. And recognized the great coaching staff.

No Action

2. Presentation on Summer Celebrations and Upcoming Community Events

Charolette Hatch from the Chamber stated all the events we had Fourth of July with the food and arts and crafts this was the biggest year, yet she states. With 35 food vendors there. With pioneer days right after. Getting ready for the sweet corn festival. Left a flyer to be hung up. Stated sweet corn has been going on for 40 years now. Farming and Faith is the theme for the parade this year. It will be the same route starting up by the softball field on the hill. There is no rodeo this year, but we will have all the food vendors, arts and crafts fair, Sweet Corn and Corn hole tournament. The Heritage Taylor Museum will be open. Charlotte asked the council to pass the word around to get more floats entered in the parade.

Sarah Ramsay with Parks and Rec let everyone know of all the events she has coming up.

August 16th 6-9pm Food Truck Night Just desserts at the summing pool. The pool will be open, and they will be selling Smore kits. She checked with the Fire Chief about a fire pit, and he said it would be fine.

August 30th 10K at Snowflake Bike Park. Mentioned the Corn Hole Tournament at the Sweet Corn Festival They will be set up at the little league fields by the rodeo grounds. The tournament starts at 12 sharp and there will be different groups, Kids and Adults. Will start gearing up for Truck or Treat in Oct. It will be held on Nov 1st. Because there is a home football game on the 31st.

No Action

3. Consideration and Action Regarding Land Lease of Town Property in Bellybutton

Manager Gus Lundberg states all are aware that the town owns some property in Belly Button USA, three and a half acre of which, I'll call it under contract. I think we still have another couple month before that sale is set to close. But a little while ago I was made aware that the property owner adjacent to our property, who used to irrigate that property after he had sold it to the individual, we bought it from extended an offer to say, hey, if you would like me to keep that green, I can move some water shares around and reestablish that is a little more attractive than it is right now. And I did some research into would we need to maybe expand this Offer to other people, would someone else come and say, well, I would like to do that. So, I spoke with the irrigation company about how that could even work or who would even possibly be another viable steward of that. And essentially Corey Johnson is really the only one that's suited to be able to do that.

Fun fact, if you didn't know. The irrigation company has six ditches. There is an east and a west side ditch in Shumway, Taylor and in Snowflake. So, each little area there has an east and a west side ditch. So, this area Belly Button is serviced by West Taylor ditch. The only other people would be Kyle Baldwin and the church ranch that has some property west of our property there. I spoke with Grant Knapp, who irrigates for the church, and I spoke with Kyle Baldwin. And neither of them really has the ability or the appetite to do that. They were also both very supportive and complimentary of Corey, who has done that in the past. And they all kind of work together as they have different crops growing and adjusting the schedules. And so, I feel This could be a good thing, if that's the desire of the town. We certainly don't have any immediate plans for moving any dirt around there. And as you know, the property we have sold is right up near the highway. And potentially in the next year or two, I could see maybe more property being sold and developed up front But all the property in the back, towards the cottonwood trees, we really don't have any immediate plans for it. And so, I asked Corey to give me a starting point and an agreement. Agreement on what it would look like. I think it would be in our best interest to have it in writing and that it was included in your packet. And essentially it says, as you know, with 180 days' notice, we could tell Cory to get off any part of it or all of it all together, as we need to. And I feel like if we do get plans for development, that's a real suitable time frame. Gus asks, are there any questions or concerns?

Jason Brubaker said he is hoping to see some soccer fields there soon.

April Williams had concerns with contract saying termination under the term that says Written notice of intent to terminate at least 30 days prior. And then your termination clause says one day.

Gus Lundberg clarifies Mrs. Williams. Question or point about the 30 days.

The 30 days are part of the terms. So, it is a 10-year term which will automatically renew after 10 years unless we give 30 days' notice at year nine and 11 months. The other part of it is Even prior to 10 years, there's a termination clause that says for whatever reason, but we have to give 180 days

So, in two years, six months, we can at any point give six months' notice and say we're going to shut it down.

**Motion made by Council Member Lynn Dewitt to accept land lease of Town Property in Belly Button
Second by Council Member Bill Baldwin
Motion passed; Unanimous**

4. Consideration and Action Regarding Contract with VSS international for Chip Seal Coating on Roads in East Taylor.

Manager Gus Lundberg said at the end of June, a couple of meetings ago, you approved of a contract with VSS International, who is a big pavement preservation firm. They have a contract with the city of Tucson, which is, I'll use my air quotes here, piggy backable. We can use that pricing and the terms of that contract without us having to go out and solicit bids. We did that right before the Fourth of July, and chip sealed Cattle Lane and we did West Willow. We were happy with the price. We wanted to see if we were able to spend that money out of our budget last year. And being satisfied with their work, we do have a significant road construction and road maintenance budget in our current fiscal year. So, we've been working with their representatives to identify some areas. If you'll recall, about four or five years ago, we spent some money and did some work in most all of these intersections on the east side of town, so we had a contractor come in and cut those out and did some work on laying new pavements on those. And our plan has been to come back and perform a chip seal on the straight parts of these roads. And so, for whatever reason, we just have not been able to find the right contractor at the right time and pricing. But we do have it now. And so, these roads are in red, would be the roads will chip seal. It would be about 371,000 Square feet. We have thought about potentially adding some more on. One of the ones that didn't really get put in here was tumbleweed. In both sections of it. We considered maybe adding center street, but we think for right now, with the work that would need to be done to get this done this fall, this is pretty much what we feel we could handle. And I appreciate Richard being here. He can answer all the hard questions, but we are comfortable with this. It fits within the budget we have for road maintenance. We still could do some more work later, in the spring, after winter, these guys come back. But they also are looking forward to combining our work with some work that they're looking to do in Holbrook. The price is reflective of that with mobilization.

Richard Troutmen says we've been crack sealing and aside from the intersections and patching, constantly trying. You know, they're pretty shot. And we're trying to build them back up. And then the end goal, the chip seal. And then they fog seal it. Bring them back somewhat because some of them are disintegrated. That's the end goal. We've been maintaining them by crack sealing in the winter.

Mr. Mayor, we would be looking for a motion to authorize the execution of the contract with VSS If you want to. I don't feel like we need to put the exact dollar amount. If you want to, we can leave some room in there for the amounts budgeted for. But just would like authorization from the council to engage with VSS. That numbers might go up a little bit or down a little.

**Motion made by Council Member April Williams to authorize Contract with VSS International for Chip Seal Coating on the Roads East of Taylor
Second by Council Member Chris Neff
Motion passed; Unanimous**

5. Summary of Current Events:

Mayor Shawn Palmer –

- **League of Arizona cities and towns August 19th through**
- **Walking Path at park is open**
- **Shumway Bridge at park will be getting a plaque (100 years old).**
- **Go Visit Museum Bob Cole does a great job.**
- **Always amazed Jennings Band come far and wide to play together. It always sounds amazing. So Talented.**
- **Big Thankyou to our staff for the things they get done
In making our town a better place to live**

Vice Mayor Bill Baldwin

- **Anvil Parade was a great turnout. Always feel honored to be a part of it.**

Town Council Members

Lynn Dewitt

- **Kudos to the Rodeo**
- **Patriotism is always it for me. A reminder of who we are.**

Kriss Neff

- **Bob Cole working on Hall of Fame Display**

Jason Brubaker

- **August 23 American Legion 126 of Snowflake will be hosting the
Sam Grime Memorial Golf Tournament at Snowflake Golf Course**

Town Manager Gus Lundberg

- **Turned time over to Richard Troutman**

Richard Troutman

- **Sprinklers are almost done at park**
- **Thursday will be planting 5 acres of grass**
- **15 New Benches will be going in around the Walking Path**
- **Will be moving fencing due to people riding side by sides across bridge and three wheelers in pond**
- **Parking lot will be built up and landscape finished.**
- **It should be unrecognizable the next month or two.**
- **Working on Cottonwood Wash walking trail it will be connecting to Snowflake**
- **We're juggling from Park, Walking Path and Chip Sealing. It is getting there.**

5. Adjournment: There being no further business Mayor Shawn Palmer adjourned the meeting at PM 8:15 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 7th day of August 2025. I further certify that the meeting was duly called to order and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 7th day of August 2025

Marcie Pawlik -Town Clerk