



**TAYLOR TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**
Thursday April 9, 2026 @ 7:00 pm
Town Hall
425 Papermill Road
Taylor, Arizona

Mayor
Shawn Palmer
Vice-Mayor
Bill Baldwin
Council Members
Jason Brubaker
Sherry Cospier 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.
- 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 for 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

CALL ORDER: Mayor Shawn Palmer called the meeting to order @ 7:00 pm
COUNCIL PRESENT: Jason Brubaker, April Williams, Sherry Cospier Duke, Chris Neff, Vice Mayor Bill Baldwin.
STAFF PRESENT: Manager Gus Lundberg, Town Clerk Marcie Pawlik, Police Chief Bobby Martin
VISITORS: See List
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Shawn Palmer
INVOCATION: Cory Johnson

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)

Kathy Smith

- Asked for council support for a community garden to help residents grow food and improve grant chances.

Maven Tinney

- Questioned buying a fire truck due to high gas prices and suggested delaying.
- Also said rodeo announcer's comments were inappropriate for kids.

Cheryl Volz

- Warned about leaving pets in hot cars and shared recent incidents.
- Emphasized treating animals with care.

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 Council Minutes of March 5, 2026
- B. Approve Check Register March 2026

Motion made by Chris Neff to accept the consent agenda as presented.
Second by Council Member April Williams
Motion passed; Unanimous

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

1. Presentation From the Giving Machine to Nexus Coalition.

Cory Johnson with the giving machine

The Giving Machine is a program run by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints during Christmas to help charities. People can donate money through a vending machine and choose specific items to give, like gas for seniors, vaccines, animals, and hygiene kits for youth. Local group Nexus Coalition was recognized for helping kids through leadership programs, drug education, and providing supplies like hygiene kits and training incentives.

There was also discussion about including Narcan in the Giving Machine. Narcan is a medication that can save someone from an opioid overdose. Some people were unsure about including it at first, but it was approved to help raise awareness and save lives. The group explained that Narcan is easy to use, like a nasal spray, but it's important to call 911 and keep giving doses until help arrives.

The Nexus team introduced their members and shared the work they are doing in the community. The Giving Machine will return from December 18 through January 1, and donations can be made electronically.

No Action

2. Discussion Regarding Fire Truck Purchase.

Willie Nelson The fire department is currently struggling because most of their trucks are over 20 years old. This has slowed down response times and has kept them from taking part in wildland fire assignments in recent years because they didn't have a reliable truck to send.

They now have a chance to fix this by buying a new fire truck that is already being built and could be ready by June. Normally, a custom fire truck can cost around \$1 million, but this one cost about \$565,000 and can serve multiple purposes. It would allow the department to respond to more calls and take part in wildland assignments, which could also bring in extra revenue. The truck is also easier to maintain because it uses a common commercial chassis.

To help pay for it, the department has several funding sources. They received a \$244,000 grant, have another \$150,000 grant for equipment, and can trade in an older truck for \$130,000. They also had unexpected revenue come in. The truck they are selling has been expensive to maintain and has not been worth keeping.

Because of this opportunity, the department has asked to move \$550,000 from the contingency fund to cover the cost. The council approved the purchase of the new fire truck and the budget increase. They also announced an upcoming fire department swearing-in and badge ceremony, with dinner at 6 PM and the ceremony starting around 7 PM.

Motion made by Council Member Bill Baldwin to approve the apparatus sells agreement with ACAMP Co. Incorporated for the purchase of a type 3 fire engine and authorize a \$550,000 budget increase.

- **Second by Kris Neff**

Motion passed; Unanimous

3. National Library Week Proclamation 2026 and library Stats.

Ella McAdams

The mayor encouraged everyone to visit the local library, highlighting that it is clean, well-organized, and offers many useful resources like computers, study spaces, and rooms for kids of all ages.

Ella McAdams states The library’s mission is to be a place where people can learn, create, and connect. National Library Week also promotes visiting the library, with this year’s theme being “Find Your Joy.”

The library is being used more than ever. Over 63,000 people visited this year, and more than 1,100 new library cards have been issued recently. There are now over 15,000 active cardholders. Children, teens, and families make up most visitors, and children’s books are checked out the most.

The library offers many helpful services and programs. Staff help people with things like job applications, computer skills, and even telehealth appointments. They also provide one-on-one help through “Book a Librarian” and host hundreds of programs each year, including classes, family events, and outreach to schools and assisted living centers.

The summer reading program is a big success, with over 1,100 participants last year who read more than 1.3 million minutes combined. The library also hosted a traveling museum that brought in over 10,000 visitors. Recent improvements include new shelves, a paved parking lot, and updated technology.

Looking ahead, the library needs more space. Even after recent renovations, it is already full. They are asking the council to consider expanding the building to add more room for children, study areas, and family facilities. The library also continues to support families in choosing appropriate materials and works with a nonprofit group to raise extra funding.

No Action

4. Consideration and Possible Action to Establish the Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting Date as the Third Tuesday of Each Month and to Initiate a Process for Soliciting and Appointing Commissioners to Reestablish Staggered Terms.

Gus Lundberg

The Planning and Zoning Commission is considering changing its meeting date to the second Tuesday of each month. This is to avoid a scheduling conflict with the Town of Snowflake, which meets on the third Tuesday. The commission had previously been meeting on the first Tuesday.

They also discussed how commissioners are appointed. Town code says members serve three-year terms, and there is a need to reestablish those terms. The plan is to ask for public interest in serving and appointing members, so terms are staggered.

**Motion made by Council Member Jason Brubaker to approve the new meeting date and begin the process appointing commissioners.
Second by Sherry Cosper Duke
Motion passed; Unanimous**

5. Summary of Current Events:

• **Mayor Shawn Palmer**

Recognition dinner for the fire department tomorrow night at 6 o'clock.

Police department recognition dinner at Ava's Restaurant was well attended.

Library ribbon cutting for the traveling museum that had a Liberty Bell replica sponsored by Banner Hill. Over a thousand people attended.

Attended Calvary Baptist church where they had a testimony meeting for the 49 people that were stranded in Israel. Wonderful

• **Council Member Chris Neff**

Brad Click will be the keynote speaker.

There will be an attempt to get a choir to sing.

There will probably not be a stump speaker this year.

• **Council Member April Williams**

Soil testing tomorrow from 10 to noon.

• **Council Member Sherry Cosper Duke**

Global youth activity April 18-25 from 7 to 9 o'clock to clean the streets of Taylor and Snowflake.

• **Council Member Jason Brubaker**

Old Testament Tabernacle Experience

A live replica of an ancient tabernacle during the time of Moses comes to Snowflake.

It will be outdoors at the Main Street Chapel from May 11-17.

• **Council Member Bill Baldwin**

ADOT Listening Session

Discussion about the state taking over Paper Mill Road.

Pinedale Road intersection and a possible turn lane on Center Street were discussed.

• **Manager Gus Lundberg**

June 6th, 1966, is the town's incorporation date.

June 6th, 2026, will be the 60th anniversary, celebrated with an event at Taylor Rodeo Park, including a concert and a drone light show.

"60 lap community challenge" invites people to celebrate by completing 60 laps, with a \$10 entry fee for a commemorative T-shirt. The challenge runs from April 1st through the end of May.

Thanked those that came to the open meeting for law training.

Another successful Easter egg hunt.

Encourage all to follow the town entities on social media (library, recreation, and the Town of Taylor.)

Adjournment: There being no further business Mayor Shawn Palmer adjourned the meeting at 8:28 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 9th day of April 2026. I further certify that the meeting was duly called to order and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 9th day of April 2026

Marcie Pawlik