



**TAYLOR TOWN COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA  
Thursday June 11, 2026 @ 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.
- 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](http://www.tayloraz.org)

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

**COUNCIL PRESENT:** Mayor Shawn Palmer, Lynn Dewitt, Chris Neff, April Williams, Sherry Cosper Duke, Vice Mayor Bill Baldwin, Jason Brubaker

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

**VISITORS:** See List

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Council Member April William

**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)

Pamela Rodriguez: Presented a poem about Taylor, highlighting its 1878 founding by Mormon pioneers, its historical self-reliance, and its growth from pickle farms and paper mills to ranches and homes.

Steven Rodriguez (American Legion, Post 126): Discussed veteran and youth programs, including plans for a baseball team and a rifle team. Announced the "Sam Grimes, 5th Annual Memorial Golf Tournament" on August 29th, with registration at 7:00 AM and play at 8:00 AM.

Faith (Silver Creek Senior Center): Invited the mayor and town council to a lunch celebration for the country's 250th anniversary on July 2nd at 11:30 AM, featuring barbecue ribs, and requested assistance with preparation and serving.

#### **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 May 7, 2026
- B. Approve Check Register May 2026

**Motion made by Council Member Sherry Cosper Duke to a Approve the Consent Agenda as Presented  
Second by Bill Baldwin  
Motion passed; Unanimous**

#### **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

### **1. Discussion and Action Request from Lazy K Heart Productions Proposal for Dedicated Professional Rough Stock Event and Special Event Liquor License at Taylor Rodeo Park**

Council reviewed a proposal from Lazy K Heart Productions for a professional rough stock event at Taylor Rodeo Park, including a request for a special event liquor license.

Discussion included deed restrictions affecting alcohol sales on portions of the rodeo grounds, potential locations for alcohol service, underage drinking, Over Consumption, driving under the influence, public safety measures, liability coverage, and compliance with Town ordinances.

The applicant outlined plans to provide controlled access, age verification, professional bartending services, and transportation options to promote public safety.

Council member Lynn DeWitt moved to authorize Gina Kraut to proceed with planning for the proposed Rough Stock Event and return to Council with completed plans for review and consideration.

Vice Mayor Bill Baldwin seconded the motion.

Result: Motion carried, 5–2. Ayes: Shawn Palmer, April Williams, Sherry Cosper Duke, Lynn DeWitt, and Bill Baldwin. Nays: Chris Neff and Jason Brubaker

### **2. Discussion and Action Regarding Taylor Night Rodeo Fire Work Show Budget**

Council reviewed the projected cost of the Fourth of July Rodeo fireworks display. Staff reported that fireworks expenses have increased significantly in recent years due to rising costs and tariffs, with expenditure increasing from approximately \$9,000 in Fiscal Year 2019 to \$26,680 in the previous year.

Discussion included the anticipated cost increase for the upcoming celebration and the significance of the nation's 250th anniversary observance.

Council member Chris Neff moved to approve a budget allocation of \$35,000 for the Fourth of July Rodeo Fireworks Display.

Councilmember Sherry Cosper Duke seconded the motion.

Result: Motion carried unanimously.

### **3. Discussion and Action Regarding Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Tentative Budget**

Council reviewed the proposed Fiscal Year 2026–2027 Tentative Budget totaling \$22,524,977. Staff outlined the budget adoption process, noting that the tentative budget must be approved prior to publication and public hearing before final adoption. While adjustments may be made following tentative approval, the total proposed expenditure cannot be increased.

Discussion included the conclusion of a sales tax rebate agreement in March 2026, resulting in a significant reduction in annual expenditures, as well as departmental operating budgets, capital improvement projects, and future infrastructure needs.

Highlighted projects included continued improvements to Cottonwood Wash, planning for a box culvert crossing at Willow Lane, and a sewer interceptor project to support future growth on the west side of town.

The proposed budget also includes contingency funding for future capital projects, grant opportunities, and potential regional recreation facility partnerships.

Vice Mayor Bill Baldwin moved to approve the Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2026–2027.

Councilmember April Williams seconded the motion.

Result: Motion carried unanimously

#### **4. Discussion and Action Regarding Potential Real Estate Purchase of 233 W Papermill Road.**

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) (7).

Council member Jason Brubaker moved to enter Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(7).

Council member Sherry Cosper Duke seconded the motion.

Result: Motion carried unanimously.

Upon resuming the regular meeting, a motion was approved for town staff to purchase 233 West Paper Mill Road, based on information from a commercial appraisal.

The motion was made by Council member Jason Brubaker

Seconded by Council Bill Baldwin

Result: Motion carried unanimously.

#### **5. Summary of Current Events:**

- **Mayor Shawn Palmer**

Taylor's 60-Year Anniversary: The celebration was described as a "real special night" with significantly better turnout and community involvement compared to the 50th anniversary, with attendance estimates ranging from 350 to 2000 people.

Musical talent included the Figueroa family and a singer named Ashley, who was noted to have performed at "Thursday Night in the park tonight" and won the "Snowflake Ride" two years prior. The success of the event was attributed to "Sarah and Ryan's really hard work. "Veterans Memorial Flag Retirement: A ceremony was held next to the museum, attended by almost 70 people, including Jason at the gun salute, and the retired flag was presented to Keith Hall.

- **Council Member Kris Neff**

Update on the Town of Taylor 4<sup>th</sup> program, including plans to recognize 2 local families into the Taylor Hall of Fame. Brad Click as the speaker.

- **Council Member April Williams**

Appreciated the 60<sup>th</sup> Incorporation Show

- **Council Member Sherry Cosper Duke**

Tabernacle Choir Taylor Rodeo Grounds Friday 26 June Gates open at 5:00 broadcast @ 7  
Food Drive for local nonprofits.

- **Council Member Jason Brubaker**

Recognized Kris Neff Father-in-Law Burt Solomon passing Condolences ++

Jason accepted the position of executive committee with NACOG with the intention of securing better representation and funding for Navajo County, which has historically struggled with representation. This role is expected to be a long commitment due to a rotation system where executive committee members progress to treasurer/secretary, then vice chair, then chair, and involves more meetings, often requiring an hour earlier start and travel to various locations. The organization disperses annually budget of \$34.5 million, comprising state funds channeled through the NACOG merger and Arizona Council of Governments, with some federal money also filtering through.

Jason aims to bring back funds to the community and help prepare projects to qualify for future funding, noting that funds are available to help small communities write grants and prepare project ideas

- **Manager Gus Lundberg**

- Legacy Parkway (Snowflake): The Snowflake Town Council officially designated the road through the "Belly button property" (from Main Street to Centennial, 19th/18th) as Legacy Parkway. Snowflake received an ADOT Economic Strength Program grant of "a little over half a million" to pave Legacy Parkway from Main Street to Centennial, with efforts underway to secure appropriate easements for a full 60-foot right-of-way. Walnut Drive Repaving: Walnut Drive has been completely repaved by the flood control district, which owns Millet Swale, not the town. The road damage was caused by a previous berm installation by the flood control district, and the repaving was funded by leftover money from a recent berm project due to favorable pricing.

A new Freightliner fire truck has arrived and was deployed on a "wildland assignment".

Chief Bobby reported a unique situation with three open positions and seven qualified applicants, a first for the department, attributed to a recent pay

Ryan Woods will transition into a full-time role with the town, scheduled for the "next coming budget year." The recreation budget has decreased in total but is now putting more money and emphasis on community events, partnering with the library. The next meeting is scheduled for July 2nd and will include a public budget hearing, along with two zone changes from the recent Planning and Zoning meeting.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business Mayor Shawn Palmer adjourned the meeting at 9:15PM

***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 11th day of June 2026. I further certify that the meeting was duly called to order and that a quorum was present.

Dated the 11th day of June 2026

Marcie Pawlik