

The City Council of the City of Taylor met on May 10, 2012, at City Hall, 400 Porter St., Taylor, Texas. Mayor Donald Hill declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the following present:

Mayor Pro Tem, Chris Gonzales
Council Member Jesse Ancira
Council Member John McDonald
Council Member Chris Osborn

City Manager, Jim Dunaway
Assistant City Manager, Jeff Straub
City Attorney, Ted Hejl
City Clerk, Susan Brock

INVOCATION

Jeff Straub led the group in prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION

No citizens came forward during this time.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. MINUTES APRIL 26, 2012.
2. CONSIDER ACCEPTING PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS FROM GEMINI INDUSTRIES FOR FIRE PROTECTION INFRASTRUCTURE.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales moved to approve the consent agenda as presented and Council Member McDonald seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

PROCLAMATION

3. PROCLAMATION: IN RECOGNITION OF COMMUNITY TAX ASSISTANCE PROGRAM PROVIDERS TO CITIZENS OF TAYLOR.

Mayor Hill and Karen Ellis presented a proclamation to volunteers who assisted citizens with filing their income taxes.

ORDINANCE

4. CONSIDER INTRODUCING ORDINANCE 2012-16 AMENDING THE FEE ORDINANCE REGARDING UNMETERED FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEMS.

Mr. Straub presented a request to consider removing a fee from the fee schedule regarding unmetered fire protection systems. He stated that the fee had been in place since 1984 and that he could find no reason to continue to charge businesses for this service.

With no further comment Mr. Hejl introduced the Ordinance as presented:

ORDINANCE 2012-16

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS AMENDING
ORDINANCE NO. 2011-28 ADOPTED ON SEPTEMBER 22, 2011,
MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE CITY FOR

FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2011 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2012; BY AMENDING THE AMOUNT OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE GENERAL FUND AS WELL AS OTHER FUNDS THAT PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT OF OPERATING EXPENSES AND CAPITAL OUTLAY AND BY CHANGING THE AMOUNT APPROPRIATED FOR VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS OF THE CITY.

5. CONSIDER ACCEPTING A TRAILER FOR THE TAYLOR FIRE DEPARTMENT FROM THE TAYLOR AREA BUSINESS WOMEN.

Chief Pat Ekiss, Taylor Fire Department, introduced Ms. Annette Maruska, President of the Taylor Area Business Women (TABW), who presented the Taylor Fire Department with a trailer for the Honor Guard. Ms. Maruska said the TABW held a fundraiser to earn the funds to purchase the trailer which has an estimated the value of \$2450.00.

Council Member McDonald moved to accept the gift of the trailer and Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

REGULAR AGENDA – REVIEW/DISCUSS & CONSIDER/ACTION:

6. CONSIDER ACCEPTING QUARTERLY REPORT FROM AND AMENDING THE CONTRACT WITH THE TAYLOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

Mr. Thomas Martinez, President, Taylor Chamber of Commerce, presented Council with a quarterly report regarding chamber activities from January through March of 2012. Mr. Dunaway suggested that the agreement be amended to change the reporting requirement from quarterly to semi-annually. Council Member Osborn expressed his desire to continue the reporting at the current schedule. With no further discussion Council Member Osborn moved to accept the report as presented and Council Member McDonald seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

7. CONSIDER RECOMMENDATION FROM THE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO DELETE THE INDOOR POOL AT THE RECREATION CENTER AND INCLUDE A GYMNASIUM.

Mr. Dunaway presented Council with a recommendation from the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board regarding the construction design of the community recreation center. The Board reviewed the proposed design and voted to recommend that a gymnasium be included in the initial construction rather than an indoor swimming pool. Mr. Dunaway advised Council to not accept this recommendation. Council Member Osborn expressed his support for advisory boards to have the right to submit recommendations to the Council and would entertain a method for council to meet with boards on a regular basis to exchange thoughts and ideas. No further action was taken on this item.

8. CONSIDER WAIVING TIER TWO FEES FOR TREATED WATER FOR THE CITY OF HUTTO.

Mr. Dunaway presented a request on behalf of the City of Hutto to adjust their water contract for a thirty day period while the Brazos River Authority conducts a chlorine burnout of the water system. The adjustment would provide an opportunity for the City of Hutto to draw additional water, if needed, from the system at the lower rate of

\$2.04 per thousand gallons. Mr. Dunaway cited a desire for the city to assist with this request as an effort to continue to maintain an amiable relationship with the City of Hutto as they have assisted us in the past.

Council Member Osborn moved to approve the request to waive the fees as presented for thirty days and Council Member Ancira seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

9. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER POSSIBLE CHARTER AMENDMENTS.

Mr. Straub presented an update on citizen input regarding possible amendments to the city charter. To date

Council Member McDonald moved to set a charter amendment election for November, 2012 and for each council member to appoint one person to form a Charter Review Committee to address the issues presented as well as to add any other issues deemed appropriate for council review and to have legal counsel available. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales seconded the motion. Prior to a vote, Council Member Osborn asked to amend the motion to expand the committee to two members appointed by each council member and three members by the Mayor. Council Member McDonald seconded the motion to amend. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

Mayor Hill then instructed council to vote on the initial motion: VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed. Council agreed to submit names for the Charter Review Committee within ten days.

ADJOURN

With no further business; Mayor Hill adjourned the meeting at 7:44 p.m.

ATTEST:

Don Hill, Mayor

Susan Brock, City Clerk