

The City Council of the City of Taylor met on April 8, 2010 at City Hall, 400 Porter St., Taylor, Texas. Mayor Hortenstine declared a quorum and, noting the absence of Council Member Gonzales, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the following present:

Mayor Pro Tem Ella Pumphrey Jez
Council Member Donald Hill
Council Member John McDonald

City Manager, Jim Dunaway
City Attorney, Mark Schroeder
City Clerk, Susan Brock

INVOCATION

Chief Straub led the group in prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION

No citizens came forward during this time.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. MINUTES FOR MARCH 23, MARCH 30, AND APRIL 1, 2010.
2. ORDINANCE 2010-8 HOTEL/MOTEL TAX AMENDMENT.

ORDINANCE NO. 2010-8

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS, REGARDING THE COLLECTION OF HOTEL MOTEL TAXES WITHIN THE CITY; PROVIDING FOR A FINE OR PENALTY OF THIS ORDINANCE AS A MISDEMEANOR NOT TO EXCEED \$500.00 FOR EACH OFFENSE, EXCEPT HOWEVER, WHERE A DIFFERENT PENALTY HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED BY STATE LAW FOR SUCH OFFENSE, IN WHICH EVENT THE PENALTY SHALL BE FIXED BY STATE LAW AND IF DEEMED A VIOLATION OF ANY PROVISIONAL LAW THAT GOVERNS FIRE SAFETY, ZONING, OR PUBLIC HEALTH AND SANITATION, THE PENALTY SHALL NOT EXCEED THE SUM OF \$2,000.00 FOR EACH OFFENSE; PROVIDING A SAVINGS, REPEALER, SEVERABILITY, AND EFFECTIVE DATE CLAUSES.

Council Member McDonald moved to approve the consent agenda as presented and Council Member Hill seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE. Motion passed.

REGULAR AGENDA – REVIEW/DISCUSS & CONSIDER/ACTION:

3. PROCLAMATION: RECOGNIZING THE RELAY FOR LIFE EVENT, APRIL 16-17.
Mayor Pro Tem Jez presented a proclamation to Ms. Beth Wilkes and Ms. Anita Jones in recognition of their efforts in organizing the city teams for the Relay for Life local event.
4. CONSIDER ACCEPTING PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS FOR ADVANCE HIGHWAY STORAGE FACILITY.
Mr. Danny Thomas, Director of Public Works, presented a request to consider accepting the public improvements made as a result of the construction of the Advance Highway Storage facility on west Highway 79. Improvements include over \$98,000 worth of water lines, valves, an underground bore on Highway 79, and three fire hydrants.

Without further discussion, Mayor Pro Tem Jez moved to accept the public improvements as presented and Council Member McDonald seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE. Motion passed.

5. CONDUCT INTRODUCING ORDINANCE 2010-14 REGARDING A REQUEST BY MICHAEL AND PATRICIA DAFFIN TO VOLUNTARY ADD 5.0 ACRES TO THE CITY OF TAYLOR EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION.

Mr. John Elsdon, City Planner, presented a request from property owners to voluntarily add their property to the city extraterritorial jurisdiction (ETJ). Mr. and Mrs. Mike Daffin submitted a formal request to have two parcels totaling five acres located south of U. S. Hwy 79 added into the city ETJ.

Mayor Hortenstine asked Mr. Schroeder to read the caption and formally introduce Ordinance 2010-14.

ORDINANCE NO. 2010-14

AN ORDINANCE EXPANDING THE EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 42.022 OF THE TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE THROUGH A VOLUNTARY REQUEST OF THE OWNER THAT THE OWNER'S PROPERTY BE INCLUDED WITHIN THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS, EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION; AND HAVING A SAVINGS CLAUSE.

6. CONSIDER INTRODUCING ORDINANCE 2010-15 ALLOWING COLLECTION OF FEES BY CONTRACTED BY A THIRD PARTY.

Ms. Rosemarie Dennis presented a request to consider introducing an ordinance that would give the city the authority to collect fees through a third party, specifically with regard to Revenue Rescue services. The city entered into a contract with this firm in 2005 to bill insurance companies for emergency service fees incurred by individuals involved in any type of emergency within the city limits. Interim Fire Chief, Eric Woods, was present to respond to questions and comments. Ms. Dennis stated that this ordinance would allow the third party (i.e. Revenue Rescue) to bill individuals on our behalf.

Mayor Hortenstine asked Mr. Schroeder to read the caption and formally introduce Ordinance 2010-15.

ORDINANCE NO. 2010-15

AN ORDINANCE ALLOWING COLLECTION OF FEES, COSTS EXPENSES AND ALL OTHER CHARGES FOR FIRE, EMERGENCY, RESCUE AND OTHER SIMILAR SERVICES RENDERED BY THE CITY; ALLOWING COLLECTION FROM ALL PERSONS OR ENTITIES RECEIVING SUCH SERVICES AND FROM ANY PERSON OR ENTITY LIABLE FOR PAYMENT OF THE SERVICES; ALLOWING THE CITY TO CONTRACT WITH THIRD PARTIES FOR SUCH COLLECTION; PROVIDING SAVINGS, REPEALER, AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSES; PROVIDING FOR OPEN MEETINGS.

Prior to adjournment, Mr. Dunaway reminded Council of the two items included in their

reports folder: the upcoming Library Gala on April 22 and a report on how staff are continuing to work on rezoning existing parkland.

ADJOURN

With no further business; Mayor Hortenstine adjourned the meeting at 6:18 p.m.

Rod Hortenstine, Mayor

ATTEST:

Susan Brock, City Clerk