The City Council of the City of Taylor met on March 24, 2009 at City Hall, 400 Porter St., Taylor, Texas. With the absence of Council Member Bernabe Gonzales, Mayor Hortenstine declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the following present:

| | |
|---|---|
| Mayor Pro Tem Ella Pumphrey Jez | City Manager, Jim Dunaway |
| Council Member Donald Hill | City Attorney, Ted Hejl |
| Council Member John McDonald | City Clerk, Susan Brock |

INVOCATION

Danny Thomas led the group in prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION

No citizens came forward.

(Due to recent ophthalmologic surgery Mayor Hortenstine turned the meeting over to Mayor Pro Tem Jez.)

CONSENT AGENDA

1. CONCUR WITH PRELIMINARY FINANCIALS FOR FEBRUARY, 2009.
2. ORDINANCE 2009-8 AMENDING LANDSCAPE ORDINANCE FOR BUSINESS PARK ZONING DISTRICTS.
   Council Member McDonald moved to approve the consent agenda as presented and Mayor Hortenstine seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted Aye. Motion passed.

REGULAR AGENDA – REVIEW/DISCUSS & CONSIDER/ACTION:

3. CONSIDER ACCEPTING COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT (CAFR) FOR THE 2007-08 FISCAL YEAR.
   Rosemarie Dennis, Director of Finance, presented the 2007/08 FY Comprehensive Annual Finance Report (CAFR) for review. Ms. Sheryl Messer with Brockway, Gersbach, Franklin, & Niemeier was in attendance to present the report and to respond to questions. Ms. Messer provided specific areas that were addressed and praised the staff for their work in dealing with the issues. She noted that even in these difficult economic times the City of Taylor remains fiscally responsible with a positive fund balance and continues to move forward with a number of capital improvement projects.

   Council Member McDonald moved to accept the report and executive summary as presented and Council Member Hill seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE. Motion passed.

4. CONSIDER AMENDING PERSONNEL POLICY BY APPROVING AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT AND IMMIGRATION LAW COMPLIANCE POLICIES.
   Ms. Starla Hall, Director of Human Resources, presented a request to approve a change in personnel policy to comply with federal laws regarding the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Immigration Law Compliance.

Mayor Hortenstine moved to approve the policy changes as presented and Council Member McDonald seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE. Motion passed.

5. CONSIDER APPROVING POOL SERVICES AGREEMENTS WITH THE YMCA OF GREATER WILLIAMSON COUNTY TO MANAGE THE CITY SWIMMING POOLS FOR THE SUMMER OF 2009.

   Mr. Bob vanTil, Director of Community Development, was prepared to discuss the agreement but was asked to continue to work on the document and to bring it back at a later date. No further action was taken on this item.

6. CONSIDER RECOMMENDING PRIORITIES TO THE WILLIAMSON COUNTY COMMISSION FOR THE NEW COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) CONSOLIDATED PLAN.

   Mr. vanTil presented background information on the County CDBG Consolidated Plan. These funds can be applied to a variety of programs including housing, public facilities, code enforcement, economic development, and public/social services. Mr. vanTil would like to send the county a list of priorities from the City of Taylor that might be included in the new plan. He provided a short list to consider which included infrastructure, economic development, housing and code enforcement, mental health services, food, and literacy.

   After some discussion, Council Member Hill moved to support the recommendation of three priorities to the county commission to be considered for the CDBG Consolidated Plan: infrastructure, economic development, and housing and Council Member McDonald seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE. Motion passed.

7. CONSIDER INTRODUCING ORDINANCE 2009-11 AMENDING THE FEE ORDINANCE REGARDING SOLID WASTE SERVICE FEES AND TO INCLUDE A FEE IN LIEU OF SIDEWALKS.

   Ms. Dennis presented a request to amend the Fee Ordinance to allow for the 15% increase in solid waste services and a fee in lieu of sidewalks as previously approved by Council.

   Mayor Pro Tem Jez asked Mr. Hejl to read the caption and introduced Ordinance 2009-11.

   ORDINANCE NO. 2009-11

   AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2008-31 ADOPTED ON SEPTEMBER 23, 2008, BY CHANGING CERTAIN RATES AND OTHER SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE CITY

8. CONSIDER BID AWARD FOR DICKEY STREET DRAINAGE PROJECT PHASE III.

   Mr. Danny Thomas, Director of Public Works, presented a request to award the bid for Phase III of the Dickey Street Drainage Project. Halff Associates provided a recommendation and bid tabulation after reviewing the bids submitted.

   Council Member Hill moved to award the bid to Smith Construction for the Base Bid and Alternate 1 for a total of $306,036 plus 25% contingency and Mayor Hortenstine seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE. Motion passed.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION I. The Taylor City Council will hold a closed executive meeting pursuant to the provisions of the Open Meetings Law, Chapter 551, Government Code, in accordance with the authority contained in Section 551.087 to discuss or deliberate regarding commercial and/or financial information on a business prospect that the City of Taylor, Texas seeks to have locate, stay, or expand in or near the city of Taylor, Texas and with which the City of Taylor, Texas is conducting economic development negotiations and/or to deliberate the offer of financial or other incentives to the business prospect.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION II. The Taylor City Council will conduct a closed executive meeting under Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code in order to meet with it's City Attorney on a matter in which the duty of the Attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas authorize and allow such a closed meeting and which Rules conflict with the Texas Open Meetings Act.

    Council adjourned into executive session at 7:09 pm.

11. CONSIDER ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION I OR II.
    Mayor Pro Tem Jez reconvened the meeting in open session at 8:48 p. m. and announced no action was taken during either executive session.

ADJOURN

With no further business; Mayor Pro Tem Jez adjourned the meeting at 8:48 p.m.

______________________________
Ella Pumphrey Jez, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:

______________________________
Susan Brock, City Clerk