

City of Taylor
Regular City Council Meeting
Taylor City Hall, Council Chambers, 400 Porter Street
March 12, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Brandt Rydell declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the following present:

Mayor Pro-Tem Dwayne Ariola
Council Member Robert Garcia
Council Member Mitch Drummond
Council Member Gerald Anderson

Brian LaBorde, City Manager
Ted Hejl, City Attorney
Dianna Barker, City Clerk

INVOCATION – Travis Summerlin gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS

1. **Kick-off of 2020 Census in Taylor proclamation.**
Update presentation on Taylor Complete Count efforts with 2020 Census.
Councilmember Garcia read and presented the proclamation to Karen Ellis.
Karen Ellis, Library Director – gave a brief presentation on the efforts of the Taylor Complete Count Committee.

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION

Rev. Finau, First United Methodist Church – disappointed about the removal of the “Tomb” decoration at Heritage Square.

CONSENT AGENDA

2. **Approve minutes from February 27, 2020 City Council meeting and the March 5, 2020 Comprehensive Plan workshop.**
3. **Concur with preliminary financials for January 2020.**
4. **Approve Resolution R20-10 regarding temporary street closures for Main Street activities and events in 2020.**
5. **Approve request from Main Street Advisory Board to sell wine and beer and to allow consumption throughout the festival area for the 2019 Blackland Prairie Days and the Main Street Car Show.**
6. **Accept donation from Koch and approve expending funds for Public Safety needs. (**
7. **Consider Resolution R20-11 for the financing of capital equipment and to authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement.**

Item #5 was pulled to place on a future agenda.

Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia to approve consent agenda items 2,3,4,6, & 7 as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Drummond. Motion carried unanimously.

REGULAR AGENDA; REVIEW/DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTION

8. Receive Capital Improvement Project (CIP) and Animal Shelter update.

Jacob Walker, HDR Engineering – gave a presentation on the status of the current CIP projects and an update on the design progress of the Animal Shelter project.

Mayor Rydell allowed citizens to address the Council.

Christina Reynolds – concerned about the excessive cost of the project.

Melanie Rathke – would like Council to do the right thing for the kennel.

Deanna Hamilton – requested Council step up and meet the shelter obligations.

Suzanne Bice – wants to see construction progress begin; current conditions are unsafe.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Ariola to receive the CIP and Animal Shelter update as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Drummond. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Receive report on upcoming spring city-wide cleanup.

Jim Gray, Public Works Director – gave an update on the upcoming spring city-wide cleanup. Two locations available for citizens to bring debris. The event will be April 25, 2020 from 8:00AM to 3:00PM.

Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia to receive the spring city-wide cleanup report as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Anderson. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Consider selecting a street for the CDBG funding over the next two funding cycles.

Jeff Jenkins, Deputy City Manager - The City needs to determine what project(s) to apply for grant funding from the CDBG program for this year. Staff recommendation is to apply for two projects, Robinson Street repair completion and apply for improvements for water line upgrades. Only one project will be funded.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Ariola to apply for CDBG funding to complete Robinson Street as the primary project, and as the secondary project the \$400,000 waterline and authorize the City Manager to discuss the project with the County Commissioner. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Drummond. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Rydell read the executive session meeting announcement and adjourned into executive session at 7:24p.m.

Executive Session I. The Taylor City Council will conduct a closed executive meeting under Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code in order to meet with its 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.

- a. Prairie Crossing (Tiemann) MUD

Executive Session II. The Taylor City Council will conduct a closed executive meeting under Section 551.087 of the Texas Government Code regarding economic development negotiations and considering financial or other incentives to a business prospect that the City seeks to have locate in or near the City of Taylor.

- a. RCR Economic Development Incentives

The Council reconvened into regular session at 8:01p.m.

ADJOURN

With no further business Mayor Rydell declared the meeting adjourned at 8:01p.m.


Brandt Rydell, Mayor

ATTEST:


Dianna Barker, City Clerk

