

City of Taylor
Regular City Council Meeting
Taylor City Hall, Council Chambers, 400 Porter Street
March 9, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

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

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

Brian LaBorde, City Manager
Jeff Jenkins, Deputy City Manager
Mark Schroeder, Assistant City Attorney
Tom Yantis, Assistant City Manager
Dianna McLean, City Clerk

INVOCATION / MOMENT OF REFLECTION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION

Rick Von Pfeil, 811 W. Lake Dr. – concerned about using rocks (rock beds) as ground decorations and suggested replacing with something else.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. **Approve minutes from the February 9, 2023 regular City Council meeting, the February 22, 2023 Special Called City Council meeting, and the February 23, 2023 regular City Council meeting.**
2. **Concur with preliminary financials for January 2023.**
3. **Consider Ordinance 2023-10 regarding an amendment to the Envision Taylor Comprehensive Plan.**
4. **Consider Ordinance 2023-07 annexing a parcel of land, consisting of approximately 60.48 acres, generally located north of the intersection of County Road 398 and Justin Lane.**
5. **Consider Ordinance 2023-08 regarding PZ-2022-1544 a request to change the zoning designation from the zoning upon annexation of R-1 (Single Family) and existing B-1 (Local Business) to Planned Development (PD) with residential and commercial base zones on property described as approximately 78.53 acres of land general located North of the intersection of County Road 398 and Justin Lane.**
6. **Consider Ordinance 2023-09 granting ATMOS Energy a non-exclusive franchise agreement with the City of Taylor.**
7. **Approval of July 4th celebration event for 2023 calendar year.**
8. **Consider approving the lease of three John Deere Gators for Parks and Recreation Department.**

Councilmember Ariola requested pulling items 3, 4, & 5 for separate consideration.

Motion was made by Councilmember Ariola to approve consent agenda items 1,2,6,7, & 8 as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Drummond. Motion carried unanimously.

3. **Consider Ordinance 2023-10 regarding an amendment to the Envision Taylor Comprehensive Plan.**

Councilmember Ariola – need to include the future wastewater treatment plant as discussed in previous meetings. Feels the plan is incomplete.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Anderson to adopt Ordinance 2023-10 as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Garcia. Motion carried 4 to 1 with Councilmember Ariola opposing.

4. **Consider Ordinance 2023-07 annexing a parcel of land, consisting of approximately 60.48 acres, generally located north of the intersection of County Road 398 and Justin Lane.** Councilmember Ariola – stated feels like Council is handpicking winners, spending \$300,000 on lift station and feels Council should be investigating the \$7 million dollar drainage pipe.

Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia to adopt Ordinance 2023-07 as presented. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Anderson. Motion carried 4 to 1 with Councilmember Ariola opposing.

5. **Consider Ordinance 2023-08 regarding PZ-2022-1544 a request to change the zoning designation from the zoning upon annexation of R-1 (Single Family) and existing B-1 (Local Business) to Planned Development (PD) with residential and commercial base zones on property described as approximately 78.53 acres of land general located North of the intersection of County Road 398 and Justin Lane.** Councilmember Ariola – stated his comment is the same as comment on item #4 and feels there will be a bottle neck of traffic at this location.

Motion was made by Councilmember Drummond to adopt Ordinance 2023-08 as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Garcia. Motion carried 4 to 1 with Councilmember Ariola opposing.

PUBLIC HEARING/ORDINANCES

9. **Consider introducing Ordinance 2023-12, amending Ordinance 2022-02, pertaining to the Taylor Municipal Airport.**
Jim Gray, Public Works Director – Introduced Stacey Batch, new Airport Manager.
Ordinance amends Ordinance 2022-02 in its entirety. This Ordinance updates the airport rules and requirements to be in compliance with FAA standards and helps to improve safety and security of the tenants and the airport. New revisions standardize the requirements for the airport and its users (tenants and non-tenants).

The City Attorney read the caption of the Ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-12

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2022-02 PROVIDING REGULATIONS FOR THE USE, OPERATION AND CONDUCT OF THE TAYLOR MUNICIPAL AIRPORT; PROVIDING A FUEL SURCHARGE; PROVIDING A PENALTY UPON CONVICTION OF A FINE VIOLATING THE ORDINANCE AND PROVIDING CIVIL PENALTIES; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT

HEREWITH.

First reading. No action was taken.

10. **Consider introducing Ordinance 2023-11, repealing Ordinance Nos. 2000-10 and 2018-09 and Article IV, Division 6 of the Taylor code of ordinances establishing the Airport Board for the City of Taylor, to be replaced by an Airport Committee under the City of Taylor Airport rules and regulation ordinance.**

Jim Gray, Public Works Director - The purpose of the repealing of Ordinance Nos. 2000-10 and 2021-14 and Article IV, Division 6, is to disband the Airport Board and replace it with an Airport Committee to be created under the Airport Rules and Regulations. With the removal of the board it allows the Airport the ability to appoint a committee where no quorums are required and to meet and discuss airport items such as suggestions for airport studies, development updates, proposed permits and leases.

The City Attorney read the caption of the Ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-11

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS
REPEALING ORDINANCE NOS. 2000-10 AND 2021-14 ARTICLE
IV, DIVISION 6 OF THE TAYLOR CODE OF ORDINANCES
ESTABLISHING THE AIRPORT BOARD FOR THE CITY OF
TAYLOR, TEXAS TO BE REPLACED BY AIRPORT COMMITTEE
UNDER CITY OF TAYLOR AIRPORT RULES AND REGULATION
ORDINANCE.**

First reading. No action was taken.

REGULAR AGENDA; REVIEW/DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTION

11. **Consider agreement for Legislative services from Focused Advocacy and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement.**

Jeff Jenkins, Deputy City Manager – this agreement would assist the City of Taylor with legislative services. Legislative services in general terms involves representing us before the Texas Legislature and helping guide our legislative positions. Snapper Carr with Focused Advocacy addressed the Council and explained the business and what they do.

Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia to approve the agreement with Focused Advocacy as presented and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Ariola. Motion carried unanimously.

12. **Consider approval of submission of a grant application to the Department of Homeland Security – FEMA for FY 2022 Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grant program.**

Daniel Baum, Fire Chief – requested approval to submit a grant application for a federal grant program that provides funding to municipalities to hire firefighters with the intent of meeting National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standards for minimum staffing.

Motion was made by Councilmember Ariola to approve the submission of the SAFER grant application for nine firefighters. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Drummond. Motion carried unanimously.

13. Consider appointments and re-appointments to various Boards & Commissions.

Dianna McLean, City Clerk – presented a roster for each board/commission showing expiring terms or vacancies.

Animal Control and Appeals Board

Current Member	Reason for Appointment	Willing to be re-appointed	Met Attendance Requirement?	New Member
Arlon Graef, DVM	Term Expires	No		
Melanie Rathke	Term Expires	Yes	Yes	Melanie Rathke
Thomas Rohlack	Term Expires	Yes	Yes	Thomas Rohlack

Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia to reappoint Melanie Rathke and Thomas Rohlack to the Animal Control and Appeals Board. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Ariola. Motion carried unanimously.

Library Board

Current Member	Reason for Appointment	Willing to be re-appointed	Met Attendance Requirement?	New Member
Sheon Corley	Term Expiring	Yes	Yes	Sheon Corley
Trisha Randig	Term Expiring	No		Maria Newman

Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia to reappoint Sheon Corley and appoint Maria Newman to replace Trisha Randig. Motion carried unanimously.

Main Street Advisory Board

Current Member	Reason for Appointment	Willing to be re-appointed	Met Attendance Requirement	New Member
Erwin Stauffer	Term Expiring	Yes	Yes	Erwin Stauffer
Ruth Rivera	Term Expiring	Yes	Yes	Ruth Rivera

Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia to reappoint Erwin Stauffer and Ruth Rivera to the Main Street Advisory board. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Ariola. Motion carried unanimously.

Moody Museum Board

Current Member	Reason for Appointment	Willing to be re-appointed	Met Attendance Requirement	New Member
Susan Komandosky	Term Expiring	Yes	Yes	Susan Komandosky
Travis Summerlin	Term Expiring	Yes	Yes	Travis Summerlin
Terry Pierce	Term Expiring	Yes	Yes	Terry Pierce

Marilyn Fleming	Term Expiring	Yes	Yes	Marilyn Fleming
Leslie Hill	Term Expiring	Yes	Yes	Leslie Hill
Janet Curtis	Non-attendance			DeAnn Stuart

Motion was made by Councilmember Ariola to reappoint Travis Summerlin, Terry Pierce, Marilyn Fleming, and Leslie Hill to the Main Street Advisory Board, and to appoint DeAnn Stuart to replace Janet Curtis. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Drummond. Motion carried unanimously.

Parks & Recreation Board

Current Member	Reason for Appointment	Willing to be re-appointed	Met Attendance Requirement?	New Member
Stacy Olsen	Term Expiring	Yes	Yes	Stacy Olson
Brennon Zupfer	Student Member			Brennon Zupfer

Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia to reappoint Stacy Olson to the Parks & Recreation Board and to allow Brennon Zupfer to continue on the Board until May (when he graduates). Motion was seconded by Councilmember Ariola. Motion carried unanimously.

Planning & Zoning Commission

Current Member	Reason for Appointment	Willing to be re-appointed	Met Attendance Requirement?	New Member
Donna Frazier	Term Expiring	Yes	Yes	Donna Frazier
Steven Darden	Term Expiring	Yes	Yes	Steven Darden
Rick Selin	Military Leave			Alexander Allrich

Motion was made by Councilmember Ariola to reappoint Donna Frazier and Steven Darden to the Planning & Zoning Commission. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Garcia. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia to appoint Alexander Allrich to replace Rick Selin. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Drummond. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Arts Advisory Board

Current Member	Reason for Appointment	Willing to be re-appointed	Met Attendance Requirement?	New Member
Richard Stone	Term Expiring	Yes	Yes	Richard Stone
Nathan Gray	Term Expiring	Yes	Yes	Nathan Gray

Motion was made by Councilmember Drummond to reappoint Richard Stone and Nathan Gray to the Public Arts Advisory board. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Anderson. Motion carried unanimously.

TEDC (Taylor Economic Development Corp)

Current Member	Reason for Appointment	Willing to be re-appointed	Met Attendance Requirement?	New Member

Joe Burgess	Term Expiring	Yes	Yes	
Kelly Cmerek	Term Expiring	Yes	Yes	

Councilmember Garcia requested this item be postponed pending discussion with TEDC and City Management.

Tree Advisory Board

Current Member	Reason for Appointment	Willing to be re-appointed	Met Attendance Requirement?	New Member
Nancci Phillips-Burgess	Resigned			Mehgan Pokorny
Julie Rydell	Term Expiring	Yes	Yes	Julie Rydell

Motion was made by Councilmember Ariola to appoint Mehgan Pokorny to replace Nancci Phillips-Burges and reappoint Julie Rydell to the Tree Advisory Board. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Anderson. Motion carried unanimously.

Zoning Board of Adjustment

Current Member	Reason for Appointment	Willing to be re-appointed	Met Attendance Requirement?	New Member
Michael Prillaman	Term Expiring	Yes	Yes	Michael Prillaman
David Paul	Resigned			Emily Holmes
Alternate				

Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia to reappoint Michael Prillaman and appoint Emily Holmes to replace David Paul. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Drummond. Motion carried unanimously.

14. Receive an update on Brush Collection 2023 Ice Event.

Jim Gray, Public Works Director – gave a brief update on the brush collection from the recent ice event. The City has collected over 650,000 cubic yards of brush and completion of brush collection will be March 24, 2023. Grinding and wood chip operation will continue through April 7th with the possibility of extending to April 14th.

Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia to receive the brush collection update as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Ariola. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Rydell read the Executive Session items and adjourned into closed session at 7:16pm.

Executive Session I. The Taylor City Council will conduct a closed executive session under 551.074 of the Texas Government Code to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of public officer or employee.

- a. City Attorney

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 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. TCEQ Prairie Crossing Wastewater Treatment Facility

Mayor Rydell reconvened into open session at 7:46pm. No action was taken.

ADJOURN

With no further business Mayor Rydell declared the meeting adjourned at 7:46p.m.


Brandt Rydell, Mayor

ATTEST:


Dianna McLean, City Clerk
