The City Council of the City of Taylor met on March 8, 2018, at City Hall, 400 Porter St., Taylor, Texas. Mayor Brandt Rydell declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the following present:

Council Member Dwayne Ariola
Council Member Robert Garcia
Council Member Chris Gonzales
Mayor Pro Tem Christine Lopez

Isaac Turner, City Manager
Mark Schroeder, City Attorney
Susan Brock, City Clerk

INVOCATION
Chief Pat Ekiss led the group in prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION

Mayor Rydell invited citizens who had signed up in advance were invited to come forward during this time. Mr. Nimesh Patel provided an update on the hotel development project and stated that he anticipates construction to begin by the end of the month. Mr. Russ Boles, candidate for Williamson County Commissioner Precinct 4, expressed his appreciation for the council and their efforts.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. APPROVE RESOLUTION R18-11 DESIGNATING SIGNATORY REPLACEMENT FOR THE HOME PROGRAM RESERVATION SYSTEM.
2. APPROVE MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 20 AND FEBRUARY 22, 2018.

Mayor Pro Tem Lopez moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented and Council Member Gonzales seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

REGULAR AGENDA; REVIEW/DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTION

3. CONSIDER APPROVING RESOLUTION R18-09 EXPRESSING OFFICIAL INTENT TO REIMBURSE FO CERTAIN COSTS RELATED TO HERITAGE SQUARE PARK PROJECT.

Ms. Rosemarie Dennis, Finance Director, provided a request to consider approving a resolution that would allow the city to be reimbursed for any costs incurred prior to moving forward with the issuance of debt for the Heritage Park Improvement project. Failure to adopt the resolution will prohibit the City from reimbursing the cost with proceeds of tax exempt obligations.

Mayor Pro Tem Lopez moved to approve Resolution R18-09 as presented and Council Member Gonzales seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

4. CONSIDER APPROVING RESOLUTION R18-10 AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT FOR THE CONTINUATION OF THE VICTIM SERVICES COORDINATOR PROGRAM.

Chief Henry Fluck presented a summary of the request to submit an application for grant funding to continue the Victim Services Coordinator position for two more years. The current grant was for only the first year and the position was filled by Ms. Priscilla Moreno in 2017. If the city receives the grant award it would cover 80% of the position for 2018 and 2019. Council Member Garcia moved to approve Resolution R18-10 as presented and Council Member Gonzales seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

5. CONSIDER AWARDING BID FOR AIRPORT AUTOMATED WEATHER OBSERVATION SYSTEM (AWOS).
Ms. Jennifer Black, Sledge Engineering, presented a request to award a contract to the low bidder for installing an automated weather observation system at the Taylor Municipal Airport. The project is 75% funded by a grant from the Texas Department of Transportation Aviation Division with the remaining 25% of the costs funded with remaining monies from a previously issued bond for airport improvements.

Council Member Garcia moved to award the bid to DBT Transportation Services LLC in the amount of $178,693 as presented and Mayor Pro Tem Lopez seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

Mayor Rydell requested Council enter into closed session at 6:20 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

6. Executive Session. 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.
   - Wholesale water agreements

7. CONSIDER ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION.
Council members returned from closed session at 6:32 p.m. and Mayor Rydell stated that no action was taken during the closed session.

ADJOURN
With no further action Mayor Rydell declared the meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

Brandt Rydell, Mayor

ATTEST:

Susan Brock

Susan Brock, City Clerk