

City of Taylor
Regular City Council Meeting
Taylor City Hall, Council Chambers, 400 Porter Street
February 11, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. via Video Conference

In order to assist in maintaining the health of Council Members, staff and the public during COVID-19 pandemic, this meeting was held by video conference.

Council or staff present in City Hall: No one.

Council Members attending via video: Mayor Brandt Rydell
Council Member Dwayne Ariola
Council Member Mitch Drummond
Mayor Pro-Tem Gerald Anderson
Council Member Robert Garcia

Others attending: Mark Schroeder, Assistant City Attorney
Brian LaBorde, City Manager
Jeff Jenkins, Deputy City Manager
Dianna Barker, City Clerk

Mayor Brandt Rydell conducted a roll call, declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 6:00p.m.

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION

Robert Lopez – Lonestar Soccer would like the fields open again. Soccer program is currently booking games for the spring.

Jeff Sciarretta – Concerned about city following false information from the government regarding COVID and would like to see city leaders lead Taylor to freedom with common sense.

Mayor Rydell read a comment from Jose Orta – thanked City Council for the recent repairs to a portion of 3rd Street.

Cindy Cottle – puppy was shot with pellet gun through their fence and would like someone to figure out what to do.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve minutes from the January 28, 2021 regular City Council meeting and the January 28, 2021 special called City Council meeting.
2. Concur with preliminary financials for December 2020.
3. Consider approving Resolution R21-04 for the financing of capital equipment and to authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement.
4. Consider Ordinance 2021-04 changing the current zoning for a parcel of land, consisting of approximately 11.75 acres, addressed as 4030 and 4050 N. Main St., from Single-Family Residential Zoning District (R-1) to General Business Zoning District (B-2).
5. Consider a contract with Maguire Iron to perform TCEQ require improvements on the Ford Water Tank on Main Street.
6. Consider Resolution R21-05, authorization to apply for and if awarded accept a Grant for the position of Victim Services Coordinator.
7. Consider Resolution R21-06 authorizing the Chief of Police to submit an application for a Grant to the Governor's Office, Criminal Justice Division, for an In-Car and Body Worn Camera System, and to accept the Grant if awarded.
8. Receive and Accept the FY2022 Budget Calendar.

Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia to approve the consent agenda items as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Ariola. Motion carried unanimously via roll call vote.

REGULAR AGENDA; REVIEW/DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTION

- 9. Receive a presentation from the Taylor Housing Authority regarding the redevelopment of the Avery site.**

Ebby Green, Taylor Housing Authority - The THA plans to redevelop the Avery Apartment site to provide about 120 new affordable housing units.

Motion was made by Councilmember Drummond to receive the Taylor Housing Authority presentation as presented. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Anderson. Motion carried unanimously via roll call vote.

- 10. Discuss and consider changes to the City of Taylor phased in reopening for Parks and Facilities.**

Stacey Osborne, Communications Director – gave a presentation on proposed changes to the City of Taylor’s Phased-in Reopening Plan for Parks and Facilities. Residents have expressed concern that the City’s mitigation plan is overly restrictive and have suggested that the City allow the use of additional park facilities in the Orange Phase of reopening.

Council directed staff to amend the phase-in policy so that during the red phase, Lonestar Soccer, Little League, Pony League, Tennis and pickleball be allowed to utilize the ball fields for local league play only, provided a safety plan is in place.

- 11. Receive presentation regarding the Community Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee.**

Stacey Osborne, Communications Director – gave a brief presentation regarding a new community-based committee focused on issues surrounding diversity, equity, and inclusion. The purpose of the Taylor Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Committee is to ensure equitable access and inclusion of opportunities, benefits, and resources for City of Taylor residents. The committee will be made up of members of the community.

Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia to support the creation of the Taylor DEI Committee. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Anderson. Motion carried unanimously via roll call vote.

- 12. Consider awarding bid for the Valero Quality of Life Lighting Projects at Pierce Park (Skate Park) and Robinson Park.**

Vincent Shaw, Place Designers - gave a presentation on the Valero Quality of Life lighting projects for Pierce Park and Robinson Park. Four bids were received. Allied Electric was low bidder.

Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia to award the bid for the lighting projects at Pierce Park and Robinson Park to Allied Electric for the amount of \$94,260.00. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Ariola. Motion carried unanimously via roll call vote.

13. Consider spring community cleanup options.

Jim Gray, Public Works Director - Waste Connections is willing to supply the City with 30 yard containers and supply a driver to help swap out containers. Due to the logistics of having a community cleanup in the spring and restrictions from COVID-19, staff recommended not holding the program this spring and reevaluating in the summer or fall to see if we can hold the program in a normal fashion.

Motion was made by Councilmember Drummond to not hold the Spring Community Cleanup event this spring and reevaluate the program in the summer or fall. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Anderson. Motion carried unanimously via roll call vote.

Mayor Rydell read the Executive Session items and adjourned into closed session at 8:15pm.

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. Municipal Court Judge

Executive Session II. The Taylor City Council will conduct a closed executive meeting under Section 551.072 of the Texas Government Code, to conduct deliberations regarding the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property.

- a. Justice Center

Council reconvened into regular/open session at 9:32pm.

ADJOURN

With no further business Mayor Rydell declared the meeting adjourned at 9:32p.m.


Brandt Rydell, Mayor

ATTEST:


Dianna Barker, City Clerk

Dianna Barker

From: Jose Orta <orta_jose@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 11, 2021 5:16 PM
To: Dianna Barker; orta_jose@hotmail.com
Subject: Public Comment for Tonight's Meeting

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I will not be able to attend tonight's meeting as I have another ZOOM meeting at the same time. However, I would like to have this email read,

Dear Mayor, City Council Members and City Manager.

Six years ago, on Jan. 8, 2015, the Street Maintenance and Reconstruction Committee submitted it's final report to the City Council. The final report included a recommendation that street maintenance and reconstruction be listed as a line item in all future city of Taylor budgets; and, that a full-time on-going educational effort be made to fully inform all citizens of the street improvement efforts.

I want to thank the City Council for the recent repairs to a portion of Third Street from Shaw to Davis. I walked the street this week and was thrilled with the improvement.

I also want to thank the City Council for keeping to our recommendations and to our plan.

Thank you.

Jose Orta, Member of the now defunct Street Maintenance and Reconstruction Committee
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