

City of Taylor
Regular City Council Meeting
Taylor City Hall, Council Chambers, 400 Porter Street
November 10, 2022 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

Jeff Jenkins, Deputy City Manager
Mark Schroeder, Assistant City Attorney
Dianna McLean, City Clerk

INVOCATION / MOMENT OF REFLECTION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS

1. Arbor Day proclamation.

Councilmember Drummond read the proclamation and presented it to Tyler Bybee, Parks & Rec Directors.

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION

Stan Oliver, 1941 TH Johnson – concerned about sewer charges; prefers a fixed sewer rate.
Mary Flores, 2309 Southwood Hills – requested her property be rezoned.
Regina Baker, 504 Sams St. – disappointed at the Christmas parade entry requirements.
Jim Newman, 1515 W. Lake Dr. - thanks the Council for their dedication and hard work to the City.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 2. Approve minutes from the October 27, 2022 regular Council meeting.**
- 3. Concur with preliminary financials for September 2022.**
- 4. Consider acceptance of TUF Program Asphalt Contract.**

*Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia to approve the consent agenda items as presented.
Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Anderson. Motion carried unanimously.*

PUBLIC HEARING/ORDINANCES

- 5. Introduce Ordinance 2022-44, Fiscal Year 2022 4th Quarter Budget Amendment.**
Jeff Wood, Chief Financial Officer – This ordinance would amend the FY 2022 budget so that it closely reflects the actual financial activity that has occurred during FY 2022.

The City Attorney read the caption of the ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-44

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS
AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2022-24 ADOPTED ON JULY 28,**

2022, MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE CITY FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2021 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2022; BY AMENDING THE AMOUNT OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE GENERAL FUND AND OTHER CITY FUNDS THAT PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT OF OPERATING EXPENSES AND CAPITAL OUTLAY AND BY CHANGING THE AMOUNT APPROPRIATED FOR VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS OF THE CITY.

This was the first reading. No action was taken.

REGULAR AGENDA; REVIEW/DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTION

6. Presentation and discussion regarding Egret population and 4th of July firework display assessment at Murphy Park.

Linda Surehart-Hale, Texas A&M – gave a presentation from the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension on Egret management plan, to include different ways to manage Egret population and things to consider while planning bird management.

Tyler Bybee, Parks & Recreation Director – gave a presentation and update on Taylor's Egret population problem and concerns raised regarding the proximity of the July fireworks location to the nesting location. Two possible launch sites have been identified, next to American Legion Hall or other side of Lake Drive.

Citizen communications:

Melanie Rathke, 5101 FM 619 – for launching fireworks, suggested Bull Branch Park or asking school to launch at one of their locations.

Emily Holmes, 2804 Bull Run – regarding Egrets, shooting fireworks could result in fines.

Damon Howze, 1100 Wallace St. – does not believe Egrets are a problem and suggested moving the fireworks and leave Egrets alone.

Jessica Alderson, Urban Biologist with Tx Parks & Wildlife – can do habitat modification with noise deterrence to help reduce the Egret population.

Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia to receive the Egret population and July 4th firework display reports as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Drummond. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Consider Ordinance 2022-43 revising council compensation.

Jeff Jenkins, Deputy City Manager – briefly went over the presentation and revisions to the proposed ordinance, per Council's direction at the last meeting. Ordinance now reflects compensation at \$654.55 per meeting for Councilmembers and \$818.18 per meeting for the Mayor.

Melanie Rathe, 5101 FM 619 – feels Council needs a raise but not as much as proposed.

Amanda Bertelson, 1315 FM 619 – opposes the proposed increase.

Christina Reynolds, 914 Howard St. – opposes the proposed increase.

Jackie Krueger – opposes the proposed increase and suggested a citizen committee to apply for the next Council.

Ernest Ariola, Jr., TH Johnson – opposed to proposed increase and suggested the community have a say via a committee.

Matt Rector, 4104 Zion Ave. – opposed to proposed increase and recommends a citizen committee be formed to review.

Terry Borris, 1105 Fowzer – would like to see community input on Council salary and Charter amendment to reevaluate every four years.

Michael Roberts, 2303 Smith – opposes proposed ordinance.

Janetta McCoy, 600 Lizzie – (Wenyard Ellis and Frances Sorrow requested their time be joined with Janetta McCoy). Group supports the increase as proposed.

Motion was made by Mayor Rydell to adopt Ordinance 2022-43 as presented. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Anderson. Motion failed 2 to 3 with Councilmember Drummond, Councilmember Ariola, and Councilmember Garcia in opposition.

8. Discuss, consider and take appropriate action authorizing the Mayor to execute a Nonstandard Retail Water and Wastewater Service Agreement and acceptance of a Utility Connection and Temporary Construction Easement between City of Taylor and Samsung Austin Semiconductor, LLC.

Jeff Wood, Chief Financial Officer – agreement allows the city to provide domestic water and sewer services to Samsung and their development.

Citizen communication:

Angelica Salazar, 1813 Davis St. – concerned about Samsung water consumption.

Jesse Ancira, Samsung representative – Samsung has water recycling system. This agreement is a temporary provision until Epcor begins water services. About 10% of water usage at Samsung would come from the City of Taylor.

Motion was made by Councilmember Drummond to authorize the Mayor to execute the retail water/wastewater service agreement as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Garcia. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Rydell read the Executive Session items and adjourned into closed session at 8:01 pm.

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) Petition regarding MUD #43.
- b) Regional project with City of Hutto.

9. Reconvene into regular/open session and take any action.

Mayor Rydell reconvened into open session at 8:23 pm.

10. Consider resolution R22-28 regarding a petition of Taylor FM973, LLC for the creation of a municipal utility district within the City's extraterritorial jurisdiction.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Anderson to approve Resolution R22-28 as presented denying consent to the creation of a municipal utility district. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Garcia. Motion carried unanimously.

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ADJOURN

With no further business Mayor Rydell declared the meeting adjourned at 8:24p.m.


Brandt Rydell, Mayor

ATTEST:


Dianna McLean, City Clerk