

City of Taylor
City Council Meeting Minutes
City Hall, Council Chambers, 400 Porter Street
April 11, 2024 at 6:00 PM

Call to Order and Declare a Quorum

Mayor Rydell called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. The following were present:

Brandt Rydell, Mayor	Brian LaBorde, City Manager
Gerald Anderson, Mayor Pro-Tem	Jeff Jenkins, Deputy City Manager
Mitch Drummond, Council Member	Mark Schroeder, City Attorney
Dwayne Ariola, Council Member	Dianna McLean, City Clerk
Robert Garcia, Council Member (came in at 6:30pm)	

A Moment of Silence

Pledge of Allegiance

Proclamations/Recognitions

Recognition of outgoing Board and Commission members

Break the Silence 2nd Annual Event proclamation

Councilmember Ariola read the proclamation and presented it to Marcus Reese.

Child Abuse Prevention Month

Councilmember Drummond read the proclamation and presented it to Tori Algieri.

National Crime Victim's Rights Week proclamation

Mayor Pro-Tem Anderson read the proclamation and presented it to Chief Fluck.

National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week proclamation

Mayor Rydell read the proclamation and presented it to Chief Fluck and his staff.

Animal Control Officer Appreciation Week proclamation

Councilmember Ariola read the proclamation and presented it to Chief Fluck.

Taylor Indie Bookstore Day proclamation

Councilmember Drummond read the proclamation and presented it to Ann Miller.

Citizens Communication

Terry Burris - has concerns about proposed closing of 2nd Street for Justice Center.

Albert Janecka - spoke in opposition of proposed closing of 2nd Street for Justice Center.

Consent Agenda

1. Approve minutes from the March 28, 2024 regular Council Meeting

2. **Consider Ordinance 2024-16 regarding a Revolving Door Policy**
3. **Consider Ordinance 2024-17, PZ 2024-2025 regarding requests to change place type zoning at 4 different lots**
4. **Consider approval of Wastewater Treatment Plant Return Activated Sludge Pump #2 replacement (WWTP RAS)**
5. **Concur with Monthly Financial Report for February 2024**
6. **Consideration and Possible Action on Bid Award for the Cemetery Barn Construction**

(Councilmember Garcia joined the meeting at 6:30pm.)

Councilmember Drummond requested to pull item #3 for separate consideration.

Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia to approve consent agenda items 1,2,4,5 & 6 as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Drummond. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Consider Ordinance 2024-17, PZ 2024 2025 regarding requests to change place type zoning at 4 different lots.

Councilmember Drummond stated neighbors of 1020 Hackberry, one of the locations requesting place type rezoning, are concerned about what could go in at that location if zoned P4 and suggested the property be rezoned P3 instead.

Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia to approve Ordinance 2024-17 as presented with the exception of the 1020 Hackberry request. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Drummond. Motion carried unanimously.

The 1020 Hackberry request will come back to council at a later date.

Public Hearings / Ordinances

7. **Introduce Ordinance 2024-19 Amending the FY 2024 Budget**
This item was postponed.

Regular Agenda; Review/Discuss and Consider Action

8. **Consider awarding contract for the Pickleball Court addition in Murphy Park**
Tyler Bybee, Parks & Recreation Director - Taylor currently has three lit courts in Murphy Park. Three additional lit, fenced courts was proposed and funded in the FY23 budget. The project also includes the replacement of the two existing practice boards located on the north fence of the existing pickleball courts.

Motion was made by Councilmember Ariola to approve the quote from CourtTex Construction to construct Pickleball courts at Murphy Park as presented and to allow the City Manager to execute all necessary documents. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Drummond. Motion carried unanimously.

9. **Consider awarding a contract for the reconstruction of the running track at Memorial Field**
Tyler Bybee, Parks & Recreation Director - The current running track at Memorial Field in Murphy Park has significant issues with the surface/asphalt and needs

replacement. Staff/Engineering recommends approving the proposal from CourtTex Construction to complete the project.

Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia to approve the quote from CourtTex Construction to reconstruct the Running Track at Memorial Field as presented and allow the City Manager to execute all necessary documents. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Ariola. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Consider appointment to Historic Preservation Commission

Dianna McLean, City Clerk - Cruz Sanchez has resigned from the HPC. Mayor Rydell called for nominations.

Councilmember Garcia nominated Leah Bowman. Councilmember Ariola nominated Tim Mikeska.

Mayor Rydell called for a vote to appoint Tim Mikeska. One vote received.

Mayor Rydell called for a vote to appoint Leah Bowman. Four votes received.

Leah Bowman was appointed to fill Cruz Sanchez' vacated seat/term.

11. Receive presentation from Affordable Housing Consultant, Naomi Byrne, regarding the proposed conversion and renovation of the Taylor Housing Authority's Mary Olson property

Naomi Byrne, Affordable Housing Consultant with EJP – gave a presentation providing additional background and context regarding the proposed renovation and conversion proposal from the Taylor Housing Authority for the Mary Olson property.

Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia to receive the Affordable Housing presentation as presented. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Anderson. Motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session

Mayor Rydell stated that item #12, Project Ujj, would not be discussed. Mayor Rydell read the Executive Session items and adjourned into closed session at 7:28pm.

12. Executive Session I. 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. Project Ujj

Executive Session II. The Taylor City Council will conduct a closed executive meeting under Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code regarding a personnel matter.

a. City Manager contract

13. Reconvene into open session and take any action.

Mayor Rydell reconvened into open session at 7:45pm.

Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia to authorize the Mayor to execute the

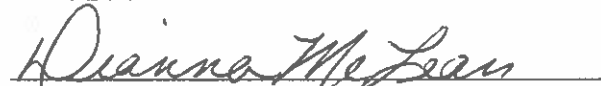
first amendment to the City Manager's employment agreement. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Anderson. Motion carried 4 to 1 with Councilmember Ariola opposing.

Adjourn

With no other business to be discussed, the meeting was adjourned at 7:52pm.


Brandt Rydell, Mayor

ATTEST:


Dianna McLean, City Clerk