

The City Council of the City of Taylor met on September 10, 2009 at City Hall, 400 Porter St., Taylor, Texas. Mayor Hortenstine declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the following present:

Mayor Pro Tem Ella Pumphrey Jez
Council Member Christopher Gonzales
Council Member Donald Hill
Council Member John McDonald

City Manager, Jim Dunaway
City Attorney, Ted Hejl
City Clerk, Susan Brock

INVOCATION

Mr. Danny Thomas led the group in prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION

Ms. Nancy Tyson came forward to address the Council on the Municipal Drainage Utility System (MDUS) issue and to indicate her support for the establishment of a utility fee versus a higher property tax rate.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. MINUTES FOR AUGUST 25, 2009.

Council Member Hill 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 & CONSIDER/ACTION:

2. PROCLAMATION; SEPTEMBER 11TH AS PATRIOT’S DAY.

Mayor Hortenstine presented a proclamation to Fred Switzer and to Chief Bruce Watson that will also be read at the city sponsored event on September 11th.

3. CONSIDER APPROVING RESOLUTION R09-21 RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER AS NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH.

Chief Bruce Watson presented a request to recognize September as National Preparedness Month by Resolution. Council Member McDonald moved to approve Resolution R09-21 and Mayor Pro Tem Jez seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

4. CONSIDER INTRODUCING ORDINANCE 2009-19 REGARDING CEMETERY RULES AND REGULATIONS.

Mr. Danny Thomas, Director of Public Works, presented an amended ordinance regarding changes in cemetery rules, regulations, and hours of operation. Council asked to have the item regarding patriotic flag display changed, and the hours established as 7 am to 7 pm, seven days a week on the automatic Gate 1. The other gates will be open consistent with the office hours which are 9 am to 4 pm Monday through Friday with exceptions made on the weekends to accommodate funerals. With no additional discussion, Mayor Hortenstine asked Mr. Hejl to read the caption and officially introduce the ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2002-43

CITY CEMETERY

“AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS ADOPTING RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE CITY CEMETERY, REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING A REPEALER CLAUSE

5. CONDUCT APPROVING RESOLUTION R09-20 REGARDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A REGIONAL RECYCLING COALITION OF CITIES IN WILLIAMSON COUNTY.

Mr. Thomas presented a request to consider approving a resolution to assist in the establishment of a county wide coalition to address recycling issues.

Council Member Hill moved to approve Resolution R09-20 and Council Member McDonald seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

6. CONDUCT AUTHORIZING STAFF TO INITIATE AN ANNEXATION EAST OF TAYLOR ALONG US HWY 79 AND TO PREPARE A SERVICE PLAN.

Mr. John Elsdén, City Planner, presented a request to authorize staff to begin preparations for annexation of property on the east side of the city limits. After much discussion about the timing and extent of this annexation, Mayor Pro Tem Jez moved to table this item until a workshop can be scheduled at a time early enough to still meet the December 31st deadline and Council Member Gonzales seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

7. CONSIDER INTRODUCING ORDINANCE 2009-28 AMENDING THE SIGN ORDINANCE 2008-20 REGARDING SIGNS ALONG ARTERIAL ROADWAYS.

Mr. Elsdén presented a request to consider amending the sign ordinance to allow for different consideration of signs on arterial roadways. The amended ordinance would allow a business on such a roadway to have larger LED signs as well as an increase in overall maximum height. After some discussion, Mayor Hortenstine asked Mr. Hejl to read the caption and officially introduce the ordinance.

ORDINANCE 2009-28

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS, AMENDING SIGN ORDINANCE NO. 2008-20 TO MODIFY SECTION 3 AND TABLE 2 TO ALLOW A CHANGE IN TIME AND TEMPERATURE SIGNS IN SIGN HEIGHT, SIGN SIZE AND SIGN DISTANCE FROM THE RIGHT OF WAY; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE.

8. CONSIDER INTRODUCING ORDINANCE 2009-29 AMENDING THE FEE ORDINANCE FOR CITY SERVICES.

Ms. Rosemarie Dennis, Finance Director, presented a request to consider amending the current fee schedule for some city services. She distributed a revised fee exhibit that included proposed park fees which were not included in the original agenda packet. Since

there was no advance time to review this information, Mayor Hortenstine stressed the need to allow the parks board and local youth sports leagues to have an opportunity to review these fees prior to their approval. Additional fees under consideration include an increase in building permits, some library fees, and airport rental agreement late fees.

Mayor Hortenstine asked Mr. Hejl to read the caption and introduce the ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2009-29

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2008-31 ADOPTED ON
SEPTEMBER 23, 2008 BY CHANGING CERTAIN RATES AND OTHER
SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE CITY

9. CONSIDER AMENDING THE LIBRARY CIRCULATION POLICY WITH REGARDS TO FEES.

Ms. Karen Ellis, Library Director, presented a request to consider amending the current library policy and approve a fee to help recover the cost to process and recatalog library materials that have been designated as lost or damaged.

Mayor Pro Tem Jez moved to approve the amended circulation policy as presented and Council Member Gonzales seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

10. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING GRANT APPLICATION TO RELOCATE THE RECYCLE CENTER DROP OFF SITE.

Mr. Bob vanTil, Director of Community Development, presented a request to consider authorizing staff to submit an application for a grant from the CAPCOG to relocate the current city recycling facility. Ms. Nancy Tyson, representing Keep Taylor Beautiful, made a presentation to Council regarding the need to expand the current recycling services offered by the city and to relocate the existing site to a safer and more accessible location.

Council Member Hill moved to authorize staff to submit a grant application as presented and Council Member McDonald seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.\

11. RECONSIDER INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH WILLIAMSON COUNTY FOR THE REUSE OF WASTEWATER DISCHARGE FROM THE MUSTANG CREEK WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT.

Mr. Dunaway presented a request to reconsider an interlocal agreement with Williamson County that was brought back with amendments to the original document. Council had asked the county to provide some assistance with road maintenance and the agreement was revised to include these concessions.

Council Member Hill moved to approve the interlocal agreement as presented and Mayor Pro Tem Jez seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION. The Taylor City Council will hold a closed executive meeting pursuant to the provisions of the Open Meetings Law, Chapter 551.071 of the Local

Government Code, in order to meet with it's 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.

Council adjourned into closed session at 7:50 p.m.

13. CONSIDER ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Council returned to open session at 9:30 p.m. and stated that no other action was taken during Executive Session.

ADJOURN

With no further business; Mayor Hortenstine adjourned the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

Rod Hortenstine, Mayor

ATTEST:

Susan Brock, City Clerk