

# **Taylortown Council Meeting**

Taylortown Town Hall

November 12, 2024

5:00 p.m. Closed Session

6:00 p.m. Open Session

## **Agenda**

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Roll Call**
- III. Agenda**
- IV. Minutes**
- V. Closed Session**
- VI. Return to Open Session**
- VII. Closed Session Report**
- VIII. Public Comment**
  
- IX. Staff Reports – Town Administrator, Carolyn Cole**
  
- X. Announcements**  
Next Town Council Meeting November 26, 2024
  
- XI. Adjournment**

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Tuesday, November 12, 2024  
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## I. Call to Order

**This meeting of the Taylortown Council is now called to order.**

## II. Roll Call

**Please call the roll.**

Mayor Gaddy  
Mayor Pro Tem Moody  
Councilwoman Cotton  
Councilwoman Parker  
Councilman Taylor

## III. Approval of Agenda

**The agenda for this April 23, 2024 Town Council meeting was available at Town Hall. They are in the holder on the back wall. Council, I'd like to make a change to tonight's agenda. Let's move number 4 Website, under the Administration Department to Old Business.**

**I seek a motion to amend our agenda for tonight's meeting to move item #4, Website to Old Business.**

Motion: So moved.

Second:

**I have a motion and a second.**

**Are there any questions or discussion?**

**If there are no questions or discussion, Councilmembers, please vote by saying yes or no.**

**Ms. Cole, please call the vote.**

Mayor Gaddy  
Mayor Pro Tem Moody  
Councilwoman Cotton  
Councilwoman Parker  
Councilman Taylor

**The motion passed. The agenda is approved with the adopted change.**

**IV. Minutes**

**Mayor Pro Tem Moody, Ms. Cole, and Mikayla Sinclair are working on getting all of our minutes complete with corrections to put online.**

**V. Closed Session**

**I seek a motion to go into closed session for legal matters. We have attorneys Dominique Camm and Erin Rozelle with us this evening.**

Motion: I move that we go into go into closed session to discuss legal matters with attorneys Camm and Rozelle.

Second:

**I have a motion and second.**

**Are there any questions or discussion?**

**No questions or discussion.**

**Please call the vote.**

Mayor Gaddy  
Mayor Pro Tem Moody  
Councilwoman Cotton  
Councilwoman Parker  
Councilman Taylor

**The motion passed. We are now in closed session.**

**VI. Return to Open Session:**

**I seek a motion to return to open session.**

Motion: I move that we return to open session.  
Councilwoman Parker

Second:  
Councilwoman Cotton

**I have a motion and second.**

**Any questions? Any discussion?**

**No questions, no discussion.**

**Please call the vote.**

Mayor Gaddy  
Mayor Pro Tem Moody  
Councilwoman Cotton  
Councilwoman Parker  
Councilman Taylor

**The motion passed.**

**This November 12, 2024 Taylortown Council meeting is now back in Open Session.**

**Good evening.**

**We thank you for coming out to be with us in person.**

**We thank those of you for watching online.**

Mayor Gaddy explains that due to some light renovations at Town Hall, the town council meeting is being held at the Taylortown Museum (Taylor House).

**We thank you all for caring about our community. Let's keep showing our ancestors that they can trust us with the care of Taylortown .**

**We opened the meeting at 5:00 p.m. and went into closed session to discuss some legal matters with our attorneys Dominique Camm and Erin Rozelle.**

**Please join us in a moment of silence.**

**VII. Closed Session Report**

**There is nothing for us to vote on from closed session.**

**VIII. Public Comment**

**The floor is now open for public comment. Please come to the podium and speak directly into the microphone. Limit your comments to 3 minutes, please.**

Marcella Alston concerned about the financial reports; asking when they will be made available to the public. Ms. Cole responds by saying once documents are fully completed and reviewed it will be brought to council, and then made public.

Citizen thanks Mr. Price for his work on his residence.

## **Staff Reports – Town Administrator – Carolyn Cole**

- 1. Police Department – Chief Michael Hobgood is on vacation until December 13, 2024. His official retirement begins December 14, 2024.**
- 2. Finance Department – Our focus will be on all things financial at our November 26<sup>th</sup> Town Council meeting.**
- 3. Cultural & Leisure Services Department  
Trunk O' Treat  
Veterans Day Luncheon**

Akeila Winder: Successful trunk or treat event, fire department, Starbucks, health department, etc. for vendors

Veteran's Day Luncheon Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> was a success

The Senior's Luncheon is this Saturday, Nov. 16, RSVP by the end of the week, Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>

Ms. Cole adds that members of staff were present at the Carthage-Robbins fundraising baseball game; Fundraising was for the Ellie Jean project

- 4. Public Works & Utilities Department – Our focus tonight is the discussion we need to have with Council about water and sewer.** Council will be looking at water bill documentation from the county; Documents will be used to supplement input and transparency on rates. There has been improvement in our water system (no burping or air in pipes, etc.) Staff has been looking into every water bill account ahead of our audit, ensuring that billing matches water meter readings and examining discrepancies. No cutoffs have occurred as of yet, but can be expected after this month. Before disconnections, customers will be given the opportunity to come in and dispute records, as long as they have proof of payment.

It will be up to the council to decide whether the due amount will need to be paid via lump-sum or payment plans.

Mikayla Sinclair with a reminder about CodeRed forms being sent to residents in their water bills; Reminded them to return both forms

## **5. Administration Department**

**The Planning Board will meet at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday,**

**November 20, 2024.**

**Ronda Brady**

**Garry Brown**

**Jeffrey Moody**

**Connie Pearson**

**Lottie Mason**

**That concludes our staff report.**

## **IX. Announcements**

**Councilmembers, do you have any announcements?**

**Next Town Council Meeting November 26, 2024**

Mayor Pro Tem Moody: Souvenir bags are available for veterans who didn't receive one at the luncheon

## **X. Adjournment**

**I seek a motion to adjourn.**

Motion: I move that we adjourn.  
Mayor Pro Tem Moody

Second:

Councilwoman Cotton

**I have a motion and second.**

**Are there any questions or discussion?**

**If there are no questions or discussion, Ms. Cole please call the vote.**

**Mayor Gaddy**

**Mayor Pro Tem Moody**

**Councilwoman Cotton**

**Councilwoman Parker**

**Councilman Taylor**

**Motion passed. This meeting of the Taylortown Council is adjourned.**

Meetings with legal counsel will continue post-adjournment over at Town Hall.