

Taylortown

Town Council Meeting

April 23rd, 2024

Town Hall

5:00 p.m. Closed Session

6:00 p.m. Open Session

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Closed Session
- IV. Open Session
- V. Approval of Agenda
- VI. Minutes
- VII. Closed Session Report
- VIII. Public Comment

IX. Old Business

X. New Business

Staff Reports- Town Administrator, Carolyn Cole

- 1. Police Department - Chief Michael Hobgood**
- 2. Finance Department - Calvin Blanton, Mgr.**
 - a. Schedule 2024-2025 Budget Workshop
 - b. Budget Public Hearing
 - c. Budget Adoption
 - d. Audit: Status of 2022-2023
 - e. Planning for 2023-2024 Audit
- 3. Public Works and Utilities Department- Darnell Price, Mgr**
- 4. Administration Department**
 - Website

XI. Announcements

Next Town Council Meeting April 23, 2024

XII. Adjournment

I. **Call to Order**

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

II. **Roll Call**

Ms. Cole, please call the roll.

Mayor Gaddy - **Present**

Mayor Pro Tem Moody - **Present**

Councilwoman Cotton - **Present**

Councilwoman Parker - **Present**

Councilman Taylor - **Tardy**

III. **Closed Session**

I seek a motion to go into closed session to discuss legal matters, and personnel under the North Carolina General Statute that allows us to do so.

Motion: I move that we go into closed session to discuss legal matters, and personnel under the North Carolina General Statute that allows us to do so.

Councilwoman Cotton

Second:

Councilwoman Parker

I have a motion and 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 - **yes**

Mayor Pro Tem Moody - **yes**

Councilwoman Cotton - **yes**

Councilwoman Parker - **yes**

Councilman Taylor- **yes**

All present voted in the affirmative.

The motion passed. We are now in closed session.

IV. Return to Open Session:

I seek a motion to return to open session.

Motion: I move that we return to open session.

Mayor Pro Tem Moody

Second:

Councilwoman Parker

I have a motion and second.

Are there any questions? Any discussion?

If there are no questions, no discussion, Councilmembers, please vote by

saying yes or no.

Ms. Cole, please call the vote.

Mayor Gaddy - **yes**

Mayor Pro Tem Moody - **yes**

Councilwoman Cotton - **yes**

Councilwoman Parker - **yes**

Councilman Taylor - **yes**

All present voted in the affirmative.

The motion passed.

This April 23rd, 2024 Taylortown Council meeting is now back in Open Session.

Please join us in a moment of silence.

Good evening. Welcome to our Taylortown Council meeting. We thank you for coming and we thank you for caring about our community. Let's keep showing our ancestors that we know how much they sacrificed so that we could see this day and this time in our lives.

We opened the meeting at 5:00 p.m. and went into closed session to discuss some legal and personnel matters. If we are going to take action on any closed session item, we will do it in the appropriate place on tonight's agenda.

Please join us in a moment of silence.

V. 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.
Mayor Pro Tem Moody
Second:
Councilwoman Parker

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 - yes
Mayor Pro Tem Moody - yes
Councilwoman Cotton - yes
Councilwoman Parker - yes
Councilman Taylor - yes

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

VI. Minutes

According to Attorney Morgan, the town does not have to approve the minutes. So, we accept the minutes which from now on should be posted on the town's website. If there are any corrections, I ask that you submit them in writing for Council's review. If the changes are adopted that document will become a correction and attached to the minutes.

Eventually, we hope to have all of our minutes available on our website. We are starting with our December 19th, 2023 swearing in ceremony and building that database.

Our staff will then begin to put all of the town's old minutes online so that you, the public, can access them at your convenience.

VII. Closed Session Report

We discussed some legal and personnel matters in closed session. I would like for Council to take action on the personnel matter.

As a reminder, we have an appeals hearing on May 10, 2024 at 1:30 p.m.

before the NC Division of Employment Security pertaining to a former employee.

We discussed some contracts that we would like to have the attorney review so that we can make factual information about these contracts and agreements a part of our budget process.

Rebecca Myers CPA with Anderson

Code Red Contract

Southern Software Contract

Our town's commercial leases

Village of Pinehurst Fire Protection Service Agreement

Attorney Morgan, please review what you have and what we don't have in this office anymore. Let us know what you have and let's schedule a conference call for a preliminary discussion with Council's management committee.

Our management committee is composed of Mayor Pro Tem Moody, Alternate Councilwoman Bridget Cotton, Ms. Cole and me.

Councilwoman Cotton attends only in the absence of Mayor Pro Tem Moody so that we don't have a quorum.

We meet two times a week. We review any issues affecting the town and prepare the agenda for our council meetings.

**Mr. Morgan, I ask that Ms. Cole and you make this a priority.
Thank you.**

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.

Lottie Mason: Says that springfest (the event referenced) was wonderful and that in the future for events she would like for the surrounding businesses to know about them. Shares her appreciation for the help of town council and staff.

Citizen did not state name: Inquired about the status speed bumps. Inquires about an empty police car. Inquired about Pinesage water pressure.

He later returns to the podium to inquire about the status of ordinances.

Aaron McLaughlin: Speaks on issues with water pressure at his residence.

Elaine Conroy: Raises concerns on the behalf of other residents who may not be able to pay their water bills in a short amount of time.

IX. Old Business

Town took a look at the updated website.

X. New Business

Before we begin the staff reports, let me say to the staff and the citizens, this is not public time. This is time for council to hear reports from the staff. We are getting updates. If there is something you wish to discuss, take a written or mental note of it and make an appointment to see us at Town Hall about it.

It's no secret that I don't prefer long meetings that get out of order. I think it discourages people from attending in person or online. You know I value your opinions and ideas and I've made sure there are ways for you to meet with me, the other council members, and the staff. Let's move forward with the Staff Reports.

Staff Reports – Town Administrator – Carolyn Cole

- 1. Police Department - Chief Michael Hobgood**
- 2. Finance Department - Calvin Blanton, Mgr.**
- 3. Public Works & Utilities Department – Darnell Price, Mgr**

I would like to pause here for a moment.

For the Public Works and Utilities Department to handle inspections and enforcement, the town's ordinance adopted June 19th, 2015 requires that we have a Housing Inspector.

Council, I seek a motion to appoint the person that serves as manager of the Department of Public Works & Utilities as the town's Housing Inspector.

Motion: So moved.

Second: Parker

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

Councilwoman Taylor

All present voted in the affirmative.

The motion passed. Mr. Price, as department manager for Public Works & Utilities, you are also the Housing Inspector.

Thank you, Council.

4. Administration Department

The Planning Board is asked to meet at 5:00 p.m. or 6:30 p.m. on May 14th, 2024.

Ronda Brady

Garry Brown

Jeffrey Moody

Connie Pearson

Lottie Mason

We will select a chair and vice chair for the Board, choose a meeting date and time, and schedule our Orientation and training.

That concludes our staff report.

XI. Announcements

Councilmembers, do you have any announcements?

Next Town Council Meeting May 14th, 2024.

XII. Adjournment

I seek a motion to adjourn.

Motion: I move that we adjourn.

Mayor Pro Tem Moody

Second:

Councilwoman Parker

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

All present voted in the affirmative.

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

