

Taylortown Council Meeting

Town Council Meeting
Tuesday, April 8th, 2025
Town Hall
5:02 p.m. Closed Session
6:00p.m. Open Session

I. Call to Order

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

II. Roll Call

Please call the roll.

Mayor Gaddy - Present
Mayor Pro Tem Moody - Present
Councilwoman Cotton - In at 5:04.
Councilwoman Parker - Present
Councilman Taylor- In at 5:37.

Let's get everything in order.

III. Approval of Agenda & Status of Minutes

Was the agenda for this April 8th, 2025, Town Council meeting posted at Town Hall and on the town's website?

Town Administrator/Town Clerk:
Yes.

Are there agendas in the holder on the back wall?

Yes there are.

Council, I seek a motion to approve the agenda.

Motion: So moved.
Moody

Second: Parker

I have a motion and a second.

Are there any questions? Discussion?

**If not, Councilmembers, please vote by
saying yes or no.**

Please call the vote.

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

The motion passed. The agenda is approved.

What is the status of the minutes?

Town Clerk: All of the minutes are online and up to date, I am still working on corrections for June 2024, but all minutes for 2025 are current through our March 25th meeting.

Thank you, Madam Clerk.

IV. Closed Session

I seek a motion to go into closed session for an update on some key legal matters.

Motion: I move that we go into go into closed session.
Moody

Second:
Parker

I have a motion and second.

Are there any questions or discussion?

No questions or discussion.

Please call the vote.

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

The motion passed.

We are now in closed session.

V. 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.

Any questions? Any discussion?

No questions, no discussion.

Please call the vote.

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

The motion passed.

Taylortown Council is now back in Open Session.

Well, hello everyone.

Welcome to Town Council meeting.

Welcome to the folks online. Our ancestors have entrusted the care of Taylortown to us, so let's get started.

Please turn off your phones.

Let's have a moment of silence.

VI. Closed Session Report

In closed session, we discussed a few legal and personnel matters. IF WE NEED TO TAKE ACTION ON ANY OF THESE ITEMS, IT WILL BE DONE IN OPEN SESSION.

VII. 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.

Adam Cheatham: Attended all three Public Input Sessions, thought they were productive. He also wanted to state his support for the hotels, as well as for the pool being fixed for the Summer.

VIII. Staff Reports – Town Administrator – Carolyn Cole

This is not public time. If you did not silence your phone, or if you insist on speaking out of turn, Our Acting Chief, Brandon Phillips will escort you from the meeting.

If there is any matter that we need to vote on in any of the departments, our Town Administrator will call it to our attention during staff reports. Alright, let's move on.

Administration Reports:

1. FOIA

Town Clerk: We have no FOIA requests pending at this time.

Town Administrator: Council, according to your agenda, you have a few items to be voted on tonight.

List of Items to be Voted On:

- **Central Pines**
- **GFL**
- **MCEDP**
- **Historic Preservation Commission**
- **Budget Schedule**

We have representatives from Central Pines Regional Council, Alana Keegan, Lee Worsley, and Wilma Lanley here this evening.

- **Regional Council of Governments for Moore County, job is to be an extension of the staff. There would be a seat for Taylortown on the board; focuses on aging, housing, economic development, transportation, etc.**
 - **Planning Assistance, added benefit of grant writing, providing planning staff, conversations about water and sewer**

Central Pines:

I seek a motion to adopt resolution ADM 1-2025.

I move that we adopt resolution ADM 1-2025, a resolution ratifying, accepting, and approving the by-laws and charter resolution of the Central Pines Regional Council as a prerequisite to the Town of Taylortown becoming a member of this organization.

Second: Councilwoman Parker

Motion passed 4/5. Councilman Taylor voted in the negative. Next steps for the town include the resolution going to the Central Pines Regional Council to be voted up or down, then to appoint a delegate and an alternate for the Regional Council.

GFL:

I seek a motion to accept and approve the contract for solid waste management curb services from Waste Industries LLC, doing business as GFL Environmental Inc.

So Moved: Councilwoman Cotton

Second: Councilwoman Parker

4/5 voted in the affirmative. Taylor voted negative. The motion passed.

MCEDP

I seek a motion to adopt resolution ADM 2-2025.

Cotton: I move that we adopt resolution ADM 2- 2025, a resolution to grant an appropriation to Moore County Economic Development Partnership for Fiscal Year 2026 in the amount of \$500.

Second: Mayor Pro Tem Moody

The motion passed. 4/5 voted in the affirmative. Councilman Taylor voted no.

Historic Preservation Commission – MAYOR PRO TEM MOODY

Our town council would like to appoint a volunteer Taylortown Historic Preservation Commission to work with the Taylortown History Museum to preserve our town's history and advise our Planning Commission and staff on establishing one or more historic districts in Taylortown as part of our town's comprehensive plan.

These commissioners will serve staggered terms of 3 years and 2 years.

The 3-year appointments will be Wendy Martin, Yvette McCormick, and Reverend Rose Sharpe. The 2-year appointments will be Lawrence Morrison and Felton McRae.

MAYOR GADDY: I seek a motion to appoint the folks so named to the Taylortown Historic Preservation Commission.

So Moved: Mayor Pro Tem Moody

Second: Councilwoman Cotton

Motion passed. All councilmembers voted in the affirmative.

Budget Schedule Adoption:

I seek a motion to approve the budget adoption schedule for Fiscal Year 2025-26.

So Moved: Mayor Pro Tem Moody

Second: Councilwoman Parker

The motion passed. All councilmembers have voted in the affirmative.

Human Resources and Risk Management

Patricia Jacobs with reports

Public Works and Utilities:

Recap on BUMP training.

Brandon Livengood: Meters were read on April 1st. This month, we have been able to identify higher water usage and alert customers via door-hanger that their water usage

is higher than normal. We give customers notice and offer them a chance to discuss potential issues with us as an extension of our customer service.

Planning Department:

Review of Public Input Sessions.

We had public input sessions where everyone was invited out to speak on what they wanted to see in the new comprehensive plan for the town. Public input sessions were held on March 25th at 6:30 pm, April 2nd at 10:00 am, and April 5th at 10:00 am.

Public Input Sessions were noticed in council meetings, online on the website as well as via facebook, and via flyer as councilwoman cotton went door to door with them, handing out about 150 flyers and messaging people directly.

Collective attendance of the Public Input Sessions were:

- 14 people were present at the first public input session, including all councilmembers and four out of five members of the Planning Commission.
- 17 people were present at the second public input session.
- 22 people were present at the third public input session.
- Total of 3 input sessions with a total of 53 people in attendance.

Overall, we had three productive meetings, and we were happy to see this level of community engagement.

Around 600 people attending virtually, we want to thank Mayor Pro Tem Moody for providing refreshments.

Public Safety:

Brandon Phillips with a report from the police department.

- Brandon Phillips presenting a study to the council to bring and retain officers to Taylortown (See Attached).

Stephanie Heck, First Health Peer Support Coordinator.

Finances:

Budget Workshop Schedule, first meeting scheduled on April 22nd.

Cultural and Leisure Services:

Akeila Winder reading thank you note from the Taylor-Gaddy family.

Easter Weekend Event this weekend, April 12th.

Council and Staff Calendar Review:

We have a planning meeting tomorrow, April 9th, here, at 7:00 pm.

We have an Easter Event coming up this weekend, April 12th, from 11 – 1. Easter bag giveaway, 11 am to 1 pm. There will be vendors in the park as well, they are allowed to stay into the park until around 6:00 pm. There is no charge for vendors at this particular event. Set up will begin around 9:30 to 10:00 pm.

IX. Announcements

Councilmembers, do you have any announcements?

Next Town Council meeting, Tuesday, April 22nd.

Councilwoman Cotton: Tron Faulk Ross appointed as a district judge by Governor Josh Stein. She asks that the town come out to support her during her swearing in ceremony.

X. 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, 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.