

TAYLORTOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

September 9th, 2025

Location: Taylortown Town Hall, Taylortown, NC

Closed Session: 5:00 pm

Open Session: 6:00 pm

I. Call to Order

Mayor Gaddy asks for a motion to return to open session:

Mayor Pro Tem Moody Motions.

Councilwoman Parker seconds.

Town Manager Cole called the vote:

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

Mayor Gaddy seeks a motion to file a police report signed by the Mayor against any and all former employees and/or elected officials who participated in the destruction of public property, embezzled funds, committed funds, and violated town policy by accepting cash.

Councilwoman Cotton motions.

Councilwoman Parker seconds.

Town Manager Cole called the vote:

- Mayor Gaddy: Yes
- Mayor Pro Tem Moody: Yes
- Councilwoman Cotton: Yes
- Councilwoman Parker: Yes

- Councilman Taylor: No.

Motion passes.

The meeting of the Taylortown Town Council was called to order by Mayor Gaddy. Mayor Gaddy acknowledges those who joined online. He asks to observe a moment of silence.

IV. Public Comment

The floor was opened for public comments. Speakers were asked to approach the podium, speak into the microphone, and limit their remarks to 3 minutes.

- No Public Comments.
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V. Closed Session Report - Mayor Gaddy

- Mayor Gaddy reiterates the purpose of the closed session.
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VI. Staff Reports

Town Manager – Carolyn Cole

Reminders:

- This portion is not open for public comments.

Administration

- Written response to FOIA request from Adam Cheatam.
 - Review of FOIA purpose, Review of etiquette at the podium during Public Comment
 - Reschedule Check Review.
 - Council to consider legal action for defamation of character.
 - Council to consider the usurpation of town electricity and water from a tenant of William Green.
 - Reschedule of appreciation ceremony for Tamara Thompson.
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VII. Department Reports

Public Works

- Call from Mr. Moore regarding sanitation fee.
- First bill received from GFL— bill is down.

- Focus on debris management (broken limbs) and litter control. Council is asked to consider changing the “sanitation” fee to a “waste management” fee, as it operates as a waste management fee.
- Streets and Roads certification sent to Powell Bill, Expenditures report to be completed and sent in tonight.
- Moore County Fire Marshall, Mr. Barker, stopped by and spoke with the Town Manager about building inspections and reports.
- Mr. Price and Ms. Jacobs coordinated with Mr. Barker to schedule building inspections, tenants to be notified about inspections.
- Mayor Gaddy: Fire extinguishers have been updated, other checklist items should be monitored prior to inspection.
- NCDEQ Asset Inventory Grant
- NCDEQ meeting regarding unidentified sewer lines
- Larissa McCrae asks for policies and procedures regarding NCDEQ.

Finance

- Banking: Constant unauthorized interference with Town Bank Accounts at Truist Bank.
- Mr. Thompson put back on as a bank administrator, inappropriate oversight by Truist Bank.
- Fidelity Bank was identified as a potential new bank.

Mayor Gaddy seeks a motion to move all town accounts to Fidelity Bank under Resolution 9-4 2025.

Mayor Pro Tem Moody moves.

Councilwoman Parker seconds.

Town Manager Cole called the vote:

- Mayor Gaddy: Yes
- Mayor Pro Tem Moody: Yes
- Councilwoman Cotton: Yes
- Councilwoman Parker: Yes
- Councilman Taylor: No.

Motion passes 4 -1. The town’s bank accounts will be moved to Fidelity Bank.

AIM Program: Richard Marvin and Hal Owens have been helpful, Taylortown is now a part of the AIM program.

LGC Hearing: Tuesday, Sept. 9th.

Planning

- Potential changes to Historic Preservation Commission and CDC Advisory Board; Council to make appointments.

Cultural & Leisure Services

- Discussion of Taylortown Day— what went right and what went left.
 - Considering a small cultural & leisure volunteer board that operates to tie up loose ends.
 - Financial report for Taylortown day to come.
 - Staff and Councilmembers are thanked for their participation and work in the Taylortown Day event.
 - Senior citizens were treated to a lunch from the leftovers from Taylortown Day, special thanks to Mayor Gaddy, Mayor Pro Tem Moody, Mr. Barrett and Mr. Scales.
 - Jheri Hardaway begins the town newsletter— the Taylortown Caddy.
 - Mayor Pro Tem Moody discusses the community yard sale and harvest festival.
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VIII. Announcements

- **Next Town Council Meeting: TBA due to meetings in Raleigh.**
- **Next Schedule Meeting: September 23rd.**

Mayor Pro Tem Moody and Councilwoman Parker reaffirm their commitment to fight for the town.

Councilwoman Cotton also affirms commitment to the town and praises the Taylortown Day event.

IX. Adjournment

Mayor Gaddy sought a motion to return to closed session.

Councilwoman Parker motioned.

Mayor pro Tem Moody seconded.

Town Manager Cole calls the vote:

Town Manager Cole called the vote:

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

All voted in the affirmative; motion passed.