

# **Taylortown**

Town Council Meeting

May 28th, 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**
  - 1. Police Department - Chief Michael Hobgood**
  
  - 2. Finance Department - Calvin Blanton, Mgr.**
    - a. Budget Public Hearing
    - b. Budget Adoption
    - c. Audit: Status of 2022-2023
    - d. Planning for 2023-2024 Audit
    - e. Budget to Actual FY 2023-24 January - June
    - f. Benefits Meeting (Staffing)
    - g. Certifications
      - TR-2
      - USDA
      - Other
  - 3. Public Works and Utilities Department- Darnell Price, Mgr**
  - 4. Administration Department**
  
- XI. Announcements**  
Next Town Council Meeting June 11th, 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

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 with our attorney William Morgan to discuss some personnel and legal matters.

**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, 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 Cotton

**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 (automatic affirmative vote—restroom)**

Councilman Taylor - **yes**

All present voted in the affirmative.

**The motion passed.**

**This May 28th, 2024 Taylortown Council meeting is now back in Open**

**Session.**

**Good evening. Welcome to our Taylortown Council meeting. We thank you for coming and we thank those of you watching online for spending your time with us.**

**We thank you all 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. Please join us in a moment of silence.**

#### **V. Approval of Agenda**

**The agenda for this May 28th, 2024 Town Council meeting was posted at Town Hall. Councilwoman Cotton also posted the notice online.**

**There are agendas in the holder on the back wall.**

#### **VI. Minutes**

**Minutes are still being uploaded to the Town's website.**

**According to Attorney Morgan, the town does not have to approve the Minutes. So, we accept the minutes as presented to us.**

**If there are any corrections or changes in the minutes for Council to approve, those changes if approved by Council, will become a correction and included in the minutes.**

**Our website is now available online. Our minutes from December 19, 2023 to May 14 2024 have been posted. You may now review our minutes at our convenience.**

#### **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 - Brought forward concerns about the Miss D's Angels Learning Center next door, as well as concerns about her residence. She also thanked the council for acting swiftly regarding a previous issue with the daycare.

Cynthia Elliott- Brought forward concerns about the damage being done to roads and a cable line by Moore County vehicles.

Citizen did not give his name but inquired about pool opening and inspection.

Lottie Mason - Reports on the success of community yard sale and brought up concerns regarding water pipe at a local church.

#### **IX. Old Business**

**We continue to work on the town's budget 2024-2025. We have had 2 budget workshops to review past years budgets. We've gotten input from the staff, Ms. Cole, Mr. Calvin Blanton, our finance manager, and Mr. Hal Owens from the N.C. League of Municipalities.**

#### **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** (Budget and Website)

We have staff reports from the Public Safety Department which includes the Police Department, and the Finance Department. Our reports are as follows:

1. Police Department - Chief Michael Hobgood
- Officer Hobgood went through monthly report of calls, accidents, officer stops, etc for the Taylortown Police Department.
2. Public Works & Utilities Department – Darnell Price, Mgr (Absent)
3. Finance Department – Calvin Blanton, Mgr.
- Budget to Actual Report
  - The largest share of the revenue comes from property taxes.
  - The next largest share is electricity sales tax, followed by power bill funding, and sanitation fees.
  - Next is commercial rent (Main st. property)

Ms. Cole and Mr. Blanton explain to the council what they are seeing in the budget to actual, including expenses, financial statements, and more.

- Budget Hearing for accepting Public Opinion will be on 6-11-24
  - The budget will be online and if not online then a copy can be obtained at town hall
  - On 6/25/24, Council will vote to accept or not accept.
  - The town is working to have someone complete the town audit.
4. Administration Department

The Planning Board meeting will be posted once we have a convenient time for all members.

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.

#### XI. Announcements

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

Councilwoman Bridget Cotton, Sharing and Caring Proclamation to the Town of Whispering Pines.

**Next Town Council Meeting June 11th, 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 - Yes**

**Mayor Pro Tem Moody - Yes**

**Councilwoman Cotton - Yes**

**Councilwoman Parker - Yes**

**Councilman Taylor - Yes**

**All present voted in the affirmative.**

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