

Taylortown Council Meeting

Taylortown Town Hall

July 9, 2024

5:00 p.m. Closed Session

6:00 p.m. Open Session

Agenda

- I. **Call to Order**
- II. **Roll Call**
- III. **Closed Session**
- IV. **Return to 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. **Administration Department**
 2. **Police Department - Chief Michael Hobgood**
 3. **Finance Department - Calvin Blanton**
 - A. Budget FY 24-25
 - B. Budget to Actual FY 2023-24 January- June
 - C. Audit: Status of 2022-2023
 - D. 2023-2024 Audit

 4. **Public Works & Utilities Department - Darnell Price, Mgr**

- XI. **Announcements**
Next Town Council Meeting July 23, 2024

- XII. **Adjournment**

Taylorstown

Town Council Meeting

Tuesday, July 9, 2024

Town Hall

5:00 p.m. Closed Session

6:00 p.m. Open Session

I. Call to Order

This Tuesday, July 9th meeting of the Taylorstown Council is now called to order at 5:00 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Ms. Cole, please call the roll.

Ms. Cole

Mayor Gaddy

Mayor Pro Tem Moody

Councilwoman Cotton

~~Councilwoman Parker~~ – absent

Councilman Taylor

III. Closed Session

I seek a motion to go into closed session to discuss personnel and legal matters pertaining to a claim filed by a former employee for vacation pay.

Motion:

Mayor Pro Tem Moody

Second:

Councilwoman Cotton

Are there any questions? Any discussion?

Please vote yes or no. Ms. Cole, call the roll.

Ms. Cole

Mayor Gaddy

Mayor Pro Tem Moody

Councilwoman Cotton

~~Councilwoman Parker~~ – Absent

Councilman Taylor

The motion passed. We are now in Closed Session.

IV. Return to Open Session

I seek a motion to return to Open Session.

Motion:

Mayor Pro Tem Moody

Second:

Councilwoman Cotton

Any questions? Any discussion?

Ms. Cole, call the roll.

Ms. Cole

Mayor Gaddy

Mayor Pro Tem Moody

Councilwoman Cotton

~~Councilwoman Parker~~ – Absent

Councilman Taylor

Motion passed.

Good evening. We are now back in Open Session and continuing our Council meeting that began at 5:00 p.m. with a vote to go into Closed Session to discuss some personnel and legal matters.

We're glad to see all of you here. We celebrated Juneteenth and the 4th of July. Now, we're ready to kick off the first meeting of the town's new fiscal year which began July 1, 2024 with our new budget.

We thank you all for caring about our community-those of you here and those of you watching online.

Let's keep showing our ancestors how much we appreciate their sacrifice.

Please join us in a moment of silence.

V. Approval of Agenda

The agenda for this July 9, 2024 Town Council meeting was posted at Town Hall. There are agendas in the holder on the back wall.

Councilmembers, is there anything you would like to add to the agenda?

I seek a motion to approve the agenda.

Motion:

Mayor Pro Tem Moody

Second:

Councilwoman Cotton

Any questions? Any discussion?

Ms. Cole, call the roll.

Ms. Cole

Mayor Gaddy

Mayor Pro Tern Moody

Councilwoman Cotton

Councilwoman Parker

Councilman Taylor

Motion passed.

VI. Minutes

According to Attorney Morgan, the town does not have to approve the

Minutes. So, we will accept the minutes as presented.

Council, if you have any corrections or changes to the minutes, please bring them to our next meeting. If council approves the changes or

corrections, they will become an addendum to the minutes.

VII. Closed Session Report

VIII. Public Comment

The floor is now open for public comment. Please go to the podium and give us your name. Limit your comments to 3 minutes, please.

Aaron McLaughlin: States that he does not see any improvement in the town worthy of the level of compensation that he believes that the council is receiving after reviewing the budget.

Mayor Gaddy disagreed with Mr. McLaughlin and provided examples of improvements made in the Town since the new council was seated.

Citizen inquired about the hiring process for the current staff.

Mayor Gaddy underlined the direness of the situation the seated council was elected in to and the importance of acting quickly and ensuring a highly qualified staff.

“Santa Claus” wants to continue his time as Santa Claus in Taylortown.

Pastor of Galilee Baptist Church expresses thoughts on the potential

demolition of a condemned building near his church.

IX. Old Business

X. New Business

Before Council begins its discussion with the staff, let me remind you that this is not public time.

You know I value your opinions and ideas and the Council, and I have made sure there are ways for your voices to be heard.

If you hear something at this meeting that you would like to know more about, please do not comment from the floor.

This is time for Council and the staff to discuss the daily operation of the our town's government.

If there is something you wish to discuss, make an appointment to see me or any one of your council members.

Or stop by town hall and take a chance that one of us is there and can talk to you. There's usually one of us at Town Hall.

If it's something that we think needs to be added to the agenda, we will direct Ms. Cole to add it to the agenda.

Your last option is to bring it back to the next council meeting and speak at public time.

Staff Reports - Town Administrator - Carolyn Cole

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

1. Administration Department

Administration department is attempting to regain access to lost accounts and files in the wake of the last employee.

Website will go live in the next few days.

2. Finance Department - Calvin Blanton, Mgr.

Payroll has began with ADP. Town employees were previously paid via check written directly from the town.

Finance training in Greenville, North Carolina hosted by the NC League of Municipalities on June 27, 2024. Ms. Moody, Ms. Cole and I attended the meeting and got certificates. It was exactly what we needed. I thank the League for the opportunity and a job well done.

Mayor Gaddy seeks a motion to post a notice to hire a part-time Town Clerk.

Motion: Mayor Pro Tem Moody

Second: Councilwoman Cotton

3. Public Works & Utilities Department - Darnell Price, Mgr

Discussion of the projects and responsibilities of the public works department, including but not limited to working on the water line, repairing the day care center, and working on repairing the pool.

4. Police Department - Chief Michael Hobgood

5. Planning Department

The Planning Board will meet on [July 17th, 2024](#).

Ronda Brady

Garry Brown

Jeffrey Moody

Connie Pearson

Lottie Mason

We are now ready for assistance from NCLM for their training and support.

XI. Announcements

Councilmembers, do you have any announcements?

The Town has purchased 10 AC units for residents that are in need.

July 17th: Senior Enrichment Center is having a webization program , 10-12

Mayor Pro Tem Moody, Councilwoman Cotton, and Dallas Gaddy went to Eastwood to help them celebrate their Eastwood day. Taylortown will be holding its incorporation banquet Saturday, July 20th, at Spaulding Chapek. Tickets are \$20.

Next Town Council Meeting July 23, 2024.

Ms. Cole, please ask Mr. Morgan and Mr. Camm to attend Closed Session on that day in person and/or virtually.

XII. Adjournment

I seek a motion to adjourn.

Motion: I move that we adjourn.

Mayor Pro Tem Moody

Second:

Councilman Taylor

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.

Ms. Cole

Mayor Gaddy

Mayor Pro Tem Moody

Councilwoman Cotton

~~Councilwoman Parker~~ – absent

Councilman Taylor

All present voted in the affirmative.

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