

Taylortown Council Meeting

Taylortown Town Hall November 26,2024

5:00 p.m. Closed Session 6:00
p.m. Open Session

Agenda

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

III. Agenda

IV. Closed Session

V. Return to Open Session

VI. Closed Session Report

VII. Public Comment

VIII. Staff Reports - Town Administrator, Carolyn Cole

- AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TOWN OF TAYLORTOWN TOWN CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 8 (WATER SYSTEM)
- Retiring Employees

IX. Announcements

Next Town Council Meeting November 26, 2024

X. Adjournment

Taylortown

Town Council Meeting Tuesday, November 26, 2024 Town Hall

5:00 p.m. Closed Session

6:00 p.m. Open Session

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

Please call the roll.

Mayor Gaddy

Mayor Pro Tem Moody

Councilwoman Cotton

Councilwoman Parker

~~Councilman Taylor~~

III. Approval of Agenda

The agenda for this November 26, 2024 Town Council meeting was posted at Town Hall.

They are in the holder on the back wall.

Council, I seek a motion to approve the agenda.

Motion: So moved.

Mayor Pro Tem Moody

Second:

Councilwoman Parker

I have a motion and a second.

Are there any questions? Discussion?

If there are no questions or discussion, Councilmembers, please vote by saying yes or no.

Please call the vote.

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

The motion passed. The agenda is approved.

Closed Session

I seek a motion to go into closed session for legal matters. We will have attorneys Dominique Camm and Erin Rozelle on the phone to discuss pending legal matters and retiring personnel.

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

Councilwoman Cotton

Second:

Mayor Pro Tem Moody

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.

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.

This November 26, 2024 Taylortown Council meeting is now back in Open Session.

Good evening.

We thank you for coming out to be with us. We thank those of you watching online. Most of all as we go into the season of thankfulness, we thank you all for caring about our town. Let's keep showing up and showing our ancestors that they can trust us with the care of Taylortown.

Please join us in a moment of silence.

Closed Session Report

We opened the meeting at 5:00 p.m. and went into closed session to discuss some legal matters with two of our attorneys Dominique Camm and Erin Rozelle. There is nothing for us to vote on from closed session.

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.

Public Comment by Marcella Alston—Requests the names of town attorneys. States that she has previously asked the town to produce financial documents and the town has yet to do so. Mayor Gaddy responds by explaining that the council must first receive the report before it becomes public.

Staff Reports -Town Administrator - Carolyn Cole

Cole:

We switched the Finance Department and Public Works and Utilities Department for tonight's meeting. Instead of the Finance Department giving its report tonight. I moved them to the December 17, 2024 meeting.

Tonight, our focus is on the Ordinance Amending The Town of Taylortown Town Code Of Ordinances, Chapter 8 Public Works & Utilities Department.

This is your existing ordinance.

Council, you received it at your last meeting for review.

We would like to discuss policy which is your side of the table and procedures to implement your policies which is our side of the table.

We have tried to take what we learned from citizens, your customers; vendors like Core & Main, Neptune, Veolia, Southern Software, contractors that made repairs like Sanford Electrical, our Public Works &

Utilities Department, Darnell Price, Department Manager, Bryon Jackson, Dallas Gaddy, and others that made repairs in the past, like Mr. Emmet Alston, Garry Brown, and those that currently make repairs on our water system like Mayor Gaddy so that we can give you our best recommendations and design procedures that will correct errors and produce positive results. Our goal is to improve our water delivery system, make sure our water quality remains good, provide good customer service with fair and accurate billing, and provide the internal controls necessary for financial accountability.

[Review Ordinance]

There was no voting or amendments on the matter—only a conversation on the ordinance for water billing.

Brandon Livengood discussed the discrepancies in “sewer only” and business rates. The town discusses how to promote fairness between shopping centers, historical Taylortown, and Pinesage, as well as suggests that education on grease disposal could be considered in the ordinance.

Brandon Livengood states that there are meters being read that aren’t accounted for in billing—the procedure for these situations must be addressed by council.

There are future discussions to be had about the water meter rates, as well as the cost of removing versus locking meters.

There are discussions to be had about water applications and jurisdictions.

No water has been cut off since Feb. 2024, will resume in 2025. Late fees have not been charged.

Reminders

Police Department - Chief Michael Hobgood is on vacation until December 13, 2024. His official retirement begins December 14, 2024.

The town has received positive feedback on potential chiefs, and an interim chief may be hired in January whom will be able to apply for full time. The council gets to be involved in hiring a chief.

Bryon Jackson is taking his last vacation days and retiring effective December 29, 2024.

Byron will be contracted to maintain the pool after his retirement.

Cultural & Leisure Services Department - Akeila Winder Christmas Tree Lighting at Town Hall – Dec 7, 2024 6 pm

Senior luncheon was a success, senior shared some of the ideas they’d like to see.

Administration Department

The Planning Board will meet at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 18, 2024.

Ronda Brady

Garry Brown

Jeffrey Moody

Connie Pearson

Lottie Mason

That concludes our staff report.

Announcements

Councilmembers, do you have any announcements?

Mayor Pro-Tem Moody:

- Town hall closed Thursday and Friday for the Thanksgiving holiday
- There is a new puzzle available at the town hall
- Thanks to Public Works and Utilities for work on Christmas decorations

Next Town Council Meetings, Second Tuesday, December 10, 2024 and third Tuesday, December 17, 2024 instead of our regular 4th Tuesday because of Christmas Eve.

Adjournment

I seek a motion to adjourn.

Motion: I move that we adjourn.
Councilwoman Parker

Second:
Mayor Pro-Tem Moody
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.