

Taylortown Council Meeting

Town Council Meeting
Tuesday, February 11th, 2024
Town Hall
5:05 p.m. Closed Session
6:00 p.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 – **Tardy; Present at 5:27**

Councilwoman Parker – **Present**

Councilman Taylor

Let's get a little housekeeping done so that we can have more time with the public later.

III. Approval of Agenda & Status of Minutes

Was the agenda for this February 11th, 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.

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 – absent for vote

Councilwoman Parker – **Yes**

Councilman Taylor

The motion passed. The agenda is approved.

What is the status of the minutes?

Town Clerk: There is nothing to report since our last meeting. The work on minutes for April, May, and June is still in progress.

Thank you, Madam Clerk.

IV. Closed Session

I seek a motion to go into closed session for a recap and discussion of our outstanding legal matters and personnel.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Moody

Second:

Councilwoman 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 – Absent for this vote

Councilwoman Parker - Yes

Councilman Taylor

The motion passed.

V. Return to Open Session:

I seek a motion to return to open session.

Motion: I move that we return to open session.
Councilwoman Parker

Second:
Mayor Pro Tem Moody

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 - absent

The motion passed.

Taylortown Council is now back in Open Session.

Well, hello everyone.

Welcome to your Town Council meeting.

And welcome to those of you joining us online. It makes me feel good to know that our ancestors have entrusted the care of Taylortown to us.

Please silence your phones.

During the month of January, we unfortunately didn't get to honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Together as a community. So now, I would like to

ask the staff to help us honor Dr. King's with some of his most famous quotes.

[Quote Readings]

Let's have a moment of silence.

VI. Closed Session Report

We spoke with our attorney regarding the town ordinances that are on the agenda to ensure that they are legally sound.

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.

There were no public comments.

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 get started.

Administration Reports:

1. FOIA

One FOIA request at this time; response will be given by the 14th

2. Human Resources and Risk Management

HR is signing up Council for Ethics class. Councilwoman Cotton will get back to us with a time she is available; tentatively set for 10:00 am Monday.

3. Election Ordinance

- **First draft of Election Ordinance presented to council. Towanna Dixon from the Board of Elections will be meeting with council to discuss changes to election process.**
- **Proposed changes to election; staggered terms.**

Public Works and Utilities:

1. Compliance Letters

- **Discussing the criteria for compliance letters; cutting down trees, building, electrical work—if it requires an inspection then it will be sent to Moore County. Compliance letters are not new.**
- **Next printing of water bills will include information about compliance letter.**

2. Bernie Schaub Request for Water and Sewer

Requesting water and sewer for property across from Pinesage. He is requesting for commercial water and sewer—this property is not in Taylortown, but in Moore County. We do not know at this moment how this would affect the sensitive water pressure in Pinesage. Council would like more information on the matter before

considering it any further—Mr. Schaub will be invited to come before council to further discuss it.

Motion to Table the Discussion: Moody

Second: Cotton

Mayor Gaddy - Yes

Mayor Pro Tem Moody - Yes

Councilwoman Cotton - Yes

Councilwoman Parker - Yes

Councilman Taylor

3. Burning Permit

Do we need a burning permit in the town? Do we have any policies, etc.?

Moody: You used to be required to go to Pinehurst and get it and then alert Pinehurst Fire Department.

Commissioner Lottie Mason says that she acquires hers online.

We will look further into the matter.

Planning and Zoning:

1. Moratorium Ordinance

- **We have a draft of a 6 month moratorium ordinance in order to allow the town time to develop a comprehensive plan and to address development for the Town of Taylortown.**
- **Please note that the moratorium does not affect single family homes, it mostly affects commercial properties. It does not apply to people trying to work on their homes.**
- **People inside and outside of the community are welcome to attend the Public Hearing.**

Motion to Notice the Paper We Are Going Down the Path of Moratorium February 16th, February 23rd:

Motion: Mayor Pro Tem Moody

Second: Councilwoman Parker

We are asking council to vote on putting the notice for the moratorium in The Pilot.

Mayor Gaddy - yes

Mayor Pro Tem Moody - yes

Councilwoman Cotton - yes

Councilwoman Parker - yes

Councilman Taylor - absent

Cultural and Leisure Services:

- 1. Council and Staff Honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.**
- 2. CLS Planning meeting following Council Meeting - To work on centennial citizen celebration and event for Black History Month**
- 3. Centennial Citizen Birthday Celebration**

IX. Announcements

Councilmembers, do you have any announcements?

Next Town Council meetings, Tuesday, February 25th.

Parker: Meeting tomorrow at 5 for planning the Centennial Citizen Birthday Event for everyone working on it.

Moody: At the end of the month we will likely have a more comprehensive list of events for everyone to attend. Mrs. Moody thanks everyone for their prayers.

X. Adjournment

I seek a motion to adjourn.

Motion: I move that we adjourn.

Councilwoman Cotton

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

All present voted in the affirmative.

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

