

TAYLORTOWN COUNCIL SWEARING IN 2025

Tuesday, December 9th, 2025

Location: Taylortown Town Hall, Taylortown, NC

Open Session: 6:00 p.m.

I. Call to Order

The swearing-in ceremony begins with remarks from Planning Commissioner Lottie Mason.

II. Invocation

- Invocation was given by Pastor Brenda Hopper.
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III. Certificate of Election

Towanna Dixon of the Moore County Board of Elections presents the newly elected officials with certificates of election.

IV. Swearing-In of the Officers

- Town Attorney Dominique Camm and Attorney Erin Rozelle are announcing the officers and introducing Judge Tron Faulk Ross for the swearing-in of the officers.
 - Councilman Garry Brown is joined by his mother.
 - Councilwoman Bridget Cotton is joined by her daughter.
 - Councilman Sidney Gaddy is joined by family.
 - Councilwoman Nadine Moody is joined by her husband.
 - Councilwoman Andria Parker is joined by a close friend.
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V. Commencement of the Town Council Meeting

- Councilman Gaddy presides over the town council meeting and addresses the public with thanks to the voters.
- Councilman Gaddy calls the meeting of the council to order.
- Town Manager Cole calls the vote

Councilman Brown: Here

Councilman Gaddy: Here

Councilwoman Moody: Here

Councilwoman Parker: Here

Councilwoman Cotton: Here

VI. Approval of the Agenda

Councilman Gaddy seeks a motion to approve the agenda.

Councilwoman Parker seconds.

Town Manager Cole calls the vote

Councilman Brown: Yes

Councilman Gaddy: Yes

Councilwoman Moody: Yes

Councilwoman Parker: Yes

Councilwoman Cotton: Yes

Motion has passed; Agenda is approved.

VII. Nominations for Mayor

- Councilman Gaddy nominates Councilwoman Cotton to be mayor.
- Councilwoman Parker seconds.

Town Manager Cole calls the vote

Councilman Brown: Yes

Councilman Gaddy: Yes

Councilwoman Moody: Yes

Councilwoman Parker: Yes

Councilwoman Cotton: Yes

Motion passed; Bridget Cotton is now the mayor of Taylortown.

VII. Remarks from the Mayor

- Mayor Bridget Cotton gives her first remarks as Mayor of Taylortown. Mayor Cotton promises to lead with integrity, addresses the work ahead, and thanks the public and the voters. She expresses her gratitude and her commitment to serving Taylortown.

VIII. Nominations for Mayor Pro Tem

- Councilwoman Andria Parker nominates Councilman Gaddy as Mayor Pro Tem
- Mayor Cotton seconds the nomination

Town Manager Cole calls the vote

Councilman Brown: Yes

Councilman Gaddy: Yes

Councilwoman Moody: Yes

Councilwoman Parker: Yes

Mayor Cotton: Yes

Motion Passes: Councilman Sidney Gaddy is now Mayor Pro Tem

IX. Appointment of Finance Manager

- Mayor Pro Tem Gaddy nominates Councilwoman Moody as Finance Manager

Town Manager Cole calls the vote

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

Motion Passes: Councilwoman Nadine Moody has been appointed as Finance Manager

X. Introduction of Planning Commissioners

- Commissioner Lottie Mason
- Commissioner Yvette McCormick
- Commissioner Ronda Brady
- Commissioner Connie Pearson
- Vice Chair Jeffry Moody

XI. Introduction of Historic Preservation Commission

- Commissioner Wendy Martin
- Commissioner Patricia Gatling

XII. Introduction of Town Staff

- Carolyn Cole - Town Manager
- Patricia Jacobs - Human Resources
- Cynthia Fairley - Human Resources
- Darnell Price - Public Works Manager
- Daniel Smith - Chief of Police

XIII. Public Comment

- Public was asked to approach the podium with any public comments and to please limit comments to three minutes.
- Towanna Dixon addresses the public about working in tandem with the new council to build the Taylortown they want.
- Mayor Cotton's pastor gives remarks in support of Mayor Cotton.
- Helen Mills, representing the Moore County Democratic Women and Moore County Democrats, thanks the council for running and serving.
- A citizen of Moore County makes remarks about her support for the Taylortown Council.

XIV. Announcements

- Next Council meeting will be on December 23rd, 2025.
- Councilwoman Parker and Councilwoman Moody give remarks thanking the public for their support.

IX. Adjournment

Mayor Cotton sought a motion for adjournment.

Town Manager Cole calls the vote:

Mayor Cotton: Yes

Mayor Pro Tem Gaddy: Yes

Councilwoman Moody: Yes

Councilwoman Parker: Yes

Councilman Brown: Yes

All voted in the affirmative; motion passed.

