

# Taylortown

Town Council Meeting

April 9th, 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
  - A. Truist W-9 and Documents to Move Forward with Online Bill Pay Options
  - B. Spectrum Phone Service

X. New Business

**Staff Reports**

- 1. **Administration Department**
- 2. **Police Department - Chief Michael Hobgood**  
Swearing-In Ceremony– Officer Matthew Reeder
- 3. **Finance Department - Calvin Blanton, Mgr.**
  - a. Schedule 2024-2025 Finance Workshop
  - b. Budget Public Hearing
  - c. Budget Adoption
  - d. Audit: Status of 2022-2023
  - e. Planning for 2023-2024 Audit
- 4. **Public Works and Utilities Department- Darnell Price, Mgr**
  - a. Water Quality Report
  - b. Meter Reading Equipment Status Report
  - c. FEMA Flood Map

**XI. Announcements**

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**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 - **Tardy**

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 go into closed session to discuss legal matters, and personnel under the North Carolina General Statute that allows us to do so.

**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, 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

**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 Parker

**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**

Councilman Taylor - **yes**

All present voted in the affirmative.

**The motion passed.**

**This April 9th, 2024 Taylortown Council meeting is now back in Open**

**Session.**

**Please join us in a moment of silence.**

**Good afternoon Welcome to our Taylortown Council meeting. We thank you for coming and we thank you 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 and this time in our lives.**

**We opened the meeting at 5:00 p.m. and went into closed session to discuss some legal and personnel matters. If we are going to take action on any closed session item, we will do it in the appropriate place on tonight's agenda.**

**Please join us in a moment of silence.**

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

**The agenda for this April 9th, 2024 Town Council meeting was available at Town Hall. They are in the holder on the back wall.**

**I seek a motion to approve our agenda.**

Motion: So moved.  
Councilwoman Parker

Second:  
Mayor Pro Tem Moody

**I have a motion and a 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**

**The motion passed. The agenda is approved.**

## **VI. Minutes**

**All of our minutes will be posted on the Town Website, which will be ready at our next meeting on April 23, 2024. That means all of our minutes from December 19th, 2023 to the present will be online so the public can access them at their own convenience.**

## **VII. Closed Session Report**

**We discussed some legal and personnel matters in closed session. I would like for Council to take action on the personnel matter.**

**As a reminder, we have an appeals hearing on May 10, 2024 at 1:30 p.m.**

**before the NC Division of Employment Security. The meeting was scheduled for April 19th pertaining to a former employee. Ms. Cole learned about the meeting just minutes before it began and contacted the office. The office granted us a continuance. The new meeting will be May 10th, 2024.**

**I seek a motion for council to be represented at the hearing by an employment attorney from the NC League of Municipalities, recommended by the League or a criminal attorney from the Freedmen Law Group in Charlotte.**

**Motion:**

**Mayor Pro Tem Moody**

**Second:**

## **Councilwoman Parker**

**I have a motion and a 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**

**The motion passed.**

## **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.**

Jerry from Pinesage: Asks if the council has come to a decision on speedbumps. Mayor Gaddy responds that it is still in discussion. Citizen Jerry also asks questions pertaining to the “second flashing sign” and the second police car. Mayor Gaddy explains that we are in the process of working on these loose ends and that the Chief will need to be involved. Citizen Jerry goes onto ask if he could go to the Pinehurst Fire Department on behalf of Pinesage to perform a controlled burn on a marshy area in the Pinesage subdivision. Ms. Cole responds that it needs to be cleared with the Pinesage HOA.

## **IX. Old Business**

### **A. Truist Bank and Sovran (Online Bill Payment Services)**

**Council discussed some issues relative to former and current employees, and a contract with Truist Bank and Sovran for our online banking services.**

**We had a meeting with Truist Bank's representatives, Brian from Sovran, and Jalyn Black who is updating our website. We had the opportunity to review the contract and ask questions.**

**We have promised our community that online bill pay is going to happen so I seek a motion to sign the contract with Truist and Sovran to proceed with setting up the online payment process for the town.**

Motion: So moved

Mayor Pro Tem Moody

Second:

Councilwoman Parker

**I have a motion and a 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**

**The motion passed.**

### **B. Spectrum Phone Service**

The town was paying three phone and internet companies for service. We have transferred our service to one company. Spectrum is providing service for the Town Hall, including the police department, museum, and town hall.

X. **New Business**

**Staff Reports – Town Administrator – Carolyn Cole**

1. **Administration Department**

i. **The Planning Board. The names are in alphabetical order by last name.**

**Ronda Brady**

**Garry Brown**

**Jeffrey Moody**

**Connie Pearson**

**Lottie Mason**

**Orientation and training will be noticed for the Planning Board for the last week in April.**

**I like for each department manager to give a brief overview of what's happening in their department.**

2. **Police Department – Chief Michael Hobgood**

Swearing-in ceremony.

Police Car from Whispering Pines

**Chief, have you been contacted about any traffic planning regarding the U.S. open June 10th-16th.**

**Answer: No**

2. **Finance Department – Calvin Blanton, Mgr.**

**Payroll-** ADP finally received all if the information it required to reset the town's payroll. Everyone is on direct deposit as of the next pay date which is Friday.

Bond - Council approved Mayor Gaddy as Finance Officer. Mayor Gaddy, Mayor Pro Tem Moody, and Councilwoman Cotton completed the applications for the \$250k Fidelity Bond. Did you receive anything from Travelers or anyone at the NCLM, Patrice Adams? Check your spam and I will follow up with Ms. Adams.

Budget Workshop - Mr. Calvin Blanton, our Finance Manager will be with us in person after April 15 for budget planning and workshop. I would like to confirm a schedule for the public hearing and workshops leading up to budget adoption. When you receive the information, please confirm your schedules.

Audit - Town Audit was due in October 2023. We would like to set a meeting with Ken Anderson, the town auditor during budget planning and budget workshop. We are still unraveling some of the aspects of the town's finances and financial reporting. We've gone as far as we can go with what we found and put back together. We ask that Council ask Ken Anderson, Steve Francis of LKC, and several contractors to appear before town council during the public hearing on the budget.

**Council, I seek a motion to direct town attorney Morgan to send a letter to Ken Anderson, Steve Francis, and other contractors requesting their appearance at town council's public hearing on the budget to answer questions concerning town finances.**

**Motion: So moved.**

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, Councilmembers, please vote by saying yes or no.**

**Ms. Cole, please call the vote.**

**Mayor Gaddy**

**Mayor Pro Tem Moody**

**Councilwoman Cotton**

**Councilwoman Parker**

**Councilman Taylor**

**All present voted in the affirmative.**

**The motion passed.**

3. **Public Works & Utilities Department – Darnell Price, Mgr**

Water Quality Report

Meter Reading Equipment Status Report

FEMA Flood Map

Maintenance & Repairs

Clearing

**Parks and Recreation: The gym opened last Saturday with Mayor Gaddy and Dallas Gaddy supervising the young people.**

**We will talk to the Boys and Girls Club about their interest in using the pool and get back to Council with more details.**

**That concludes our staff report. Thank you.**

**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 April 23, 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**

**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.**