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#### City of Taylor City Council

Bernabe Gonzales Mayor District 2

Donald R. Hill Mayor Pro Tem District 1

John McDonald District 3

Ella Jez District 4

Rod Hortenstine At Large

#### WHO TO CALL AT CITY HALL?

General Information 352-3675

Municipal Court 352-5977

Street Department 352-5818

Water Bills 352-2066

Library 352-3434

## **Second Street Support**

City, county and state officials are committing their support to allocate funds for much needed improvements to Second Street. A coalition of these funding sources will be necessary to make the project a reality.

State Representative Mike Krusee announced his intentions to continue negotiations with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) for funding road improvements to the Second Street portion of Highway 79 from Debus Drive to Main Street. TxDOT is being asked to provide roadway design and construction.

Williamson County Princinct 4 Commissioner Ron Morrison is committing to working for an estimated \$14.5 million



Second Street looking east.

from the County's recently passed road bond package. Williamson County funds would be used for the required environmental assessment, design and drainage construction improvements.

The City of Taylor will consider an estimated \$1.5 million contribution to provide for utility relocation as part of the project.

# **City Council Update**

Mayor Bernabe Gonzales and Mayor Pro Tem Don Hill were both reelected for another one-year term by their Council peers in the June 14 City Council meeting.

The following reappointments were made: Associate Municipal Court Judge Dolores Chavana was reappointed for another twoyear term. Leon Nickerson was reappointed for a three-year term to the Civil Service Commission.

A City Proclamation was made to commemorate the dedication of a Texas Historical marker for the home of Dr. James L. Dickey.



Texas Historical Marker located at Dickey Home



## Farmers Market Now Open

Fresh fruits and vegetables are bountiful at the popular Taylor Area Farmers Market. Visitors can find excellent choices of produce being offered at value prices by local growers. Located on the east side of Main at Fifth Street, the market is open from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. every Monday and Wednesday until the fall.

### Code Enforcement Reminder

Property owners and residents are reminded of requirements to keep their premises mowed and reasonably free of weeds, tall grass and underbrush. No grass can exceed 12 inches in height and underbrush cannot exceed 18 inches in height. Compliance is important to the appearance of our community.

This requirement includes the property between the owner's property line and the edge of the pavement of a street and to the center of any alley that abuts the owner's property.

# Taylor Police Department Gets Homeland Security Grant

The Taylor Police Department has been awarded a \$172,316 grant for equipment that will greatly enhance the department's capabilities in providing safety and security for the citizens of the Taylor area and specifically for the protection of the Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) facility located in Taylor.

The grant request initiated by Chief Jeff Straub was approved by the U. S. Department of Homeland Security as part of its Buffer Zone Protection Program. Included in the equipment to be provided from the grant are mobile data computing and digital mobile video units for Police cars along with the server and accessories.

The grant was awarded with no matching funds required by the City of Taylor.

## Library Gift

The Taylor Conservation & Heritage Society (TCHS) has donated a brand new Minolta Microfilm Reader/Printer to the Taylor Public Library.

The much needed unit cost over \$10,000 and was purchased by the TCHS with Society money and funds raised by its members and local civic organizations.

## July 4th in Murphy Park

Murphy Park Neighborhood Assn.
Red, White & Blue Parade - 10 am
Taylor Jaycees Fajita Cook-off - All Day
Taylor Jaycees Fireworks at Dark
TIF Tennis Tournament, July 4-7
Swimming & Miniature Golf

City of Taylor Offices and Library will be closed on July 4th. Regular garbage pickup will be done.

#### Movies in Your Park

"Happy Feet"

July 27 at Dusk - FREE!

Murphy Park at W. 12th St. water tower

Bring blankets, lawn chairs and

### **MOSQUITO SPRAY!**

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## City Calendar of Events for July

July 3	Zoning Board of Adjustments @ 6 pm
July 10	Planning & Zoning Commission @ 6 pm
July 12	City Council @ 6 pm
July 16	Moody Museum Board @ 5:30 pm
July 16	Main Street Advisory Board @ 6:30 pm
July 17	Parks & Recreation Board @ 6 pm
July 17	Library Board @ 6 pm
July 24	City Council @ 6 pm
July 26	Airport Advisory Board @ 6:30 pm

Agendas are posted at City Hall and at www.ci.taylor.tx.us. Call 352-3675 for additional information.

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