

City of Taylor
Regular City Council Meeting
Taylor City Hall, Council Chambers, 400 Porter Street
September 13, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Brandt Rydell declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the following present:

Council Member Dwayne Ariola
Council Member Robert Garcia
Council Member Mitch Drummond
Mayor Pro Tem Christine Lopez

Isaac Turner, City Manager
Jeff Jenkins, Assistant City Manager
Ted Hejl, City Attorney
Dianna Barker, City Clerk

INVOCATION - Chief Ekiss gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Isaac Turner introduced Tom Yantis, the new Director of Development Services/ACM.

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION

Melanie Rathke, 5101 FM 619 - gave an update on the petition circulating to keep the animal shelter in Taylor. 731 signatures so far. 131 are outside of Taylor, 600 are within the city.

This item was postponed until later in the meeting pending the arrival of Chairman Jeffery Heyman.

BOARDS & COMMISSION PRESENTATION

CONSENT AGENDA

2. **Approve minutes from August 23rd and September 6, 2018 Council meetings. (Dianna Barker)**
3. **Approve Interlocal contract with the Capital Area Emergency Communications District (CAECD) for public safety answering point maintenance, equipment and training (PSAP) for FY 2019. (Chief Henry Fluck)**

Council Member Ariola requested to pull item #2 and questioned if the Council did vote on the \$478,812.50 construction project dollar amount to Westar Construction at the September 6th special called meeting. The vote was to award the contract to Westar Construction and the \$478,812.50 dollar amount was part of that award recommendation from HDR.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Lopez to approve consent agenda item #2 as presented. Motion was seconded by Council Member Drummond. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Rydell stated that he is currently on the Executive Committee CAECD Board so he does not approve funding for Taylor. City Attorney Hejl agreed that would not affect his ability to vote on this issue.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Lopez to approve consent agenda item #3 as presented. Motion was seconded by Council Member Ariola. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING/ORDINANCES

4. Approve Ordinance 2018-11 adopting the annual budget for FY 2018/2019 and take a record vote.

Finance Director Rosemarie Dennis stated that the proposed budget now needs to be adopted. All required public hearings have been completed. Williamson County is requesting the budget and tax rate be adopted prior to September 15th.

Motion was made by Council Member Ariola stating, "I move to adopt Ordinance 2018-11 approving a budget that will raise more property taxes than last year's budget by \$511,745 or 8.5%, and of that amount \$182,323 is tax revenue from new property added to the roll this year."
Motion was seconded by Council Member Drummond.

Mayor Rydell asked the City Secretary to call for a record vote.
Council Member Drummond voted Yes.
Mayor Rydell voted Yes.
Mayor Pro-Tem Lopez voted Yes.
Council Member Garcia voted Yes.
Council Member Ariola voted Yes.

Motion carried unanimously.

5. Approve Ordinance 2018-12 fixing and levying ad valorem tax rate for tax year 2018/2019 and take a record vote.

Finance Director Rosemarie Dennis stated the City now needs to pass an ordinance adopting a tax rate for the upcoming fiscal year. All public hearings and notices have been completed.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Lopez stating, "I move to adopt Ordinance 2018-12 fixing and levying Ad Valorem tax for the 2018-19 tax year and that the property tax rate is set as:

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| <i>Maintenance & Operation (M & O):</i> | <i>\$0.595998</i> |
| <i>Interest & Sinking (I & S):</i> | <i>\$0.192002</i> |
| <i>Total Tax Rate:</i> | <i>\$0.788000</i> |

Motion was seconded by Council Member Robert Garcia.

Mayor Rydell asked the City Secretary to call for a record vote.
Council Member Drummond voted Yes.
Mayor Rydell voted Yes.
Mayor Pro-Tem Lopez voted Yes.
Council Member Garcia voted Yes.
Council Member Ariola voted Yes.

Motion carried unanimously.

6. Approve Ordinance 2018-13 establishing fees for city services for FY 2018/2019.

Finance Director Rosemarie Dennis stated that this ordinance is to amend the current fee schedule for city services for FY2018-19 to coincide with the adoption of the budget and tax rate. The 3 areas in which changes are made to the current fee schedule are Airport, Cemetery, and Utility Rates for Water and Sewer. The fee schedule will be effective October 1, 2018.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Lopez to approve Ordinance No. 2018-13 as presented. Motion was seconded by Council Member Ariola. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Consider introducing Ordinance No. 2018-16, Assignment Pay Ordinance (Chief Fluck/Chief Ekiss)

Police Chief Fluck explained that the assignment pay and seniority pay are renewed annually during the budget process each year. Assignment pay provides funding for Police Department and Fire Department skilled positions.

Hearing no objection, Mayor Rydell asked the City Attorney to read the caption of the ordinance as presented.

ORDINANCE NO. 2018-16

AN ORDINANCE CREATING "ASSIGNMENT PAY" FOR CERTAIN ASSIGNMENTS WITHIN THE FIRE AND POLICE DEPARTMENTS; "SENIORITY PAY" IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT; PROVIDING A REPEALER CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND AN EXPIRATION DATE FOR THIS ORDINANCE.

No action was taken.

REGULAR AGENDA; REVIEW/DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTION

8. Consider Heritage Square Splash Pad design.

Kelly Kaatz with HDR Engineering stated that per Council's direction an alternative splash pad design prepared by Brent Humphreys was obtained and presented. Brent Humphrey gave a presentation of the new design.

Motion was made by Council Member Ariola to approve the Splash Pad design as presented with a \$20,000.00 cap on the cost of implementing the design. Motion was seconded by Council Member Garcia. Motion carried unanimously.

City Council took a break at 7:17p.m.

City Council reconvened back into session at 7:25p.m.

Jeffery Heyman, Chairman of the Airport Board arrived. City Council considered this item at this time.

BOARDS & COMMISSION PRESENTATION

1. Update on Airport Board (Chairman Jeffery Heyman)

Board Chairman Jeffery Heyman gave a brief power point presentation on the board's activities.

Motion was made by Council Member Garcia to accept the update as presented. Motion was seconded by Council Member Drummond. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Receive update on a change to the residential recycling schedule.

John Hammond with Waste Connections stated that the recycling program has been very successful and presented an update on the residential recycle program and described the route changes necessary to improve service for the program. Waste Connections will send out a notice to residents notifying them of the new dates of service.

Motion was made by Council Member Garcia to accept the update as presented and approve the changing recycling dates for some routes. Motion was seconded by Council Member Drummond. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Consider adopting a new multi-family recycling program, to include new rates for single trash cart customers.

Per Council's request to look at other recycling opportunities, John Hammond with Waste Connections presented a multifamily single recycling cart program and new rates associated with the program. This is a voluntary program only. The new program will have a rate of \$7.00 a month for a single recycling cart to be used by one customer, picked up every other week. If the cart will be used by multiple customers, the rate will be \$16.00 per month for every other week pick up.

Motion was made by Council Member Ariola to accept and implement the multi-family recycling program as presented and to review the success of the program at a later date. Motion was seconded by Council Member Garcia. Motion carried unanimously.

11. Discuss and consider Resolution R18-21 to approve the submission of a grant application to the United States Department of Transportation Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) Discretionary Grants Program.

Judy Langford explained that this resolution is to apply for a federal grant funding for a Track 1 Planning Project under the U.S. DOT's Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) program to assess the feasibility of constructing a passenger rail station. Of the eighteen in-service Amtrak stops in Texas, Taylor is the only one without a passenger station and basic facilities. It is recommended City Council approve the resolution to approve the submission of a grant application and authorize the City manager to act as the City's Executive Officer and authorized representative in all matters pertaining to the City's participation in the CRISI Program and also approving a minimum match of 20%. Amtrak and businesses owners have submitted letters of support.

Citizen comment: Joe Burgess, 1801 Oak Lawn Dr. – Thanked council for efforts to improve downtown and encouraged the Council to keep the ball rolling on this project.

Motion was made by Council Member Garcia to approve Resolution R18-21 as presented approving the grant application submission, authorize the City Manager to act as the City's Executive Officer, and approve a minimum of a 20% match. Motion was seconded by Council Member Drummond. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Discuss and consider future meeting dates.

City Clerk Dianna Barker stated that the regularly scheduled Council meeting for October 11th conflicts with the TML Conference and no quorum would be present on that date, the Council meeting scheduled for November 22nd conflicts with Thanksgiving, and the Council meeting scheduled for December 27th is only two days after Christmas. Historically the City Council has cancelled the second meet in November and December due to holidays.

Motion was made by Council Member Garcia to cancel the October 11th, November 22nd, and December 27th regular city council meetings. Motion was seconded by Council Member Ariola. Motion carried unanimously.

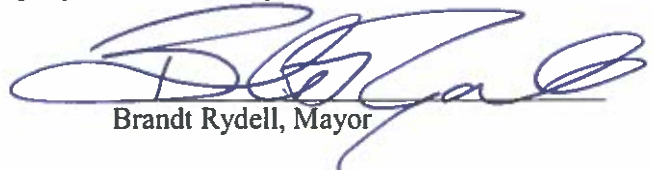
Executive Session I. The Taylor City Council will conduct a closed executive meeting under Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code regarding personnel matters to include the evaluation of a public officer or employee. City Manager Evaluation

The City Council adjourned to go into executive session at 8:33p.m.
The City Council reconvened into regular session at 10:03p.m.

No action was taken.

ADJOURN

With no further action Mayor Rydell declared the meeting adjourned at 10:03 p.m.


Brandt Rydell, Mayor

ATTEST:


Dianna Barker, City Clerk

