

City of Taylor
Regular City Council Meeting
Taylor City Hall, Council Chambers, 400 Porter Street
May 23, 2019 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:

Mayor Pro-Tem Dwayne Ariola
Council Member Robert Garcia
Council Member Mitch Drummond
Council Member Gerald Anderson

Jeff Jenkins, Interim City Manager
Ted Hejl, City Attorney
Dianna Barker, City Clerk

INVOCATION – Commander Branson gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PROCLAMATIONS

1. **National Public Works Week, May 19-25**
Councilmember Anderson read and presented the proclamation to Director of Public Works Jim Gray and staff members of Public Works.

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION

Tom Mowdy, 1805 Covey Ave. – Concerned about what he considers crimes committed by Taylor Housing Authority and requested the Mayor and City Attorney do something about it.

Sheena Neisen, 1121 W. 7th St. - Concerned about cars parked in front of her house, causing her to not be able to get her son to the sidewalk and into cars safely and easily. Ms. Neisen requested the city put up a handicap sign in front of her residence and pass an ordinance prohibiting the blocking of sidewalks. Ms. Neisen also requests something be done about the late and loud parties being held next door to her. Many businesses located on Main Street do not have proper handicap parking signs.

CONSENT AGENDA

2. **Approve minutes from May 9, 2019 regular Council meeting and May 14, 2019 special called Council meeting.**
3. **Consider Ordinance 2019-14, prohibiting smoking at Pierce Park (Skate Park).**
4. **Approve 1-year extension to Auditing agreement with Brooks Watson & Company.**
5. **Concur with preliminary financials for April 2019**

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Ariola to approve the consent agenda items as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Drummond. Motion carried unanimously.

REGULAR AGENDA; REVIEW/DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTION

6. **Receive evaluation of open container ordinance adopted June 14, 2018 regarding alcoholic beverages in the Central Business District.**
Police Chief Fluck stated that for the eleven months since this ordinance was approved by City Council, the Police Department has had no reported issues of violations or non-compliance. The

Police Department has not received nor responded to any calls for service relating to this ordinance, has not observed any violations, and has not taken any enforcement actions nor issued any citations for non-compliance. The Police Department recommends the continuance of the Ordinance.

Motion was made by Councilmember Drummond to receive the evaluation as presented. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Ariola. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Discuss and consider Heritage Square rental policy and fee schedule.

Larry Foos, Director of Parks & Recreation, stated this item is coming back to Council from a previous meeting with requested changes. Staff feels the amphitheater and pavilion in Heritage Square should be rented only to groups putting on events that are open to the public. Mr. Foos presented and went over the rental policy and a proposed fee schedule.

Motion was made by Councilmember Drummond to approve the Heritage Square rental policy and fee schedule as presented. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Ariola. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Rydell read the executive session meeting announcement and adjourned into executive session at 6:31p.m.

Executive Session I. The Taylor City Council will conduct a closed executive meeting under Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code in order to meet with its City Attorney on a matter in which the duty of the Attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas authorize and allow such a closed meeting and which Rules conflict with the Texas Open Meetings Act.

- a. Givens Community Center

The Council reconvened into regular session at 7:08p.m.

Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia to move forward with discussions with Welfare Workers Club (WWC) on the design of the new Community Center and have staff negotiate an agreement to allow the WWC to coordinate events at the facility. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Anderson. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN

With no further action Mayor Rydell declared the meeting adjourned at 7:10p.m.


Brandt Rydell, Mayor

ATTEST:


Dianna Barker, City Clerk