

## **Town of Taylor Minutes of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen Regular Monthly Meeting on October 2, 2012**

Be it remembered that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Taylor, Mississippi, met in a Regular Meeting at the Town Hall on this the first Tuesday, the second day of October, 2012, at 7:00 p.m., with the following officers and members present, constituting a legal quorum to-wit:

Mayor Jim Hamilton; Alderman Tim Bridges; Alderman Betty Kisner; Alderman Pete Brummett; Alderman Courtney Covington-Nichols; Alderman Lyn Roberts; and Clerk Richard Williams.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Hamilton, and the following business was had and done to-wit:

**Adopt Agenda:** Alderman Kisner made a motion to adopt the meeting agenda; the motion was duly seconded by Alderman Brummett and passed unanimously.

**Approve September 4, 2012, Meeting Minutes:** Upon motion of Alderman Bridges, seconded by Alderman Covington-Nichols, and passed unanimously, it was ordered that the minutes for the September 4, 2012, meeting be approved.

**Approve October 2, 2012, Claims Docket:** Upon a motion made by Alderman Brummett, duly seconded by Alderman Roberts and passed unanimously, it was ordered that the Docket of Claims dated October 2, 2012, be approved.

**Lafayette County Road Report:** None

**Old Business:** Vote on changes to printed Amendment to Plein Master Plan.

Clerk Williams explained the changes to the Amendment to Plein Air Master Plan presented in writing. Alderman Roberts moved that the Amendment to Plein Air Master Plan be adopted as presented. Alderman Bridges seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

**New Business:**

Report on Privilege Licenses. Clerk Williams reported that twelve (12) business privilege licenses had been issued so far. There are four (4) known businesses that have not submitted their applications;

Plein Air Road Paving Bond/Letter of Credit. Mayor Hamilton reported that the county engineer notified him that the existing letter of credit (\$86,400) guaranteeing the completion of road paving in Plein Air Phase 1 will expire December 15, 2012. Since Plein Air streets are Town of Taylor streets, the county will not continue to be involved in the "guarantee/finalization" process. The original process began in 2006 with a time frame of 2 years. The time frame has been extended twice resulted in the December 15, 2012 expiration. The county advised that going forward, a bond is preferable to a letter of credit. Thirty days (30) advance notice is required to redeem a letter of credit, therefore some decision should be made by November 15, 2012. When a letter of credit expires, recourse expires. Recourse under a bond for non-performance can be sought after the expiration date. Mayor Hamilton recommended that the Town offer to grant Plein Air a two (2) year extension to the final paving time frame for Phase 1 under the coverage of a bond in an amount sufficient to cover current cost estimates plus allowance for inflation. Alderman Brummett made a motion that the Mayor extend an offer to Plein Air via letter from the Town Attorney to continue the paving guarantee process for two (2) years guaranteed by bond, the amount of said bond to be reviewed and modified, if necessary, at the end of the first year. Alderman bridges seconded the motion which then passed unanimously;

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Community Use of Town Hall Facility Clarification. Mayor Hamilton stated that residents of the Town are allowed, by vote of the Board of Alderman to use the Town Hall building for personal activities. Recent uses of Town Hall have brought up the need for clarification of the use policy. A request / reservation form needs to be designed for citizens to fill out. Such form might include provision for a fee to be charged if the citizen does not clean up after their event. Possibly, a statement limiting use to individuals or not for profit organizations should be included. Decision should be made concerning recurring use (ie. monthly meeting). Clerk Williams will work on such a form to present to the board at a future meeting;

Petty Cash. Mayor Hamilton described the recent challenges of purchasing gasoline. Writing a check for gasoline at Hilltop with Hilltop's recent problems keeping gasoline available for sale isn't working. He stated that the Town is allowed by statute to maintain a "Petty Cash" fund for small, incidental, budgeted purchases. Clerk Williams will establish and maintain a \$100 petty cash fund to address the problem.

**Public Comment:** None

**Mayor's Report:** Mayor Hamilton reported that some of the Town's street lights along Cotton Road will be relocated for the MDOT bridge project. He is concerned that, since the power poles will stay in their relocated positions after the road is re-opened in its original path, the street lights might remain "off the road". He will contact Northeast Mississippi Electric and MDOT to find out if they plan to take care of the street lights;

Mayor Hamilton is going to request that the Town Attorney begin work on an Interlocal Agreement with Lafayette County concerning Garbage Collection;

Replacement of the Christmas Tree is still under consideration;

The board should begin planning for the Christmas Open House.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned until the next meeting, scheduled for Tuesday, November 6, 2012, at 7:00 p.m.

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Jim Hamilton, Mayor

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Richard Williams, Clerk

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