

Town of Taylor Minutes of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen
Regular Monthly Meeting on June 3, 2014

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 third day of June, 2014, at 7:00 p.m., with the following officers and members present, constituting a legal quorum to-wit:

Mayor Jim Hamilton; Aldermen: Tim Bridges; Betty Kisner; Courtney Covington-Nichols; Ellen Meacham; Jimmie Willingham; 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 Bridges moved to adopt the meeting agenda; the motion was duly seconded by Alderman Willingham and passed unanimously.

Approve Prior Meeting Minutes: Alderman Willingham moved that the minutes for the May 6, 2014, meeting be approved; the motion was seconded by Alderman Kisner, and passed unanimously.

Approve Current Claims Docket: Alderman Kisner moved to approve the Docket of Claims dated June 3, 2014; the motion was duly seconded by Alderman Meacham and passed unanimously.

Town Clerk's Report:

Lafayette County Road Report: Clerk Williams presented the following:

Mowed grass on CR 343 - Peddler Field Road; Mowed grass on CR 338 - 1st Street; Mowed grass on CR 323 - Depot Street; Mowed grass on CR 335 - Cutoff Road; Mowed grass on CR 337 - Old River Road

Planning Commission Report:

Clerk Williams reported that the changes to the Planning and Development Ordinance which were recommended by the Planning Commission were ready for review. The affected pages are:

Page 2, added paragraph 2.1.2.: Any questions or disputes concerning the definition of terms which are not specifically listed below shall be resolved based on the definitions contained in the publication "The Planner's Dictionary";

Page 6, added paragraph 2.2.58.: School: School means any public or private entity organized for the purpose of providing education as required by Mississippi law for persons of compulsory school age or any such entity organized for the purpose of providing other educational services based on a stated curriculum for persons not of compulsory school age. A home school, day care center or day care home shall not be considered a school.;

Move subsequent paragraphs in Section 2 down in sequence;

Page 14, Table Item 5.1: Remove "and Daycares" leaving "Schools" as the sole item 5.1;

Page 17, Table Items 22.1 and 22.2: Remove "PA" from the "VC" column thereby disallowing Day Care Centers in the Village Center zoning district;

Page 35, Paragraph 10.1.2, Second sentence: change the number "5" to the number "6" reflecting the Board of Aldermen action of originally and purposely placing six (6) members on the Planning Commission.

Alderman Covington-Nichols moved that the changes recommended by the Planning Commission be brought before the public in a hearing as required for amendment of an ordinance. Alderman Willingham seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Clerk Williams reported that building and safety codes are mentioned in the Planning and Development Code Ordinance in paragraph 12.1.4. That paragraph states that criteria set forth in the ordinance "shall insofar as possible be consistent with local, state, and federal guidelines and regulations, including, but not limited to, building safety and fire codes and the Secretary of the Interior's Standards For Rehabilitation."

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The ordinance does not refer to a specific set of such codes. Mayor Hamilton said that the current status of the Town's adoption of code requirements will be reviewed with Planning Administrator Barber and that an official resolution should be made by the Board of Aldermen adopting the appropriate codes.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Public Comment: None

Mayor's Report: Mayor Hamilton reported that he is working on the following items:

Ongoing research and study for appropriate staffing of the municipal judicial system;

Continuing work on Policy and Procedure Manual;

Review of existing ordinances for possible deletions and the need for updates or new ordinances;

Composition and negotiation of Interlocal agreements with Lafayette County for Trash Services and Fire Protection Services;

Renewal of Franchise Tax agreements with local utility companies and review of the requirements for special elections and legal advice in doing so;

Development of the Fiscal Budget for the coming year for presentation at the next meeting;

Possible addition to the town hall for a clerk's customer service area and workstation and a mayor's office.

Review of the relationship(s) existing between the Town of Taylor, Taylor 9 Fire Department, Inc., and Taylor Water Association, Inc.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned until the next meeting, scheduled for Tuesday, July 1, at 7:00 p.m.

Jim Hamilton, Mayor
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Richard Williams, Clerk