

The Village of Taylor
Minutes of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen
Regular Monthly Meeting
April 5, 2011

Be it remembered that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Village of Taylor, Mississippi, met in a Regular Meeting at the Village Hall on this the first Tuesday, the fifth day of April, 2011, at 7:00 p.m., with the following officers and members present, constituting a legal quorum to-wit:

Mayor Jim Hamilton, Alderman Lyn Roberts, Alderman Noel Montgomery, Alderman Pete Brummett, Alderman Betty Kisner, Alderman Tim Bridges and Clerk Lisa Harrison.

Several Taylor residents were also in attendance.

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

Agenda:

The agenda that had been posted was amended in three ways. First, the title was changed to read "Village of Taylor," not "Town of Taylor" because our name has not yet officially changed. Second, the item listed as "Town, Not Village" was moved from the Mayor's Report to New Business. Third, the March 8, 2011, recessed meeting minutes were added for approval. Alderman Brummett made a motion to adopt the amended meeting agenda; motion was seconded by Alderman Bridges and passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes:

Upon motion of Alderman Kisner, duly seconded by Alderman Roberts, and passed unanimously, it was ordered that the minutes for the March 1, 2011, and the March 8, 2011, meetings be approved.

Claims Docket:

Alderman Bridges made a motion duly seconded by Alderman Brummett and passed unanimously; it was ordered that the Docket of Claims dated April 5, 2011, be approved.

Old Business:

a. Road Maintenance Agreement

Lafayette County Board of Supervisors attorney, David O'Donnell, spoke to our attorney, Bill Sloan, to dictate by phone a change in wordage of the Interlocal Agreement (Road and Street Maintenance Agreement). To make sure he correctly understood the wording, Mr. Sloan asked Mr. O'Donnell to also fax the change to him. As of this meeting, Mr. Sloan had not received the fax and was writing a letter requesting a written copy of the change. The Board of Aldermen will wait to see what happens. No action taken at this time.

b. Update Village Ordinances

Working on list of new ordinances. No action taken at this time.

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c. Resort Status for Plein Air

Mayor Hamilton outlined, in brief, the implications of resort status being requested by Campbell McCool. State law already allows liquor and wine sales in Taylor. If the Board of Aldermen applies for the resort status, the Board can make a request for limitation of hours of operation, and the Mississippi Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission (ABC) will take that request into consideration. The following discussion was held:

Campbell McCool: I have lost six prospective restaurants at Plein Air due to inability to sell beer. Resort Status will be an economic stimulant for Taylor, as well as Plein Air. A new restaurant opportunity is currently pending if Resort Status passes. I voluntarily agree to prohibit sales on Sundays and after midnight. I have also received frequent requests to host weddings, etc., and Resort Status would allow me to offer a full event package.

Katherine Daigle: Asked why restaurants need beer if they can already serve wine and liquor. Would restrictive hours be imposed by ABC or Campbell McCool?

Mayor Hamilton: ABC imposes restrictions.

Katherine Daigle: Posed question about being outside limits of incorporated municipality and about holding an election to determine sales.

Alderman Montgomery: Spoke to ABC attorney, Harold Rogers. Taylor is too small to hold an election to determine beer sales. Resort status would take the town's recommendation under consideration, but ultimately can give full 24/7/365 operation to Plein Air. If Plein Air is granted Resort Status, why not ask for Resort Status for the whole town?

Alderman Kisner: If resort status can be applied to any business, why do all Oxford businesses not apply?

Mayor Hamilton: Resort Status does not apply to particular business, but runs with the property. Oxford already held an election on beer and alcohol sales.

Mr. Calfee: Is there a law against how far a bar has to be located from a church?

Mayor Hamilton: Yes. They must be 400 feet apart if in different zoning districts or 100 feet apart if in same district. A church can waive the distance requirement.

Mr. Calfee: Concerned about impact of delivery trucks, added traffic, and policing of bars. Said Plein Air was originally marketed as a family-oriented neighborhood.

Larry Wills: How will this impact the Montessori School?

Campbell McCool: We are aware of the restrictions on distance.

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Karyn Jankowski: As head mistress of the Montessori School, main concern is for the children and their potential exposure to drunken behavior. She would move the school, if need be.

Mayor Hamilton: According to Plein Air's master plan, the Montessori School is in a temporary location and will ultimately be located elsewhere on the property.

Edye Conkerton: If Taylor applies, would it apply for Commercial District at Plein Air, or for whole town?

Mayor Hamilton: Intention was to apply for Plein Air Commercial District.

Richard McCoy: Was the Ravine's Resort Status denied by the Lafayette County Board of Supervisors?

Mayor Hamilton: Yes.

Richard McCoy: And the Ravine went ahead and applied to the ABC and was granted Resort Status.

Mark Stone: Concerned with traffic and policing of the neighborhood, loud noise, and safety of the children. Hopes Taylor can try to mitigate people being hurt.

Courtney Nichols: Purchased her home in Taylor because she grew up in a small town and loves small towns. Plein Air's covenants don't even allow students to live in the neighborhood, so she has confidence that Mr. McCool would make sure the neighborhood is taken care of.

Katherine Daigle: What hours?

Campbell McCool: Close at midnight.

Katherine Daigle: What time would you open?

Campbell McCool: Hadn't really thought about it.

Katherine Daigle: Why does Plein Air think it is a resort area? What does it have that attracts people? No historical significance.

Alice Hammell: Most of the customers at Tin Pan Alley Art & Antiques travel here from out of town and a lot from out of state.

Alan Castle: Isn't beer regulated by the ABC and State Tax Commission?

Mayor Hamilton: Yes, all laws pertaining to beer have to be adhered to.

Alan Castle: So the ABC can still police beer sales by permit?

Mayor Hamilton: Yes.

Alan Castle: So then the reason the ABC cannot enforce a permit at Taylor Grocery is because Taylor Grocery doesn't have a permit?

Mayor Hamilton: Yes.

Katherine Daigle: So Taylor could have a package store?

Mayor Hamilton: Yes. Only certain locations are prohibited by the Development Code.

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Larry Wills: Was attracted to Taylor's quiet, bucolic atmosphere, but wants to see Plein Air succeed because he lives next door and is economically impacted. Taylor should be very deliberate in how it proceeds, in order to try and keep some regulation and grow Taylor in such a way to protect its residents and keep the family-oriented nature of the town.

Alderman Montgomery: Unhappy with the Sheriff's lack of patrolling the area.

Alan Castle: Anyone can call the Attorney General's office and report underage drinking being allowed in bars/restaurants.

Brooke Hamilton: Abbeville had a constable. How could we have one?

Alderman Montgomery: People here don't want it.

Linda Peal: Moved to Taylor for quiet and safety for her daughter. She trusts Mr. McCool. What is the fear of having a restaurant that serves alcohol? She doesn't think kids will drive all the way to Taylor to drink when they already have so many options in Oxford.

Courtney Nichols: A lot of fear seems to be about change in ownership of Plein Air. She wants Mr. McCool to succeed and continue with his plans for Plein Air. Wants his business to grow so Plein Air won't change ownership.

Katherine Daigle: Can address that in application.

Alderman Kisner: Would restrictions Mr. McCool agreed to be transferred to a new owner if Plein Air was ever sold?

Alderman Brummett: I think restrictions would transfer to new owner, who would have to go back before the ABC to have any changes made.

Mayor Hamilton: If Taylor applies on behalf of Plein Air, Mr. McCool will bear the expense.

Mark Stone: Worried about what will go on after people leave the establishment. Not saying that he's totally against it, but wants regulation.

Katherine Daigle: If a grocery store were to open at Plein Air, could they sell beer?

Mayor Hamilton: Yes, but not to be taken off the premises. Sale of beer is by the drink, because it would still be illegal outside the Resort in Lafayette County.

Mr. Calfee: Could Board of Aldermen set hours?

Mayor Hamilton: No. We can request specific hours, but the ABC sets hours.

Mr. Calfee: Could the hours be 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. instead of 10:00 a.m. to midnight?

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Alan Castle: The state is in the business of making money on liquor sales and doesn't really care when you sell. It's the standards of the community that maintain control.

Edye Conkerton: And it's in Mr. McCool's best interest to keep everyone happy.

Mayor Hamilton: The question is, do we want to have legal alcohol, or continue to have illegal alcohol?

Brooke Hamilton: And Taylor would get the tax revenue from legal alcohol.

Alderman Roberts: Remember Resort Status runs with the property. ABC license runs with the business or business owner.

Katherine Daigle: So if Taylor doesn't impose restrictions and Plein Air is sold, the next owner could do anything 24/7/365.

Campbell McCool: We could have gone out and gotten 150 signatures on a petition to bypass the Board of Aldermen, but we are trying to involve the town in the process. And we are voluntarily open to restrictions.

Alderman Roberts: So can the Mayor make the decision and the Board of Aldermen won't vote?

Mayor Hamilton: No, the Board votes and the minutes reflect the vote.

Alderman Roberts: I've spoken to lots of concerned members of the community, and am not sure I can endorse the issue at this time. But if the Board proceeds, the application should be very specific, with a provision that requires food service and provisions for issues that might arise.

Alderman Bridges: Is happy that Mr. McCool conceded to no sales on Sunday. I don't want to see a strictly "bar" move in.

Alderman Brummett: How would we stipulate food service?

Campbell McCool: I don't have a problem with hourly restrictions, but am worried about other restrictions being attached.

Edye Conkerton: Does the application ask for food sales?

Campbell McCool: No.

Alderman Brummett: Taylor residents I spoke to initially did not want to see Resort Status at Plein Air. Once they found out that Mr. McCool could apply without the Board, they preferred that the Board apply and retain what control we can.

Alderman Brummett made a motion that Mayor Hamilton submit the application on Plein Air's behalf, with restrictions including no sales before 10:00 a.m., no sales after 12:00 a.m., and no sales on Sundays. No second was given and the motion died.

Alderman Montgomery made a motion to deny support of the application; motion was seconded by Alderman Roberts. Aldermen Bridges and Brummett abstained,

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and Aldermen Montgomery, Roberts and Kisner voted in favor of the motion, so motion carried.

Mayor Hamilton decided to sign the application for Resort Status anyway, in order to ask for restrictive stipulations.

New Business:

a. Planning Commission Appointments

Terms for Planning Commissioners Bill Beckwith and Anita Hibbs expire on May 1, 2011. Both Commissioners have agreed to continue serving for another three years. Alderman Brummett made a motion to reappoint Commissioner Bill Beckwith and Commissioner Anita Hibbs; motion was seconded by Alderman Roberts and passed unanimously.

b. Report from Planning Commission

A sign permit was approved for Epatant Bridal Boutique, and a building permit was approved for a new residence at 302 Canvas Drive (Plein Air).

c. Request to Lafayette County Tax Collector to Collect Motor Vehicle Ad Valorem Tax

People who rent property in Taylor aren't currently paying any taxes here. If we request the Lafayette County Tax Collector to collect ad valorem tax on vehicle tags, we will get a little more revenue.

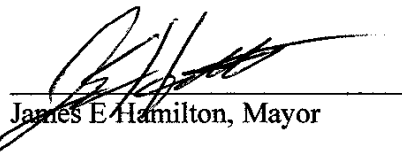
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AN ORDER FOR THE COLLECTION OF MOTOR VEHICLE AD VALOREM
TAXES

In the matter of collection of motor vehicle ad valorem taxes:


UPON THE MOTION of Alderman Tim Bridges, duly second by Alderman Lyn Roberts with Aldermen Tim Bridges, Lyn Roberts, Betty Kisner, Noel Montgomery and Pete Brummett voting for and no one voting against, the following order is placed upon the minutes:

The Board of Aldermen of the Village of Taylor do hereby request that the Tax Collector of Lafayette County, State of Mississippi collect our motor vehicle ad valorem taxes at the same time and in the same manner in which she collects the county and state ad valorem taxes on such motor vehicles for the ensuing fiscal year as provided by section 27-51-29 Mississippi Code 1972.



James E. Hamilton, Mayor

This is to certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the order that was passed by the Mayor and Board of Alderman of the Village of Taylor, Mississippi, at a regular meeting the 5th day of April, 2011



Lisa Harrison, Clerk of the Village of Taylor

d. Mowing of Right-of-way

Mayor Hamilton spoke to Marc Bryan, who is willing to continue mowing the right-of-way in Taylor at last year's price (\$300/mowing) on a week-to-week basis.

e. Club Car Maintenance

Alderman Montgomery stated that the Club Car's engine is burning oil, and it needs new tires. Mayor Hamilton wants to get as much mileage as possible out of the current tires and engine, but agrees that new tires must be purchased soon. He

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also recommends the Board look into purchasing a new engine once the summer season is over.

f. Liability Insurance

Alderman Montgomery asked how much liability insurance each alderman has. The total liability policy for the Board is \$1 million. Alderman Montgomery is concerned about needing an additional umbrella policy. The other Aldermen are not concerned.

g. Town, Not Village

The Board of Aldermen needs to pass an ordinance to change Taylor's name from the Village of Taylor to the Town of Taylor due to our increased population reported by the 2010 Census.

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ORDINACE NUMBER 2011-1

**AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE NAME OF THE VILLAGE OF TAYLOR,
MISSISSIPPI TO THE TOWN OF TAYLOR, MISSISSIPPI**

WHEREAS, according to the United States Census Bureau 2010 Census the population of the Village of Taylor, Mississippi is 322; and

WHEREAS, the State of Mississippi considers Municipalities with between 300 and 2000 residents to be Towns;

THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Village of Taylor, Mississippi:

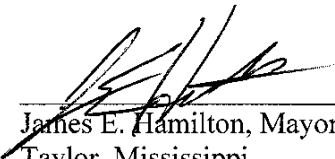
The official name of the Village of Taylor is hereby changed to the Town of Taylor.

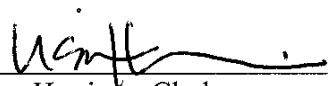
This ordinance shall take effect and be in force on and after the 5th day of May, 2011.

UPON THE MOTION of Alderman Pete Brummett, duly seconded by Alderman Lyn Roberts, the aforementioned ordinance was put to a vote with the voting as follows:

Alderman Tim Bridges:	Voted yea
Alderman Pete Brummett	Voted yea
Alderman Betty Kisner	Voted yea
Alderman Noel Montgomery	Voted yea
Alderman Lyn Roberts	Voted yea

ORDAINED AND ADOPTED, this the 5th day of April, 2011.


James E. Hamilton, Mayor
Taylor, Mississippi


Lisa Harrison, Clerk
Taylor, Mississippi

Public Comment:

All comments were made during the discussion regarding resort status for Plein Air.

Mayor's Report:

- a. Floodplain – Mayor Hamilton was told by Stacy Ricks at MEMA that Taylor is enrolled in the National Flood Insurance Program, has been issued a community number, and we will be receiving a letter confirming enrollment.

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b. Planning Commission – Over the next month, the Planning Commission will be updating the Subdivision Regulations, implementing building codes, building permits and building inspections. Also, the Board made a mistake when negotiating with Plein Air and did not discuss permitted uses. Campbell McCool will ask the Planning Commission for a zoning change to establish a table of permitted uses.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned until the next meeting, scheduled for Tuesday, May 3, 2011, at 7:00 p.m.

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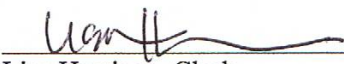
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