

Town of Taylor Minutes of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen Regular Monthly Meeting on March 1, 2016

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 first day of March, 2016, 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; Ellen Meacham; Jimmie Willingham; and Clerk Richard Williams.

Also present were citizens: Dee Dee Martz; and Justin Reid.
Alderman Courtney Covington was absent.

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

Adopt Agenda: Alderman Meacham 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 February 2, 2015, meeting be approved; the motion was seconded by Alderman Bridges, and passed unanimously.

Approve Current Claims Docket: Alderman Bridges moved to approve the Docket of Claims dated March 1, 2016; the motion was duly seconded by Alderman Meacham and passed unanimously.

Town Clerk's Report:

Lafayette County Road Report: Clerk Williams said that Lafayette County did not submit a Road Report.

Planning Commission Report: Clerk Williams reported that three (3) residential building permits were issued to Main Street Taylor, LLC., (Plein Air).

Old Business: Mayor Hamilton reported that the updated and combined Planning and Development Code Ordinance has been drafted and checked. It was sent to Planning Administrator Bob Barber for his review. Copies are being printed to distribute to the Board of Aldermen and the Planning Commission for review and comments before the April 5th, 2016 Public Hearing. The Public Hearing needs to entertain questions and comments on adoption of the 2012 International Building Codes for the Town. Alderman Willingham moved that the agenda for the Public Hearing to be held on Tuesday, the 5th day of April, 2016 at 6:30 PM at Town Hall be amended to include discussion of the adoption of the Building Codes. Alderman Meacham seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

New Business:

Request for Information for a 5K Race Event for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society:

Mrs. Dee Dee Martz informed the Board that she would like to organize a fundraising event to benefit the National Multiple Sclerosis Society on the morning of November 26, 2016. A professional event coordinator will be retained by her husband's firm to be in charge of the event. She had initially planned to have a 5K race but said they may want to hold a concurrent 10K race. She said the starting time would be either 7:00 or 7:30 AM and would last no more than 2 hours. She provided copies of two (2) area maps, each with a proposed line of travel for the two (2) races. She understood that they would need to provide adequate security personnel for traffic control and safety. Mayor Hamilton pointed out that a sizable portion of the lines of travel were on Main Street and Cotton Road, both of which are designated as State Highways. He said that the Mississippi Department of Transportation would need to review the plans and approve any traffic-flow interruptions. The northern line of travel for the 10K race appears to leave the Town Limits and then return into them. Lafayette County would need notification and would probably need to give approval, as well. Mrs. Martz thanked the board for the opportunity to come and receive information. She said that before she proceeds with the plans for the events, she would like to know if the Board would agree to allow the races if all requirements and approvals were obtained. All of the Board and the Mayor indicated that they would agree if all requirements and approvals were obtained. Clerk Williams provided Mrs. Martz with copies of the Use Permitted on Appeal Application forms.

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Discussion of Town Marshal and Code Enforcement Officer Duties:

Mayor Hamilton reported that Mississippi statute says the Town Marshal is the ex-officio law enforcement officer and acts as the constable and any other duties established by town ordinance(s). The Mayor said an ordinance pertaining to the Marshal's duties would be presented at next month's Board of Aldermen. The main duties of the Marshal will be serving notifications and warrants for violations of the Planning and Development Ordinance. The Code Enforcement duties would include writing and delivering citations for violations of other Town Ordinances.

Appointment of Micah East as Town Marshal and Code Enforcement Officer:

Mayor Hamilton reported that he has interviewed Lafayette County Deputy Sheriff Micah East and said he recommends that the Board appoint Deputy Sheriff East as Town Marshal and Code Enforcement Officer. Mr. East agreed to a set wage of one hundred dollars (\$100) per month. Alderman Bridges moved that the Board of Aldermen appoint Micah East as the Town of Taylor Marshal and Code Enforcement Officer at the monthly wage of one hundred dollars (\$100). Alderman Willingham duly seconded the motion which carried by unanimous vote.

Appointment of David Shaw as Town Hazard Mitigation Plan representative:

Mayor Hamilton stated the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) had declared the town "non-participating" in the 2015 Hazard Mitigation plan because the designated representative did not attend some of the "planning" meetings. Mississippi Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) to David Shaw, the Lafayette County Emergency Management Coordinator that the town could change its designation of representative to be David Shaw and that would satisfy FEMA's requirement. Alderman Meacham moved that David Shaw be designated as the 2015 Hazard Mitigation Plan representative. Alderman Willingham seconded the motion which then passed unanimously.

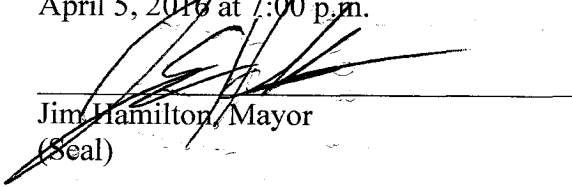
Discuss park benches instead of plastic mulch:

Mayor Hamilton suggested that the town replace the wooden park benches with two (2) painted aluminum benches for about three hundred dollars (\$300) each and to not purchase the plastic mulch for around the swing sets. There is a budgeted amount for Recreation/Equipment of two thousand dollars (\$2000) balance. No board action is required. The board did voice assent.

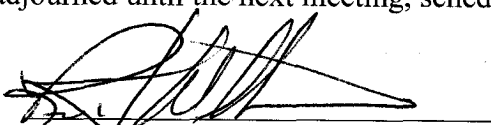
Mayor's Report: Mayor Hamilton said that he had met with Lafayette County Supervisors Chad McLarty and David Rikard. They discussed the Interlocal Agreement for Roads and the Mayor gave the agreement to them for presentation to the Board of Supervisors. The Mayor said he mentioned the need for striping of town streets, especially Old Taylor Road and First Street. He said that he asked for an estimated date for county action and that if it weren't scheduled soon, the town would proceed with contracting to have it done privately. The Mayor mentioned the county's website and the map there which doesn't show town street names. He asked about the part time building inspector and they said one is being hired for 20 hours per week. The Mayor plans to use the county's part time inspector on a contractor basis for town inspections.

Public Comment: None

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned until the next meeting, scheduled for Tuesday, April 5, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.



Jim Hamilton, Mayor
(Seal)



Richard Williams, Clerk