

Town of Taylor Minutes of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen
Regular Monthly Meeting on April 5, 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 fifth day of April, 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; Courtney Covington; Ellen Meacham; Jimmie Willingham; and Clerk Richard Williams.

Alderman Betty Kisner was absent.

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

Adopt Agenda: Alderman Covington moved to adopt the meeting agenda; the motion was duly seconded by Alderman Meacham and passed unanimously.

Approve Prior Meeting Minutes: Alderman Willingham moved that the minutes for the March 1, 2015, meeting be approved; the motion was seconded by Alderman Bridges, and passed unanimously.

Approve Current Claims Docket: Alderman Meacham moved to approve the Docket of Claims dated April 5, 2016; the motion was duly seconded by Alderman Willingham and passed unanimously.

Town Clerk's Report:

Lafayette County Road Report: Clerk Williams said that Lafayette County had:

Put in culvert on Cut Off Road;

Put ¾ Crusher Run gravel on Cut Off Road.

Planning Commission Report: Clerk Williams reported that two (2) residential building permits were issued to Dwindraft Investments, LLC., (Plein Air).

Old Business:

Planning and Development Code Ordinance: The proposed Ordinance 2016-1 was presented at a Public Hearing on April 5, 2016 at 6:30 PM. The ordinance will combine the regulations of the Taylor Preservation and Development Code Ordinance 2013-1 with updated Subdivision and Development Complex regulations. A reference to an additional ordinance (2016-2) concerning land clearing and debris burning is included in 2016-1. Alderman Meacham moved that the Planning and Development Ordinance numbered 2016-1 attached to these minutes be passed with the exclusion of Bradford Pear trees from the list of recommended trees in the design standards. Alderman Covington seconded the motion and it passed by the following vote:

Alderman Bridges, Yes; Alderman Kisner, Absent; Alderman Covington, Yes; Alderman Meacham, Yes; Alderman Willingham, Yes.

Land Clearing or Construction Debris or Trash Burning Ordinance: The proposed Ordinance Setting Requirements for Burning of Debris From Land Clearing for the Purpose of Development and Burning of Construction Debris Within the Town of Taylor, Mississippi numbered 2016-2 was also presented at the Public Hearing on April 5, 2016 at 6:30 PM. The ordinance requires a permit and inspection for any clearing and / or burning for construction and development. Alderman Bridges moved that ordinance 2016-2 attached to these minutes be passed. Alderman Willingham duly seconded the motion and it passed with the following vote:

Alderman Bridges, Yes; Alderman Kisner, Absent; Alderman Covington, Yes; Alderman Meacham, Yes; Alderman Willingham, Yes.

Resolution to Adopt 2012 Building Codes with exceptions: Mayor Hamilton reported that the plan to contract with one of the Lafayette County Building Inspectors will not be possible at this time, so action on updating the Town's adoption of Building Codes from the current 2006 Codes to the 2012 Codes should be postponed. The item is tabled to a future meeting.

New Business:

Resolution to enter the Statewide Mutual Aid Compact (MEMA): Mayor Hamilton reported that the agreement for sharing of resources between the State of Mississippi, Counties and Municipalities in emergency situations is due for renewal. The new agreement was presented. Alderman Covington moved that the Town

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resolve to enter the Statewide Mutual Aid Compact and direct the Mayor to sign the agreement and the Clerk to attest it. Alderman Willingham seconded the motion and it passed with the following vote:

Alderman Bridges, Yes; Alderman Kisner, Absent; Alderman Covington, Yes; Alderman Meacham, Yes; Alderman Willingham, Yes. The resolution is attached to these minutes.

Quotes for Mowing of Streets: Mayor Hamilton stated that two (2) quotes, attached to these minutes, have been received for the annual contract for street mowing:

Jason's Lawn Management at Four Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$450) per mowing (every two (2) weeks);

Taylor Lawn Management at Three hundred Twenty Five Dollars (\$325) per mowing (every two (2) weeks).

Alderman bridges moved that the quote from Taylor Lawn Management be accepted. Alderman Willingham seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Approve Sign for Town Dumpster: The Mayor reported that private use of the town dumpster behind the old fire house is increasing. He has spoken to Lynn Hewlett who owns the land and they both agree that a large sign indicating that the dumpster is for town use only would help. There are already funds budgeted for such equipment expenditures, so no board action is required.

Street Lights in Plein Air: Mayor Hamilton stated that since the town pays for street lights along the public streets, that the town should look into the street light situation in the Plain Air development. The street rights of way in the completed phases of the development are dedicated to the town on the plats. The streets themselves have not been turned over or accepted by the town for maintenance but the streets are actively used by town residents within the development and by the public. North East Mississippi Electric is charging Plein Air (Main Street Taylor, LLC) thirty two dollars (\$32) per light per month now. The town is paying an average of nine dollars (\$9) per light per month for its street lights. The board agreed that some method of the town paying some or all of the monthly electricity costs for Plein Air's street lights should be researched. The mayor and the clerk will obtained details of that that might be done and present them at a future meeting.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Hamilton said that the plans to use one of Lafayette County's building inspectors as a part time inspector on a contractor basis for town inspections will not be feasible. The county's "part time inspector is already full time. Other options for town building inspections will be pursued.

Public Comment: None

Attachments:

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ORDINANCE NUMBER 2016-1

An ordinance establishing: comprehensive zoning regulations; development regulations for subdivisions, apartment complexes, rental complexes, manufactured home complexes, recreational vehicle complexes and commercial complexes; and design standards for all types of such development for the Town of Taylor, Mississippi and providing for the administration, enforcement, and amendment thereof, and for the repeal of all ordinances in conflict herewith and replacement of the Town of Taylor Ordinance 2013-1:

WHEREAS; the Statutes of the State of Mississippi empower the Town to enact a zoning ordinance, subdivision controls, and historic preservation regulations and to provide for administration, enforcement, and amendment, all based on a comprehensive development plan, and

WHEREAS; the Mayor and Board of Aldermen deem it necessary, for the purpose of promoting the health, safety, morals, or general welfare of the Town to adopt a comprehensive development plan and to enact implementation measures such as this ordinance, and

WHEREAS; the Mayor and Board of Aldermen have divided the Town into districts and have prepared regulations pertaining to such districts designed to lessen congestion in the streets; to secure safety from fire, panic, and other dangers; to promote health and the general welfare; to provide adequate light and air; to prevent the overcrowding of land; to avoid undue concentration of population; to facilitate the adequate provision of transportation, water, sewerage, schools, parks, and other public requirements, and

WHEREAS; the Mayor and Board of Aldermen have given reasonable consideration, among other things, to the character of the districts and their peculiar suitability for particular uses, with a view to conserving the value of buildings and encouraging the most appropriate use of land throughout the Town, and

WHEREAS; the Mayor and Board of Aldermen have given due public notice of hearings relating to zoning districts, regulations, and restrictions, and have held such public hearings in accordance with the law:

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

THAT this Planning and Development Ordinance for Taylor, Mississippi, contained on the following one-hundred seven (107) pages, shall be known and referred to as the "Town of Taylor Planning and Development Code" and may be cited as such;

UPON THE MOTION of Alderman Ellen Meacham, duly seconded by Alderman Courtney Covington, the aforementioned ordinance was put to a vote with the voting as follows:

Alderman Tim Bridges	Voted Yes;
Alderman Betty Kisner	Absent;
Alderman Courtney Covington	Voted Yes;
Alderman Ellen Meacham	Voted Yes;
Alderman Jimmy Willingham	Voted Yes.

ORDAINED AND ADOPTED, this the 5th day of April, 2016

This ordinance shall take effect and be in force on and after the 5th day of April, 2016


E. Hancock, Mayor


Richard Williams, Clerk

SEAL -

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ORDINACE NUMBER 2016-2

**AN ORDINANCE SETTING REQUIREMENTS FOR BURNING OF DEBRIS FROM LAND
CLEARING FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEVELOPMENT AND BURNING OF CONSTRUCTION
DEBRIS WITHIN THE TOWN OF TAYLOR, MISSISSIPPI**

WHEREAS, according the Town of Taylor desires to protect the safety and health of the population; and

WHEREAS, uncontrolled burning of debris from land clearing for development or burning of construction debris may threaten the safety and health of the population;

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

Anyone wishing to burn land clearing or construction debris or trash within the corporate limits of the Town of Taylor, Mississippi, (the Town) shall be required to obtain a Lafayette County Fire Department (the Fire Department) "Burn Permit" through the Town Planning Department (Planning) before any such burning starts, in accordance with the following procedures:

1. In order to obtain a permit, individual(s), organization, or business must contact Planning and complete an Application for a Burn Permit. Upon the applicant's submission of the completed of the application, Department will contact the Fire Department.

A. The Fire Department shall proceed to the location of the proposed burn site, inspect the area for hazards and insure compliance with the requirements as set forth by the Town, the Fire Department, and the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ).

B. If the Fire Department inspector is satisfied that all requirements are in order and that wind and weather conditions are suitable, the inspector shall issue a Burn Permit valid for the date or dates of issue only. Permit holder must also call the Fire Department at the telephone number on the Burn Permit the day before beginning the burn.

2. In the event Fire Department officials determine that any burning as permitted constitutes a hazard or menace to the public safety or health, the permit holder will be notified of the determination and the permit shall be thereby rescinded and the fire shall be extinguished by the permit holder.

3. **Prohibited Burning:** Commercial entities, developers, contractors, and individuals are prohibited from burning construction debris and trash of any kind, except wood and wood products, including roofing materials, felt paper, foam, plastic, and synthetic materials. Construction debris and trash that are prohibited from burning shall be removed from the premises by other means and in accordance with MDEQ regulations.

4. **Burn site and permit requirements:** In order for the Burn Permit to be issued the following shall apply:

A. **No later than two (2) working days before the burning is to take place**, The permit applicant shall make written application on a form provided by Planning. The application shall be accompanied with a fee of One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150) payable to the Town;

B. The burn area and/or materials to be burned shall be located a minimum of One Hundred Fifty feet (150') from the nearest structure;

C. The proposed site of the burn shall be free from all overhangs including eaves, tree limbs, vegetation or other materials;

D. There shall be no high, thick or large areas of weed, grass or any vegetation in the immediate area of the burn site which may ignite and endanger the safety or health of persons, animals or structures;

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E. The burn site shall not be adjacent to or in near proximity to fuel storage tanks, storage facilities containing flammable or explosive materials, or homes, buildings, or institutions known to house persons with respiratory ailments (e.g., asthma, emphysema), or day care facilities, schools, or medical facilities;

F. Sufficient water supply and hose must be readily available and easily accessible to the area and location of the burn. Hose and the nozzle shall be attached to the water supply at the burn site;

G. The burn site shall be **ATTENDED AT ALL TIMES** by sufficient persons able to manage and control the fire;

H. An approved blower shall be on site and operating during the burn process;

I. All MDEQ, United States Environmental Protection Agency, and other Government guidelines shall be followed at all times during the burn process;

J. All burning, as permitted, shall not exceed the time allotted on the face of the permit and in no event may burning exceed three consecutive days without a renewal permit being issued by the Fire Department. Renewal permits will be issued without any additional fees;

K. Limited small scale on site burning of non-prohibited materials (convenience burning) is allowed without a permit, provided that the burning is contained within a metal container no larger than thirty-five inches (35") in height and twenty-four inches (24") wide.

Any person or entity failing to bring the hot burn site into compliance shall be denied a permit.

5. **Enforcement:** Anyone burning prohibited materials, or burning without a permit, or burning in a manner deemed non-compliant with the terms and scope of a permit shall be subject to any remedies, at law or in equity, available to the Town and any person aggrieved thereby, and, in addition or in supplementation thereto, may be subject to any of the following administrative actions: (A) cease and desist orders; (B) a fine of up to the amount of Five-Hundred Dollars (\$500) for each violation (each day of a violation shall be treated as a separate violation); (C) permit revocation; and/or (D) a stop work order on all construction activities of the permit holder and/or the developer or owner of the area on which the burning is taking place if deemed necessary in the discretion of the Town and the Fire Department.

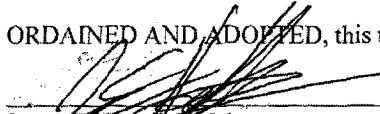
6. No burning shall be permitted when it is determined by the Fire Department that wind and/or weather conditions are not suitable or when a **NO BURN ORDER** has been issued by the Town, Lafayette County Board of Supervisors, or any State or Federal agency.

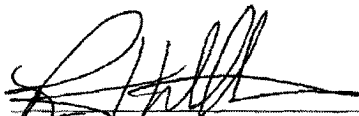
This ordinance shall take effect and be in force on and after the 5th day of May, 2016.

UPON THE MOTION of Alderman Bridges, duly seconded by Alderman Willingham, the aforementioned ordinance was put to a vote with the voting as follows:

Alderman Tim Bridges:	Voted Yes;
Alderman Betty Kisner	Absent;
Alderman Courtney Covington	Voted Yes;
Alderman Ellen Meacham	Voted Yes;
Alderman Jimmie Willingham	Voted Yes.

ORDAINED AND ADOPTED, this the 5th day of April, 2016.


James E. Hamilton, Mayor
Taylor, Mississippi
(SEAL)


Attest: Richard Williams, Town Clerk
Taylor, Mississippi

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City of Taylor Streets

Item Desc - Will mow streets within
City Limits once every
two weeks.

Price At - \$25.00 every two weeks

Jason's Lawn Management

Jason Smith

City of Taylor Streets - 2 Main St., Taylor

Item Desc - Mow streets within
City Limits once
every two weeks.

Total Customer Price - \$325.00 / per week of
cutting

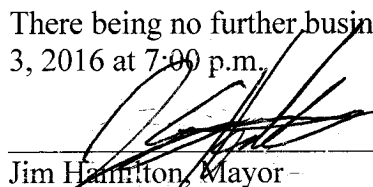
Taylor Lawn Management

X. Chandler Hewlett

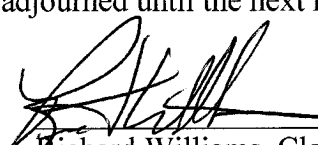
phone # 662-832-4554

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned until the next meeting, scheduled for Tuesday, May 3, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.



Jim Hamilton, Mayor
(Seal)



Richard Williams, Clerk