

**Town of Taylor Minutes of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen  
Regular Monthly Meeting on September 6, 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 sixth day of September, 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; Courtney Covington; 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 Covington 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 August 2, 2016 meeting be approved; the motion was seconded by Alderman Meacham, and passed unanimously.

**Approve Current Claims Docket:** Alderman Bridges moved to approve the Docket of Claims dated September 6, 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 Road department reported:

Work done in Taylor for the Month of August 2016

Pothole patching on Tatum Lane

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Taylor Planning Commission  
Report to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen  
September 6, 2016

Clerk Williams reported that no Planning Commission meeting was held Last month.  
Building official Conkerton performed 2 natural gas inspections for new homes in Plein Air and checked on several citizen questions.  
No new permits were issued.

Respectfully submitted,  
Richard Williams, Administrator  
Taylor Planning Commission

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

**Vote on Fiscal Year 2017 Tax Levy Resolution:** Mayor Hamilton reported that the required Public Hearing for the Fiscal Year 2017 Tax levy and Budget was held on August 30, 2016 with no public in attendance. He presented the Fiscal Year 2017 Tax Levy Resolution (attached to these minutes) stating that the Ad Valorem Taxes for next year would remain at 9 mils. Alderman Meacham moved that the Town resolve to levy the Ad Valorem rate of 9 mils for Fiscal Year 2017. Alderman Covington duly seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous as follows: Aldermen Tim Bridges voted yes; Alderman Betty Kisner voted yes; Alderman Ellen Meacham voted yes; Alderman Jimmie Willingham voted yes; Alderman Courtney Covington voted yes.

**Adopt the Budget for Fiscal Year 2017 (10/01/2016 – 9/30/2017):** Mayor Hamilton presented the Proposed Budget of Estimated Revenues and Expenditures for the Fiscal Year 2017 beginning October 1, 2016 and ending September 30, 2017 (attached to these minutes). Alderman Willingham moved that the Budget for Fiscal Year 2017 be adopted. Alderman Bridges seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

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**Vote on Resolution to Pay Partial Monthly Reimbursement for Street Lights to Plein Air Home**

**Owners Association:** Mayor Hamilton reported that to conform to Mississippi Statutes, the Town of Taylor must provide street lighting. All of the street lights within the town limits are billed directly to the town by North East Mississippi Electric Association except for these in the Plein Air neighborhood. The special designed style of lighting there is billed directly to the Plein Air Home Owners Association at a rate considerably higher than the town's street lights. He presented a Resolution by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Taylor, Mississippi to pay the Plein Air Home Owners Association a partial reimbursement of the monthly cost of the street lights within the Plein Air Neighborhood (attached to these minutes) at the rate of nine dollars (\$9) per light per month. Alderman Bridges moved that the Town resolve to pay the Plein Air Home Owners Association the monthly reimbursement of nine Dollars (\$9) per street light monthly based on an invoice presented to the Town Clerk no later than the close of business on the Wednesday preceding the First Tuesday of each month. Alderman Willingham duly seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous as follows: Aldermen Tim Bridges voted yes; Alderman Betty Kisner voted yes; Alderman Ellen Meacham voted yes; Alderman Jimmie Willingham voted yes; Alderman Courtney Covington voted yes.


**Discussion of Street Mowing:** Mayor Hamilton stated that the Taylor Lawn Management firm has closed and "turned the job" over to Professional Cut Lawncare, LLC without notifying the town. A final bill from Taylor Lawn Management has been paid and Professional Cut Lawn Care, LLC has been notified that the lawn-mowing arrangement must be bid and approved by the board before services can be paid for. The mayor is gathering information on costs that would be associated with providing the equipment for Keith Stewart to mow as part of his current employment with the town beginning next summer.

**Mayor's Report:** Mayor Hamilton reported that Plein Air and the Grit restaurant had requested that the town ask the Mississippi Department of Revenue to modify their resort status to allow Sunday sales of alcoholic beverages. Mr. Hamilton checked with the department and was told that such action would require a town ordinance passed by the board. He will present such an ordinance for first reading at next month's board meeting.

**Public Comment:** None

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned until the next meeting, scheduled for Tuesday, October 4, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

  
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Jim Hamilton, Mayor  
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Richard Williams, Clerk