

**Town of Taylor Minutes of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen**  
**Regular Monthly Meeting on March 3, 2020**

1. Call to order.

The meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Taylor, Mississippi, was called to order by Mayor Hardy at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, the third day of March, 2020, with the following officers and members present, constituting a legal quorum to-wit:

Alderman Tim Bridges  
Alderman Courtney Covington  
Alderman Ellen Meacham  
Alderman Lyn Roberts  
Alderman Jimmie Willingham

Clerk Cindy Conrad

Mayor Christy Hardy

Citizen Taylor Boswell  
Citizen Betsy Darby  
Citizen Jim Darby  
Citizen Christian Harrison  
Citizen Lisa Harrison  
Citizen Becky Hiter

Citizen Melissa Roberson  
Citizen Bill Taylor  
Citizen Pam Taylor  
Citizen Anndy Veazey  
Citizen Jane Wilkie  
Mr. Campbell McCool  
Mrs. Leighton McCool

2. Adopt the agenda for the meeting

It was moved by Alderman Roberts, seconded by Alderman Willingham to adopt the agenda for the meeting. All the aldermen present voting aye, Mayor Hardy declared the motion carried.

3. Approve Prior Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Alderman Meacham, seconded by Alderman Roberts to approve the minutes for the February 4, 2020 meeting. All the Aldermen present voting aye, Mayor Hardy declared the motion carried.

4. Approve Current Claims Docket.

Mayor Hardy presented the current Claims Docket and Budget Report. It was moved by Alderman Roberts, seconded by Alderman Bridges that the current Claims Docket be paid and the Budget Report be approved. All the Aldermen present voting aye, Mayor Hardy declared the motion carried.

4. Town Clerk's Report.

Clerk Conrad reported that no road work was reported during the month of February, 2020.

Clerk Conrad reported that there was no Planning Commission meeting during the last month and that no permits or certificates had been issued.

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5. Old Business.

Mayor Hardy stated that there had been some questions regarding outside events and asked for clarification regarding outside events. Alderman Roberts stated that during the last meeting there had been some questions regarding which events require permits and stated that there was no clarification regarding those events.

Alderman Covington stated that the Development Code for the Town of Taylor has a specific code regarding outside events. That Code being:

**5.7 Outside music and Special Events**

Outside music and special events, where permitted in the Town of Taylor, shall conform to the following standards: Musical, Dance, or Events, Outdoor Dramatic, and Other Artistic Programs: All applications and permits for special uses for outdoor dances, outdoor music, outdoor drama, and similar outdoor amusements must comply with the following requirements:

5.7.1.1 A site plan showing dimensions of the property, location and size of stages, location and dimensions of dance area, proposed seating arrangement, location and dimensions of parking areas. Site plan must indicate the access to the street. Parking shall be provided at one space per three participants unless reduced by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen;

5.7.1.2 A lighting plan describing the exterior lighting plan, location of exterior lights, wattage, direction of illumination, and methods of shielding from adjacent property. If night activities are proposed. All lighting must be shielded from adjacent property;

5.7.1.3 Information concerning the type and manner of amplification of sound, type of activity to take place on the site and the audible range of the music and sound from their amplification;

5.7.1.4 Maximum capacity of the facility;

5.7.1.5 Frequency and hours of operation for the event and facilities proposed;

5.7.1.6 All law enforcement and public services which may be required for the event.

The permit will be issued for such length as deemed appropriate but for a period not to exceed twelve months.

Alderman Covington recommended that the Board of Aldermen look at the Development Code and consider amending the current code to be more specific.

Mrs. Leighton McCool interrupted the meeting and spoke to the Board of Aldermen regarding this issue. Mrs. McCool stated that she felt like this issue arose because her coffee shop is host a community event titled "Cars and Coffee". Mrs. McCool stated that she did not want this to be a problem and did not want to have those events shut down as she is trying to bring business into Taylor, as well as bring a sense of community to Plein Air.

Conversation continued regarding the events held at the coffee shop, more specifically the parking of vehicles, social media advertising, capacity and the possibility of requiring a permit. Alderman Meacham responded by stating that the Board was not there to stop events, but to make sure that the town is safe and that the Board of Aldermen should investigate the best way to handle the situation regarding capacity and emergency situations that might arise and that the Board of Aldermen investigating this is not an unreasonable issue. Alderman Meacham also stated that before any amending of the ordinances, there would be several notifications before there was a final decision so that there could be more input at that time, but at this specific time, the Board and Mayor are getting clarification and discussing the possibility of amending the ordinance.

Alderman Bridges recommended that this issue be tabled until further investigation could be done and the Aldermen agreed.



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6. New Business.

Mayor Hardy reported that the current Building Inspector, Mr. John McCollum, had resigned his position as he has taken another position and would be moving back to Tennessee. Mayor Hardy recommended that we accept the resignation of Mr. McCollum. It was moved by Alderman Bridges, seconded by Alderman Covington that the resignation of Mr. McCollum be accepted. All the Aldermen present voting aye, Mayor Hardy declared the motion carried.

Mayor Hardy then reported to the Board of Aldermen that the Town Hall building is having septic system issues and she had spoken with Mississippi Jetting regarding a solution to the problem that we are having. Mayor Hardy presented the Board of Aldermen with a quote for a septic waste treatment system with information regarding how the system would work. Alderman Meacham stated that she did not feel comfortable with the current solution as presented to the Board and asked that we speak with Mr. Jeff Williams, the Town Engineer, to get his opinion regarding this and asked that no decision be made on this until we had looked at other options and had gotten the opinion of the Mr. Williams.

Mayor Hardy then stated that she had contacted Mr. Bill Sloan's office regarding his retirement and resignation as Town of Taylor Attorney. Mayor Hardy stated that he had never officially resigned. Mayor Hardy stated that she had spoken with Mr. Matt Moore from Mr. Sloan's office and Mr. Moore stated the he would be happy to take over for Mr. Sloan in the capacity of Attorney. Mayor Hardy stated that she had questioned him regarding his experience regarding municipal law and stated that Mr. Moore stated that he does have experience in this capacity. Mayor Hardy then recommended Mr. Matt Moore be hired, on a contractual basis, at his hourly rate. It was moved by Alderman Roberts, seconded by Alderman Bridges, that Mr. Moore be hired in the position of Attorney for the Town of Taylor. All the Aldermen present voting aye, Mayor Hardy declared the motion carried.

Mayor Hardy then spoke to the Board of Aldermen regarding the Planning Administrator position. Mayor Hardy asked the Board if they would want the Building Inspector to take both the position of Building Inspector and Planning Administrator. Alderman Bridges asked that this be tabled for an executive session.

7. Mayor's Report.

Mayor Hardy stated to the Board of Aldermen that she had contacted the Mississippi Highway Department regarding placing a 3-way stop sign at the end of Cut Off road and Main Street. Mayor Hardy reported that she was given information regarding this and that the Highway Department had put a car counter in that area and reported that over 700 cars come to that spot on a daily basis and that the current speed limit is 35 MPH, but the average speed is 57 MPG. Mayor Hardy stated that the Highway Department had stated that they will be looking at this situation to decide the best way to handle this amount of traffic and that we would be kept abreast of the situation.

8. Public Comment

There was discussion regarding the striping of Cut Off Road, the hiring of new officials, the septic system options and the participation of MDOT to clean out the ditches for flow of water from many of the citizens present at the meeting.

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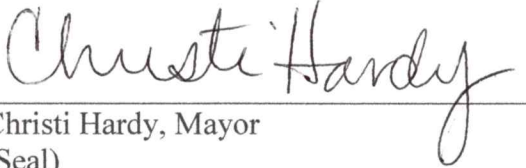
9. Executive Session for a Personnel Matter

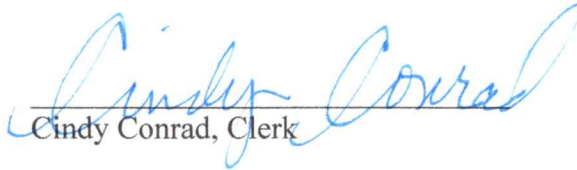
Be it further remembered, that there next came on for discussion by the Board the subject of Executive Session. Alderman Meacham moved that the Board of Aldermen go into an Executive Session; the motion was seconded by Alderman Roberts, and passed unanimously. Mayor Hardy then announced that the meeting would be closed for the preliminary determination of the necessity for an executive session, and that no other business would be transacted.

Upon completion of the business of the Executive Session, a motion was made by Alderman Bridges to return to open session; the motion was seconded by Alderman Roberts and passed unanimously.

10. Adjourn.

There being no further business, Alderman Bridges moved that the meeting be adjourned; the motion was seconded by Alderman Roberts. The meeting was adjourned until the next meeting, scheduled for Tuesday, April 7, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

  
Christi Hardy, Mayor  
(Seal)

  
Cindy Conrad, Clerk





March 2020

# The Town of Taylor Claim Docket

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Disbursements	Date	Name	Memo	Account	Paid Amount
	03/03/2020	AT&T	134029748	194-604 Telephone and ISP	160.88
	03/03/2020	CenterPoint Energy Vendor	Account 3112141-1	192-625 Town Hall Utilities	72.35
	03/03/2020	John McColllum		190-602 Building Official/Insp.	50.00
	03/03/2020	John McColllum		190-606 Travel Building Official	32.40
	03/03/2020	North East Miss Electric Power Assn	88639-001 58136-001,002	302-628 Street Lights	724.69
	03/03/2020	North East Miss Electric Power Assn	88639-001 58136-001,002	192-625 Town Hall Utilities	102.32
	03/03/2020	Payroll Clearing	Payroll February	110-410 Court Clerk Salary	50.00
	03/03/2020	Payroll Clearing	Payroll February	110-470 FICA Taxes	3.83
	03/03/2020	Payroll Clearing	Payroll February	110-490 Unemployment Contrib	0.50
	03/03/2020	Payroll Clearing	Payroll February	140-410 Clerk's Salary	750.00
	03/03/2020	Payroll Clearing	Payroll February	140-470 FICA Taxes	57.38
	03/03/2020	Payroll Clearing	Payroll February	140-490 Unemployment Contrib	7.50
	03/03/2020	Payroll Clearing	Payroll February	190-410 Planning Clerk	200.00
	03/03/2020	Payroll Clearing	Payroll February	190-470 FICA Taxes	15.30
	03/03/2020	Payroll Clearing	Payroll February	190-490 Unemployment Contrib	2.00
	03/03/2020	Payroll Clearing	Payroll February	110-470 FICA Taxes	7.65
	03/03/2020	Payroll Clearing	Payroll February	110-490 Unemployment Contrib	1.00
	03/03/2020	Payroll Clearing	Payroll February	200-410 Town Marshal Salary	100.00
	03/03/2020	Payroll Clearing	Payroll February	200-470 FICA Taxes	7.65
	03/03/2020	Payroll Clearing	Payroll February	200-490 Unemployment Contrib	1.00
	03/03/2020	Payroll Clearing	Payroll February	192-420 Custodial Salary	54.00
	03/03/2020	Payroll Clearing	Payroll February	192-470 FICA Taxes	4.49
	03/03/2020	Payroll Clearing	Payroll February	192-490 Unemployment Contrib	0.54
	03/03/2020	Payroll Clearing	Payroll February	321-420 Salaries	456.00
	03/03/2020	Payroll Clearing	Payroll February	321-470 FICA Taxes	34.88
	03/03/2020	Payroll Clearing	Payroll February	321-490 Unemployment Contrib	4.56
	03/03/2020	Payroll Clearing	Payroll February	110-430 Judge Salary	100.00
	03/03/2020	Payroll Clearing	Payroll February	301-631 Contract Serv-Other	325.00
	03/03/2020	Petty Cash	office supplies	194-544 Special Events	140.00
	03/03/2020	Petty Cash	office supplies	301-510 Repair & Maint Supplies	23.15
<b>Total Disbursements</b>					<b>3,489.07</b>

	Date	Name	Memo	Account	Paid Amount
Receipts	03/03/2020	Centerpoint Energy Customer		001-221 Utilty Franchise Chgs	3,638.32
	03/03/2020	Elizabeth Darby		001-220 Privilege Licenses	20.00
	03/03/2020	Lafayette Co. Tax Assessor		001-200 Property Tax-Real	15,752.07
	03/03/2020	Lafayette Co. Tax Assessor		001-200 Property Tax-Real	226.39
	03/03/2020	Lafayette Co. Tax Assessor		001-203 Prior Year Tax - Real	395.89
	03/03/2020	Lafayette Co. Tax Assessor		001-210 Penalty&Int Deliq Taxes	2.06
	03/03/2020	Lafayette Co. Tax Assessor		001-202 Property Tax Personal	35.17
Total Receipts	03/03/2020	State of Mississippi		001-260 General Sales Tax	2,028.93
					<b>22,098.83</b>
OPERATING ACTIVITIES					
				Net cash increase for period	18,609.76
				Cash at beginning of period	97,068.35
				Cash at end of period	115,678.11

# The Town of Taylor Budget Report

	March 2020	Fiscal YTD	YTD Budget	Over (Under) Budget
<b>Income</b>				
<b>1 Taxes</b>				
001-200 Property Tax-Real	15,978.46	23,165.51	29,400.00	(6,234.49)
001-201 Prop Tax-Autos	0.00	384.71	3,000.00	(2,615.29)
001-202 Property Tax Personal	35.17	35.17	900.00	(864.83)
001-203 Prior Year Tax - Real	395.89	1,499.99	0.00	1,499.99
001-206 In Lieu of Taxes - TVA	0.00	2,978.90	2,700.00	278.90
001-210 Penalty&Int Deliq Taxes	2.06	126.55	250.00	(123.45)
<b>Total 1 Taxes</b>	16,411.58	28,190.83	36,250.00	(8,059.17)
<b>2 License &amp; Permits</b>				
001-220 Privilege Licenses	20.00	338.98	400.00	(61.02)
001-221 Utilit Franchise Chgs	3,638.32	7,900.82	13,000.00	(5,099.18)
001-222 Building Permits	0.00	808.00	18,000.00	(17,192.00)
001-224 Other Plning Fees&Prmits	0.00	5.00	2,000.00	(1,995.00)
<b>Total 2 License &amp; Permits</b>	3,658.32	9,052.80	33,400.00	(24,347.20)
<b>3 Intergovernmental Revenues</b>				
001-251 Homestead Exmptn Reimb	0.00	1,249.69	2,500.00	(1,250.31)
001-253 Municipal Aid	0.00	11,394.75	1,150.00	10,244.75
001-258 Liquor Tax	0.00	900.00	2,200.00	(1,300.00)
001-260 General Sales Tax	2,028.93	13,178.92	31,000.00	(17,821.08)
<b>Total 3 Intergovernmental Revenues</b>	2,028.93	26,723.36	36,850.00	(10,126.64)
<b>4 Fines and Forfeits</b>				
001-330 Court Fines	0.00	0.00	400.00	(400.00)
<b>Total 4 Fines and Forfeits</b>	0.00	0.00	400.00	(400.00)
<b>5 Miscellaneous</b>				
001-340 Interest Earned	0.00	51.08	150.00	(98.92)
<b>Total 5 Miscellaneous</b>	0.00	51.08	150.00	(98.92)
<b>Total Income</b>	22,098.83	64,018.07	107,050.00	(43,031.93)
<b>Expense</b>				
<b>100 Board of Aldermen</b>				
100-622 Aldermen Bonds	0.00	0.00	500.00	(500.00)
<b>Total 100 Board of Aldermen</b>	0.00	0.00	500.00	(500.00)



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<b>110 Court</b>				
110-410 Court Clerk Salary	50.00	300.00	600.00	(300.00)
110-430 Judge Salary	100.00	600.00	1,200.00	(600.00)
110-470 FICA Taxes	11.48	68.88	138.00	(69.12)
110-490 Unemployment Contrib	1.50	9.00	18.00	(9.00)
110-601 Prof. Serv. Prosecutor	0.00	0.00	600.00	(600.00)
110-605 Travel	0.00	0.00	500.00	(500.00)
110-684 Court Clerk Dues	0.00	0.00	50.00	(50.00)
<b>Total 110 Court</b>	162.98	977.88	3,106.00	(2,128.12)
<b>120 Mayor</b>				
120-622 Bond	0.00	100.00	100.00	0.00
<b>Total 120 Mayor</b>	0.00	100.00	100.00	0.00
<b>130 Elections</b>				
130-421 Per Diem	0.00	360.00	360.00	0.00
130-605 Travel	0.00	0.00	200.00	(200.00)
<b>Total 130 Elections</b>	0.00	360.00	560.00	(200.00)
<b>140 Town Clerk</b>				
140-410 Clerk's Salary	750.00	4,500.00	9,000.00	(4,500.00)
140-411 Deputy Clerk Salary	0.00	500.00	5,440.00	(4,940.00)
140-470 FICA Taxes	57.38	382.53	1,150.00	(767.47)
140-490 Unemployment Contrib	7.50	50.00	150.00	(100.00)
140-600 Acting Services-Audit	0.00	525.00	400.00	125.00
140-605 Travel	0.00	0.00	400.00	(400.00)
140-610 Advertising	0.00	0.00	150.00	(150.00)
140-622 Bonds	0.00	0.00	350.00	(350.00)
140-680 Training	0.00	0.00	400.00	(400.00)
140-684 MMCTCA Dues	0.00	0.00	10.00	(10.00)
<b>Total 140 Town Clerk</b>	814.88	5,957.53	17,450.00	(11,492.47)
<b>160 Legal</b>				
160-600 Board Attorney	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	(2,000.00)
<b>Total 160 Legal</b>	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	(2,000.00)
<b>190 Planning and Zoning</b>				



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190-410 Planning Clerk	200.00	1,200.00	2,400.00	(1,200.00)
190-470 FICA Taxes	15.30	91.80	185.00	(93.20)
190-490 Unemployment Contrib	2.00	12.00	24.00	(12.00)
190-600 Planning Consultant	0.00	525.00	2,000.00	(1,475.00)
190-602 Building Official/Insp.	50.00	462.50	4,000.00	(3,537.50)
190-604 Engineering Fees	0.00	750.00	3,000.00	(2,250.00)
190-605 Travel Consultant	0.00	0.00	400.00	(400.00)
190-606 Travel Building Official	32.40	259.20	2,000.00	(1,740.80)
190-610 Advertising	0.00	0.00	200.00	(200.00)
190-680 Training & Certific	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	(2,000.00)
190-684 Code Council Dues	0.00	0.00	150.00	(150.00)
<b>Total 190 Planning and Zoning</b>	<b>299.70</b>	<b>3,300.50</b>	<b>16,359.00</b>	<b>(13,058.50)</b>
192 Building and Plant				
192-420 Custodial Salary	54.00	324.00	1,700.00	(1,376.00)
192-470 FICA Taxes	4.49	26.94	131.00	(104.06)
192-490 Unemployment Contrib	0.54	3.24	17.00	(13.76)
192-510 Supplies-Janitor&Maint	0.00	123.01	500.00	(376.99)
192-624 Property Insurance	0.00	1,093.00	1,200.00	(107.00)
192-625 Town Hall Utilities	174.67	978.24	2,200.00	(1,221.76)
192-630 Repairs and Maintenance	0.00	0.00	5,000.00	(5,000.00)
<b>Total 192 Building and Plant</b>	<b>233.70</b>	<b>2,548.43</b>	<b>10,748.00</b>	<b>(8,199.57)</b>
194 General Government				
194-500 Office Supplies	0.00	571.92	1,500.00	(928.08)
194-501 Office Furniture&Equip	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	(2,000.00)
194-542 Postage and Box Rent	0.00	41.85	225.00	(183.15)
194-544 Special Events	140.00	239.33	500.00	(260.67)
194-604 Telephone and ISP	160.88	1,117.98	2,000.00	(882.02)
194-620 Liability Insurance	0.00	1,787.73	2,000.00	(212.27)
194-684 MML Dues	0.00	0.00	400.00	(400.00)
<b>Total 194 General Government</b>	<b>300.88</b>	<b>3,758.81</b>	<b>8,625.00</b>	<b>(4,866.19)</b>
200-000 Town Marshal				
200-410 Town Marshal Salary	100.00	600.00	1,200.00	(600.00)

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200-470 FICA Taxes	7.65	45.90	92.00	(46.10)
200-490 Unemployment Contrib	1.00	6.00	12.00	(6.00)
200-502 Supplies	0.00	0.00	100.00	(100.00)
200-622 Bond	0.00	0.00	175.00	(175.00)
<b>Total 200-000 Town Marshal</b>	<b>108.65</b>	<b>651.90</b>	<b>1,579.00</b>	<b>(927.10)</b>
301 Street Department				
301-510 Repair & Maint Supplies	23.15	68.15	750.00	(681.85)
301-550 Street Signs	0.00	111.76	1,000.00	(888.24)
301-630 CS Mowing ROW	0.00	1,200.00	6,000.00	(4,800.00)
301-631 Contract Serv-Other	325.00	325.00	2,000.00	(1,675.00)
301-917 Equipment Purchases	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	(1,000.00)
<b>Total 301 Street Department</b>	<b>348.15</b>	<b>1,704.91</b>	<b>10,750.00</b>	<b>(9,045.09)</b>
302 Street Lighting				
302-628 Street Lights	724.69	5,995.40	16,000.00	(10,004.60)
<b>Total 302 Street Lighting</b>	<b>724.69</b>	<b>5,995.40</b>	<b>16,000.00</b>	<b>(10,004.60)</b>
321 Street Cleaning				
321-420 Salaries	456.00	2,508.00	6,000.00	(3,492.00)
321-470 FICA Taxes	34.88	191.85	460.00	(268.15)
321-490 Unemployment Contrib	4.56	25.08	60.00	(34.92)
321-545 Supplies	0.00	0.00	500.00	(500.00)
321-629 Waste Disposal	0.00	480.00	1,152.00	(672.00)
321-630 Equip Repair & Main	0.00	0.00	1,500.00	(1,500.00)
<b>Total 321 Street Cleaning</b>	<b>495.44</b>	<b>3,204.93</b>	<b>9,672.00</b>	<b>(6,467.07)</b>
550 Park				
550-630 Contractual Service	0.00	0.00	800.00	(800.00)
550-917 Equipment	0.00	0.00	1,200.00	(1,200.00)
<b>Total 550 Park</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>2,000.00</b>	<b>(2,000.00)</b>
652 Economic Developmnt				
652-645 Adv. Muni. Resource	0.00	0.00	300.00	(300.00)
<b>Total 652 Economic Developmnt</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>300.00</b>	<b>(300.00)</b>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>3,489.07</b>	<b>28,560.29</b>	<b>99,749.00</b>	<b>(71,188.71)</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>18,609.76</b>	<b>35,457.78</b>	<b>7,301.00</b>	<b>28,156.78</b>