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WHO TO CALL AT CITY HALL?

General Information
352-3675

Municipal Court
352-5977

Street Department
352-5818

Water Bills
352-2066

Library
352-3434

Bidding Underway For New Library, Fire Station and Park Restrooms

City staff and more than 30 contractors met at City Hall in a series of pre-bid meetings with engineers and architects to review plans for construction of the new Taylor Public Library, Central Fire Station and new Taylor Park Restrooms.

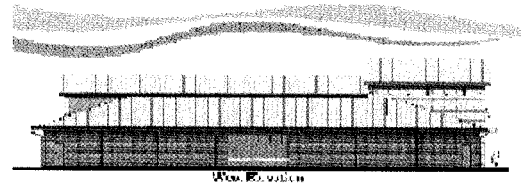
Plans for all three projects were prepared by Komatsu Architecture and represent more than \$5.1 million in funds issued in 2005 from the sale of General Obligation Bonds for the library (\$3.4 million) and fire station (\$1.7 million). The improvements for the park restrooms at \$355,000 were previously authorized from the 1998 General Obligation Bonds and 2003 Certificates of Obligation.

Bid openings are scheduled for November 10. Contracts will be presented for City Council consideration at their November 22nd meeting.

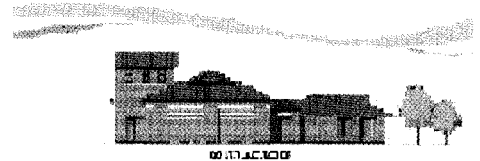
Construction is projected to begin after the first of the year.

Conserve Now, Save All Year Long

Conserve water during the months of November, December and January. Your average monthly consumption during these winter months is used to determine the monthly consumption charge for the next 12 months beginning April 1. By lowering your water use during this time period, you reduce the average amount used to calculate your monthly bill for the next 12 months. It's a good practice to conserve water whenever you can. For more information, please contact the City of Taylor Utility Billing office at 352-2066.



Proposed New Taylor Public Library



Proposed New Central Fire Station

2005-2006 Budget and Tax Rate Approved

The City of Taylor began a new fiscal year on October 1, 2005 with a budget increase of 4.1% over last year. With projected revenues expected to be slightly more than last year, the City Council approved a General Fund budget of \$9.35 million.

The Council also adopted an ordinance levying taxes for the maintenance and operation of the City government and for the interest and sinking fund for 2005-2006. The total tax rate per \$100 of valuation is \$0.7865.

This tax rate will raise taxes on a \$100,000 home by approximately \$46.50.

Credit Card Payments Now Accepted

City offices are now accepting MasterCard or VISA debit or credit cards for payments. City utility bills, permit fees and municipal court fees can all be paid in this manner.

A convenience fee of 3 percent will be assessed to customers wishing to pay by debit or credit card. Payments may be paid by phone as well as in person. Utility bills also can be charged automatically on a monthly basis. For additional information, please call the Utility Department at 352-2066.

Volunteer Board Opportunities

The City Council invites interested citizens to serve on a city board or commission as a way to get involved and make a difference in your city. Current openings include:

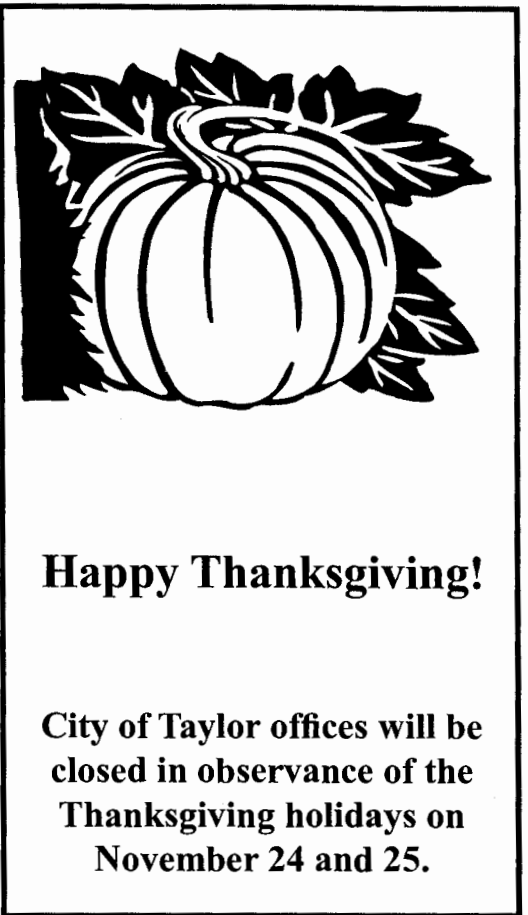
Library Advisory Board (makes recommendations to City Council about the operations of the library)

Moody Museum Advisory Board (advisory board relating to the operation of the Moody Museum)

Building & Standards Commission (provides final interpretations concerning alleged violations of ordinances by upholding or overturning decisions made by building officials. Members must be knowledgeable and experienced with the building, plumbing, mechanical, electrical and fire codes adopted by the City.)

Zoning Board of Adjustment (hears and decides special exceptions and variances to the zoning, sign and landscaping ordinances)

Airport Advisory Board (advisory board relating to the airport)



City Calendar of Events for November

Nov. 1	Parks & Recreation Board @ 6 pm
Nov. 3	Main Street Adv. Board @ 6:30 pm
Nov. 8	Planning & Zoning Commission @ 5:45 pm
Nov. 10	City Council Meeting @ 6 pm
Nov. 17	Airport Advisory Board @ 6:30 pm
Nov. 22	City Council Meeting @ 6 pm

Agendas are posted at City Hall. Call 352-3675 for additional information.

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