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Hill Re-elected for District 1; Council Complete for 2013

In the June 8 runoff election, incumbent Don Hill was re-elected to represent District 1, completing the Council along with new Council member Scott Green.

In the June 13 Council meeting, Jesse Ancira, Jr. was elected Mayor and Christopher Gonzales, Sr. was elected Mayor Pro Tem for a one-year term.

Hill has served the Council since 1986, being successfully re-elected for a record nine consecutive terms.

Front row (left to right) Mayor Jesse Ancira, Jr. and Mayor Pro Tem Christopher Gonzales, Sr., Back row (left to right) Scott Green, Don Hill, and Brandt Rydell.



City Manager's Message

As you can see in this issue, the economy in Taylor is alive and doing much better than the past few years.

With the advent of new retail in all sectors of the city along with new industrial primary employers, the outlook is improving each quarter.

Sales tax collections show an increase of 11.5 percent over last year at the end of June.

Planning for the annual budget for next year (2013-14) is underway.

Considerable thought and intent is given to being good stewards of our taxpayers' investment in the City.

- Jim D. Dunaway

Chris Osborn Recognized for Service to Community

City Manager Jim Dunaway presented a plaque to former Councilman Chris Osborn in recognition of his three years of service on the Council representing District 4.

During his tenure he was a passionate advocate for street improvements in the City of Taylor.



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New Retail Development News

Applebee's Neighborhood Grill & Bar

The world's largest casual dining chain is coming to Taylor. The official groundbreaking was held June 6 along with the immediate start of construction. Located at the corner of Highway 95 and Loop 397 (inside the Walmart complex), the new Applebee's will feature full service lunch, dinner, late night and Carside To Go from 10:30 a.m. to 2 a.m. Projected opening is later this summer.



Golden Chick



A new and larger facility is under construction at the corner of Sloan and Second Streets. Golden Chick is relocating across the street from its current location providing more convenient access for its customers. It's nearing completion and should open late summer.

Other new retail that is coming soon includes Kenny's Restaurant at 221 E. Fourth Street; Rent-a-Center that is locating in the HEB complex; and on the drawing board is Taylor Express Car Wash on Highway 95 North.

New Retail Downtown

E-Jay's Fabric has relocated into a brand new location at 220 E. Fourth. Frills on Fourth, 201 W. Fourth is under new ownership with a new tenant, Java Junction. New to the downtown area are Cherry Tree Creative, 323 N. Main St., featuring consignment of vintage and art objects; Tiki Treats, 519 N. Main, with all natural snow cones; Mezoozah, 415-A N. Main, makes and sells home décor signs and OVP Printing at 417-B N. Main. Another new retailer is Les Fleur Mon Amor Florist at 408 W. Second St.

New Employers

HDI Plastics, Inc. – A plastics recycling company, HDI Plastics processes thermoplastic waste materials into clean, reusable resin sold to manufacturers of plastic products.

They are located at 601 W. Second Street (the former Taylor Bedding facility) and are investing close to \$800,000 in machinery and equipment. They have already created 40 new jobs with plans to increase to over 50 full time jobs from the Taylor area.

JMF Materials – This is a trucking company that is building an 8,000 square foot facility in the Mustang Industrial Park. The company hauls gravel, sand and concrete and plans to create 25-30 new jobs.

Summer Events



July 12 – *Madagascar 3*

August 9 – *Enchanted*

On the Football Field at Taylor Regional Park



36th Annual International Taylor Barbecue Cook Off

Murphy Park

August 16 & 17

64th Annual Taylor Rodeo & BBQ Cook Off

Gates open at 6 p.m.

Opening performance at 7:30 p.m.

Live music/dancing each night

July 19 & 20

www.taylorrodeo.com

City Council Meetings

July 11 & 25

August 8 & 22

Special Meeting To Set Tax Rate

August 29

All meetings at 6 p.m.

City Hall, 400 Porter St.