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City Manager Dunaway To Retire

City Manager Jim Dunaway announced his intention to retire from the City of Taylor effective December 31, 2013. He has served as city manager since March 2009 after having served as assistant city manager and director of public works during his tenure since October 2005.

His retirement will cap a career in municipal management of 27 years, having served as city manager of the cities of Elgin, Corsicana and Jacksonville, Texas.



City Manager's Message

It is with a heavy heart that I write my last message to you as the Taylor City Manager. I am retiring on December 31 of this year due primarily to health concerns. Please know that I have never enjoyed public service more in my career than I have in Taylor. While most of my tenure as your City Manager took place during the most severe economic times, we were still able to make good and necessary things happen with the strong support of a very progressive City Council and an excellent staff. You also have been extremely supportive and I appreciate the kind words I've received over the past eight years. May God bless each and every one of you!

- Jim D. Dunaway

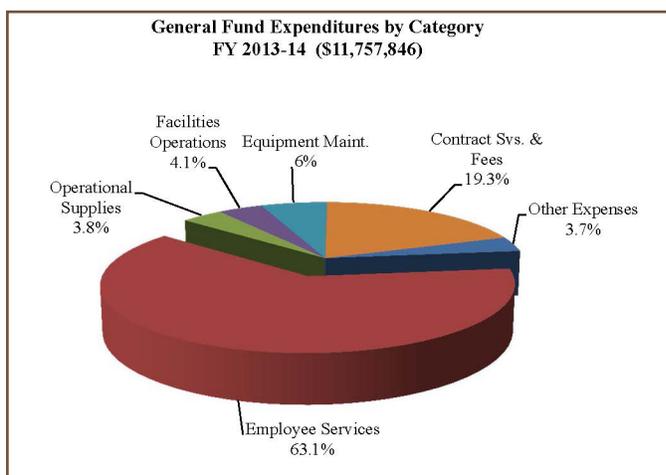
No Change in Tax Rate for 2013-14

The City Council set a tax rate of \$0.813893 for the fiscal year 2013-2014. This is the same rate that the City has operated with for the last three years.

The certified 2013 taxable value for property in the City of Taylor, provided by the Tax Appraisal District, is \$734,743,082 with \$60,053,539 under review by the Williamson County Appraisal Board.

The City Council also adopted the General Fund budget for fiscal year 2013-2014 of \$11,911,655. The primary revenue sources for the budget are from ad valorem taxes, sales taxes, franchise taxes, charges for service, permits and licenses, fines & forfeitures and miscellaneous revenue.

Expenditures were budgeted at the same level as revenues. The General Fund provides traditional local government services, including public safety, parks, library, streets and administration. The plan reflects a balanced budget leaving a projected total unrestricted fund balance of \$3,447,321 that exceeds over three and one half months of operating reserves of \$2,977,914.



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Community Assessment Underway

You may have received a community survey from the Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (TEEX) as part of a strategic planning initiative of the City of Taylor, Taylor ISD, Taylor Chamber and Taylor Economic Development Corp. The short survey includes a self-addressed, postage paid envelope to be used in returning the completed survey to TEEX. If you haven't already done so, please take a moment to complete the survey and add any additional comments you may have, then drop it in the mail.

Additionally, Community Round Table sessions will be held during the months of October and November. More information on these sessions will be announced in the Taylor Daily Press and the City of Taylor website. Your thoughts, opinions and suggestions are important to the continued future success of Taylor.

Constitutional Amendments & Special Elections

Election Day is Tuesday, November 5, 2013. Voters may vote at any designated Voting Center in Williamson County. The designated Voting Centers in Taylor are at City Hall, Taylor Public Library and the Taylor ISD Main Street Campus.

Early voting dates are: Monday, October 21 through Wednesday, October 30, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. The Voting Center is closed on Sunday, October 27. The last two days of early voting are Thursday, October 31 and Friday, November 1 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. All early voting in Taylor will be held at the City Hall Voting Center, 400 Porter St.

A government issued photo identification document will be required for this election. For additional information, contact the Williamson County Elections Department at 512-943-1630.

Report Illegal Dumping

The Capital Area Council of Governments (CAPCOG) has an illegal dumping hotline and email reporting system to use for reporting illegal dumping or illegal discharge into waterways either on private or public property. The illegal dumping hotline number is 1-877-NO-DUMPS. Email reports may be made at www.capcog.org/reportillegaldumping.

Reports may range in scope from people throwing tree limbs onto their neighbor's property to a construction company dumping debris into waterways. When phone calls or emails are received, the appropriate enforcement personnel work to mitigate the situation and prevent future dumping. Help keep your community clean by reporting illegal dumping.



Community Events

OcTaylorfest

Taylor Conservation & Heritage So.
1 – 8 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 26
Historic Downtown Taylor
Contact: Frances Sorrow 512-365-3363

Drug Take-Back

Taylor Police Department
10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 26
City Hall
Contact: Don Georgens 512-352-5551

Halloween Spooktacular

5:30 – 9 p.m., Thursday, October 31
Downtown Main Street
Contact: Deby Lannen 512-352-3463

Arbor Day

9 a.m. – noon, Saturday, Nov. 2
Fannie Robinson Park
Contact: Mike DeVito 512-365-7669

James Dickey Parade & Health Fair

Friends of O. L. Price
10 – 11 a.m., Saturday, Nov. 16
Contact: Jennifer Harris 512-296-6109

F1 Invitational Car Show

11 a.m. – 5 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 16
Downtown Main Street
Contact: Deby Lannen, 512-352-3463

Christmas Bazaar

Taylor Main Street
10 a.m. – 5 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 7
Place TBD
Contact: Deby Lannen 512-352-3463

Christmas Parade of Lights

Taylor Chamber of Commerce
7 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 7
Contact: 512-365-8485

Taylor Historic Homes Christmas Tour

Taylor Conservation & Heritage So.
December 14 & 15
Contact: Frances Sorrow 512-365-3363

Holiday Closings

City of Taylor offices and the Taylor Public Library will be closed on:
Nov. 11 – Veterans Day
*Nov. 28 & 29 – Thanksgiving
Dec. 24 & 25* – Christmas
*January 1 – New Year
**Garbage pickup will be delayed one day*