

# Community Connection

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## City of Taylor Municipal Election Set

The City of Taylor Municipal Election is Saturday, May 10, 2014, to elect the City Council Member At Large that is currently held by Mayor Jesse Ancira.

Candidate packets are available on the City website or can be picked up from the City Clerk's office between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. Applications will be accepted for this election from 8 a.m. Monday, January 29 through 5 p.m. Friday, February 28, 2014.

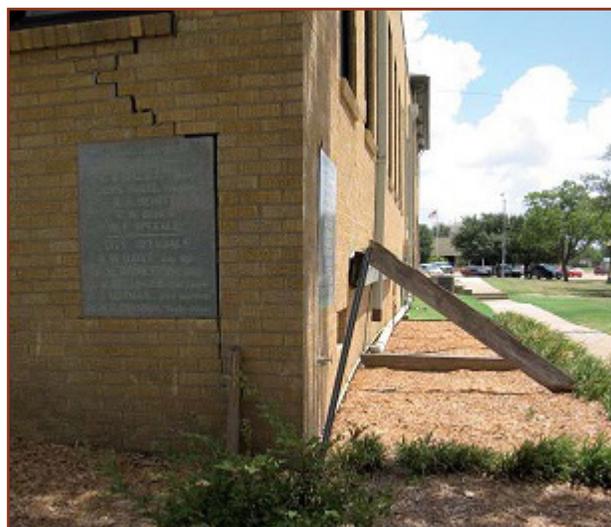
For additional information contact City Clerk Susan Brock at 512-352-3676 or at [susan.brock@taylortx.gov](mailto:susan.brock@taylortx.gov).

## 1935 City Hall Building To Be Removed

After many years of contemplating the fate of the 1935 City Hall, the Council's final decision has been made to remove it and eventually replace it with improvements that are aesthetically pleasing and welcoming to the downtown district.

Following a bid process, Sierra Demolition was chosen to remove the building at a cost of \$49,775 with directions to save various features of the building, including the cornerstone and stone signage, façade bricks and a time capsule.

The estimated time for removal is about 30 days and will begin after the school year ends in June.



*Southwest corner of 1935 City Hall in Heritage Square*



## A Message From The Interim City Manager

A New Year is a time of new beginnings. This is particularly true this year at the City of Taylor. With



the retirement of City Manager Jim Dunaway, the City Council will embark on a search for our new city manager. Our Mayor and Council will be seeking to fill this important position with the right person at the right time.

In the meantime, I am honored to have been selected to serve as your interim city manager. During this interim period, we will be working to refine our vision for the future, setting our expectations high. We will not settle for less than excellence.

It is my desire to be totally accessible to you, the public. Please feel free to call me at 512-352-3675 or email anytime at [jeff.straub@taylortx.gov](mailto:jeff.straub@taylortx.gov).

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## Community Events



### Third Thursday Events

Historic Downtown Taylor  
January 16 & February 20, 2014  
5 – 9 p.m.



### Martin Luther King Day

#### Community March & Program

January 20, 2014  
March begins at 9 a.m. from  
Robinson Park to Taylor City Hall.  
Program begins upon arrival.

## Closings

All City offices and the Library will be closed on the following:

### Martin Luther King Day

January 18 & 20, 2014  
(Regular garbage pickup)

### Presidents' Day

February 15 & 17, 2014  
(Regular garbage pickup)

## City Council Meetings

January 9 & 23, 2014  
February 13 & 27, 2014  
6 p.m. at City Hall

## City Council Approves Funding For Governor Moody Documentary

In a joint effort, the City of Taylor will partner with the Williamson Museum and to fund a documentary about former Texas Governor Dan Moody and the trial he led against the local KKK.

The project is to be produced by Chet Garner of Hogaboom Road, Inc. who also produces and appears in the Daytripper series for PBS. The project will consist of a one-half hour program slated for PBS broadcast about the notorious trial. A shorter version of the film will be made available for us to show locally for visitors and by online video for the City website and Channel 10.



The funding was approved by the City Council with \$12,000 from the Louis K. Ned Fund of the Moody Museum. Production will take about four months to complete.

## City Finance Department Recognized

The City of Taylor has been recognized for the fifth consecutive year with a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting (CAFR) by the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA).



An Award of Financial Reporting Achievement also has been awarded to City Finance Director Rosemarie Dennis and her Finance Department.

City Manager Jim Dunaway presents award to Finance Director Rosemarie Dennis, Lillie Lawler, Diane Naivar and Alice Benjamin.

## Transparency Award

The City of Taylor received the Texas Comptroller Gold Circle Leadership Award for the third consecutive year for meeting a high standard for online financial transparency.

Financial information such as budgets, accounts payable check records, and tax records may be found on [www.taylortx.gov](http://www.taylortx.gov).

