

# Community Connection

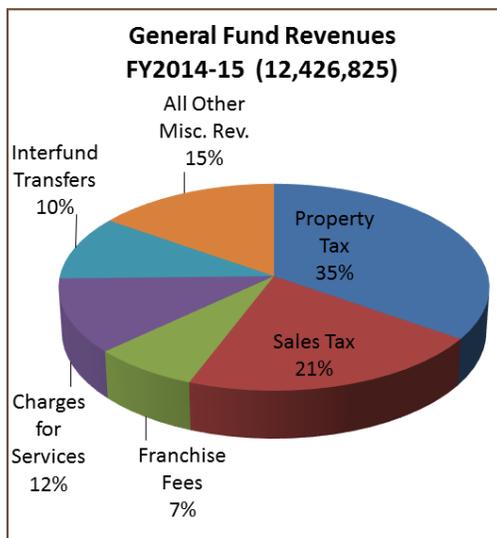
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*Airport Manager David Cornelius visits with City Manager Isaac Turner.*

## City Council Sets Tax Rate for 2014-15

For the fifth consecutive year the Council set a tax rate of \$0.813893 for the fiscal year 2014-15. The certified taxable value for property in the City of Taylor, provided by the Tax Appraisal District, is \$803,296,116 with \$34,154,885 under review by the Williamson County Appraisal District.

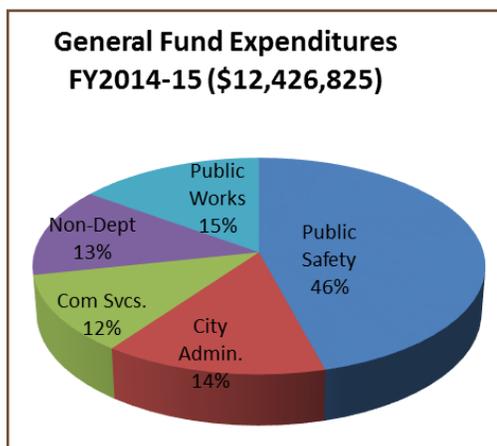


The Council also adopted the General Fund budget for 2014-15 of \$12,426,825.

The primary revenue sources for the budget are from ad valorem taxes, sales taxes, franchise taxes, fees for service, permits and licenses, fines and forfeitures and miscellaneous revenue.

Expenditures were budgeted to match the same level as revenues.

The General Fund provides traditional local government services, including public safety, parks, library, streets and administration. The combined budget for expenditures including the General Fund of the City is \$26,598,865 for 2014-15.



This plan reflects a balanced budget leaving a projected total unrestricted fund balance of \$3,445,561 that exceeds more than three months of operating reserves of \$3,106,706.

## A Message From The City Manager

Since our arrival, my wife and I have been the recipient of numerous warm welcomes to the Taylor community. Thank you very much for being so kind and receptive. It means a lot to us.

Thus far I have had the opportunity to have meetings with each councilmember as well as introductions to the majority of city staff members.

I have begun and will continue to meet with members of the Taylor community in an effort to better understand the special qualities of Taylor.

If you happen to see me out and about, please feel free to come up, introduce yourself and say "Hi!" Meanwhile, I hope everyone has a wonderful Thanksgiving and November.

- Isaac



## Election Day – November 4

Taylor City Hall is an early voting polling place for the November 4, 2014 Joint General and Special Elections. Early voting is open from Monday, October 20-Friday, October 31 from 7 am - 7 pm and Sunday, October 26 from 12 pm - 6 pm.

On Election Day registered voters of Williamson County may vote at ANY Vote Center in the County. Vote Centers in Taylor are: Taylor City Hall, 400 Porter St., Taylor Public Library, 801 Vance St., and Main Street Events Center, 3101 North Main.

## Water Treatment Process Change

Beginning October 1 through October 31, the cities of Taylor, Hutto, Thrall, Manville WSC, Jonah SUD, and Noack WSC will be working together to temporarily change the way the drinking water provided to their customers is disinfected. These six water suppliers will change to using free chlorine (full strength chlorine), instead of chloramines which is a mixture of chlorine and ammonia. The purpose of the 30-day change is to eliminate the possibility of nitrification in the water distribution system that can lead to buildup that exceeds state standards. The water suppliers have used this process in past years.

The end result is safe and reliable drinking water delivered to homes and businesses. Water customers who use tap water for certain medical purposes should consult their physicians and owners of aquariums should check with a pet store or veterinarian. For more information, call 512-352-3251.

## Building Permits Tips

Building permits are essential to ensuring the safety and well-being of the community. It is always a good idea to call the Planning and Development Department at (512) 352-3675 before you purchase building materials or start construction on a project. Here is why:

Permits protect property values: By ensuring that the project is built to current standards, regulations, and codes, permits help to protect investments made to your property.

Permits protect people: Building permits allow the Planning and Development department to protect the occupants of a building through ensuring adherence to code requirements.

Proceeding with a project without obtaining a building permit, if one is required, is likely to cause undue delay in the project and increased expenses if demolition or disassembly is necessary to inspect for code compliance and safety.

### Water Smart Tip:

Remember to periodically check your sprinkler system valves for leaks and keep sprinkler heads in good shape. For more smart water tips and ideas, visit:

[www.takecareoftexas.org](http://www.takecareoftexas.org) and [www.wateruseitwisely.com](http://www.wateruseitwisely.com)



## Coming Events

### October Fire Prevention Month Fire Department Open House

10 am – 2 pm, Sat., October 18  
Central Fire Station One  
304 E. Third St.



### Spooktacular

6 – 9 pm, Thurs. October 30  
Historic Downtown Taylor

### Taylor Main Street Car Show

10 am – 4 pm, Sat., November 1  
Historic Downtown Main St.

### Moody Museum Reception WWII Veterans Honored

3 pm, Sunday, November 9  
Moody Museum, 114 W. 9th St.

### Moody Museum/Williamson Museum

### Dan Moody Documentary Showing

2 pm, Sat., November 22  
Howard Theatre, 308 N. Main St.

## Closings

*All City offices will be closed on the following dates.*

### Veterans Day

Tuesday, November 11  
(Regular garbage pickup schedule)

### Thanksgiving Holidays

Thursday, Friday  
& Saturday  
November 27, 28  
& 29



(Garbage pickup delayed one day)

## City Council Meetings

Thursdays, October 9 & 23  
Thursday, November 13  
All meetings begin at 6 p.m. and  
are held at City Hall