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City of Taylor City Council

Rod Hortenstine
Mayor
At Large

Ella Pumphrey Jez
Mayor Pro Tem
District 4

Donald R. Hill
District 1

Bernabe Gonzales
District 2

John McDonald
District 3

WHO TO CALL AT CITY HALL?

General Information
352-3675

Municipal Court
352-5977

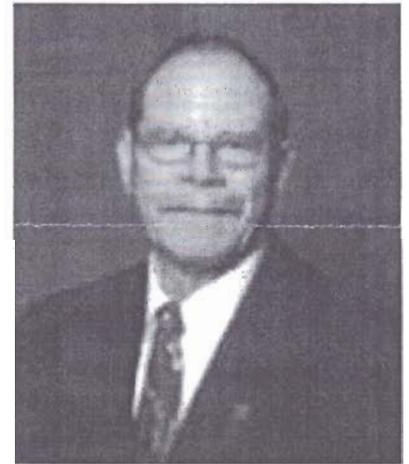
Street Department
352-5818

Water Bills
352-2066

Library
352-3434

New Mayor & Mayor Pro Tem for City of Taylor

In Council action on May 27, Rod Hortenstine was sworn in as Council Member At Large for a second three-year term having run unopposed and then was elected Mayor of the City of Taylor. He served on the Planning and Zoning Commission for 27 years and currently serves on the Taylor Economic Development Board and John's Community Hospital Board.



Mayor Rod Hortenstine

Council Member Ella Pumphrey Jez, District 4, was elected Mayor Pro Tem. A Taylor native, she has served on the Council since 2004 and is active in numerous civic clubs. Jez currently serves as the city representative on the Capital Area Council of Governments and is a current member of the John's Community Hospital Development Board.



Mayor Pro Tem Ella Pumphrey Jez

Murphy Lake Dam Repairs Underway

Austin Filter Systems, Inc. received their "Notice to Proceed" in beginning the repairs to the wing walls of the Murphy Lake Dam. The contract agreement allows for 90 calendar days to complete the project.

Once repairs are completed, the sluice gate will be closed allowing Bull Branch Creek to once again refill the lake. Barring unforeseen circumstances, the lake should be full by the end of September.

Fee Increases

The City Council approved an increase in the franchise rate with ATMOS Energy from 4% to 5% that would result in an increase of annual revenues from the gas franchise of up to approximately \$28,000 annually. The City of Taylor is one of the last communities in the area to opt in for this increase.

The increase will result in an additional 60 cents per month on the average residential gas bill.

Second Street Improvements Takes Step Forward

The City Council approved a proposal from Williamson County to request the removal of Second and Fourth Streets from the Texas Department of Transportation Highway System (TXDOT) in order to move forward with critically needed improvements for Second Street from the west loop to Main Street.

In exchange for the City taking over the maintenance costs of Second and Fourth Streets from the west loop to the east loop, the County has agreed to use \$14.2 million in funds from the County Road Bond fund to rebuild Second Street without any funding contribution from TXDOT.

Advantages of the proposal include the ability to move forward with the project this year, maintain some control of the design of the project and the ability to do the project for less cost by not having to relocate utilities and acquire additional easements for a four lane street with a sidewalk and turn lane features at Howard and Sloan streets.

According to the proposal, TXDOT will be requested to remove Second Street from the highway system now and Fourth Street within five years. The City of Taylor will take over maintenance at an estimated cost of between \$1 million and \$1.5 million over twenty years.

Taylor National Night Out 2008

Neighborhoods throughout the City of Taylor are invited to join forces with thousands of communities nationwide for the 25th annual National Night Out scheduled for Tuesday, August 5. The Taylor Police Department heads up this safety awareness program for our community. Block party registrations are currently being accepted for neighborhoods that want to participate. For more information, visit www.ci.taylor.tx.us/police or call Beth Wilkes at 352-5552.

Murphy Park Pool Admission Fees

Admission Fees at Murphy Park Pool may be going up. The City Council will consider an increase at their next meeting on June 13. Proposed fee increases are:

SENIORS (60 and older)	\$2
ADULTS (13 through 59)	\$3
CHILDREN (3-12)	\$2
CHILDREN UNDER 3	Free

Pool passes proposed fee increases:

60 visits	\$90 (\$1.50 per visit)
30 visits	\$45 (\$1.50 per visit)

Admission remains the same for Robinson Park pool at:

ALL AGES 12 and older	\$2
CHILDREN (4-11)	\$1.50
CHILDREN UNDER 3	Free

Admission is free with YMCA membership at both pools.

Community Activities In June

Library Summer Reading Program

The summer reading programs kick off June 2 to July 30 with the *Texas Reading Club Jubilee* for children up to 12 years old. *Texas Teens Read 2008* also begins for readers ages 12 through 18 years of age.

Weekly programs include special entertainment on Wednesdays at 10:30 am beginning June 4, Monday Night Movies at 6 pm start June 9 and Thursday Teen Programs at 3 pm begin on June 12. Check the Library website for listings at www.ci.taylor.tx.us.

KidFish Is Back Again!!

The annual *KidFish* event sponsored by the City of Taylor and Taylor Kiwanis Club will be held Saturday, June 14 from 8:30 am to 12 noon at the Bull Branch Park Lake.

The lake will be stocked with about five hundred pounds of channel catfish for youngsters age 16 and under to catch and keep. Children who do not have their own tackle will be provided with bait, tackle and loaner rods.

KidFish is a non-profit outreach program for young people to experience the sport of fishing and the outdoors. Donations are accepted to help sponsor the event by calling Fred Switzer at 352-3463.

City Calendar of Events for June

June 3	Zoning Board of Adjustments @ 6 pm
June 10	Planning & Zoning Commission @ 6 pm
June 12	City Council @ 6 pm
June 16	Moody Museum Advisory Board @ 5:30 pm
June 17	Library Board @ 6 pm
June 17	Parks & Recreation Board @ 6 pm
June 18	Main Street Advisory Board @ 11:30 am
June 24	City Council @ 6 pm
June 26	Airport Advisory Board @ 6:30 pm

Agendas are posted at City Hall and at www.ci.taylor.tx.us.

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