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General Information  
352-3675

Municipal Court  
352-5977

Street Department  
352-5818

Water Bills  
352-2066

Library  
352-3434

## Council To Set Tax Rate and Budget for 2008-09

The Taylor City Council will set the tax rate and adopt the budget for 2008-09 at its meeting on September 4, 2008. The required two public hearings have been held to consider a proposed tax rate of \$0.79 per \$100 of property valuation for the second consecutive year for the citizens of Taylor.

This tax rate will raise more total property taxes than last year's budget by \$346,169 or six percent, and of that amount \$114,834 is tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year.

Of the \$0.79 per \$100, the portion allocated to Operation and Maintenance (O&M) of the Municipal Government is \$0.596. The City has maintained an O&M rate below \$0.60 for the past ten years. The debt interest and sinking fund allocation is \$0.193.

Under consideration by the Council is a conservative proposed budget for 2008-2009 of \$22,162,534 in revenues and \$22,016,202 in expenditures.

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in the City of Taylor this year is \$89,825 as compared to \$87,650 last year. If the effective tax rate is set at \$0.79 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$709.62.



*Congressman John Carter with City Council*

## Adopt-A-Unit Recognition

Congressman John Carter paid a surprise visit to the City Council to show his appreciation for their support and the community's support of the Adopt-A-Unit program. While stressing the importance of the program and the value in supporting the troops at Fort Hood, the Congressman commended the community of Taylor for its outpouring of contributions to these service men and women and their families.

## West Lake Drive Update

The City Council awarded the construction bid for rebuilding the bridge in the 1900 block of West Lake Drive to Cash Construction of Pflugerville in the amount of \$114,758. Also included in Council action was a \$30,000 contingency fund for other potential needs relating to possible utility repair.

Repairs made by City crews in July were temporary. Construction to rebuild the bridge will close this portion of Lake Drive for approximately 45 days, weather permitting. Notification of the closure will be made to area residents. Check the website for detour information: [www.ci.taylor.tx.us](http://www.ci.taylor.tx.us).



*Councilman Don Hill with Ms. Givens*

### Certificate of Appreciation

Ms. Lessie Givens was presented a Certificate of Appreciation by Councilman Don Hill in recognition of her valuable contribution to the children and families of the City of Taylor who will enjoy the swing set that she donated in Fannie Robinson Park.

### City Code of Ordinances Now Online

Anyone can now have access to the City of Taylor Code of Ordinances through the City website. Visit the homepage at [www.ci.taylor.tx.us](http://www.ci.taylor.tx.us) and find the Quick Links on the left side. The Ordinances are current through the end of 2007 and will be updated again in January. For more current ordinances click on Residents and go to "Ordinances Online" or contact City Clerk Susan Brock at 352-3676. To purchase a copy of the Code Book, call Municipal Code Corporation at 1-800-262-2633.

### 9/11 Patriot's Day Parade

The annual Patriot's Day Parade event will be held on Thursday, September 11, to observe the seventh anniversary of the 9/11 attack on the United States. The parade will begin at 7 p.m. followed by a "9/11 Remembrance Tribute" at 7:30 p.m. in Heritage Square Park in downtown Taylor.

The parade will feature fire and police honor guards and first-response personnel from area departments, including the Georgetown Fire Department Drum & Pipe Band and the Emergency Service Pipe & Drum Association. The parade will begin at Seventh and Main and travel south to Third Street for one block to Porter Street and then north to Heritage Square Park.

The "9/11 Remembrance Tribute" will feature brief remarks from officers with the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 4<sup>th</sup> Aviation Regiment based in Fort Hood whose unit is currently deployed in Iraq. They will be here on behalf of the Taylor-Hutto Adopt-A-Unit program. Additional speakers include Taylor Police Chief Jeff Straub and Jonas Miller representing the office of Congressman John Carter.

The Tribute will include the traditional 21-gun salute, a ceremonial "tolling of the bell" and the playing of "Taps." This annual event is sponsored by the Taylor Professional Firefighters Association and the City of Taylor.

### 2008 Taylor Fly-In and Car Show

This year's annual Fly-In sponsored by the Airport Advisory Board will be bigger and better than ever with more of a festival theme. A classic car show and automotive swap meet is being added as additional major attractions. Multiple types of aircraft will be on display and various flying events will take place. Also, planned are food concessions, musical entertainment and activities for kids.

This year's Fly-In is being held in memory of former Airport Advisory Board member Larry Hagerman who also had a business at the airport. Fundraising from sponsorships will be used to create a memorial in his honor. For additional information, contact Dayton Dabbs, 512-750-0332 or Danny Thomas, 352-3633.

Time: 8 am – 5 pm  
 Date: September 27, 2008  
 Place: Taylor Municipal Airport

Admission is free to the public.



### City Calendar of Events for September

- Sept. 2 Zoning Board of Adjustments @ 6 pm
- Sept. 4 City Council @ 6 pm
- Sept. 9 Planning & Zoning Commission @ 6 pm
- Sept. 16 Library Board @ 6 pm
- Sept. 16 Parks & Recreation Board @ 6 pm
- Sept. 17 Main Street Advisory Board @ 11:30 am
- Sept. 23 City Council @ 6 pm
- Sept. 25 Airport Advisory Board @ 6:30 pm

Agendas are posted at City Hall and at [www.ci.taylor.tx.us](http://www.ci.taylor.tx.us).

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