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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

Jim D. Dunaway Named Taylor City Manager

In a unanimous vote, the Taylor City Council named Jim Dunaway as the new city manager for the City of Taylor. Dunaway has been serving as interim city manager since November 2008 when former City Manager Frank Salvato left for another position. Dunaway was chosen from over 80 applicants that had been narrowed down to three finalists.

City Manager Dunaway was hired at a base pay of \$105,000 beginning March 2. He served as the assistant city manager of the City of Taylor since February 2006 and as director of Public Works from October 2005. He is a former city manager for the City of Elgin for eight years, the City of Corsicana for three years and the City of Jacksonville for four years.

Dunaway holds a bachelor's degree in Environmental Science with a minor in Chemistry from Sam Houston State University and a master's degree in Public Planning and Public Administration from the University of Texas at Tyler.

Currently a member of the Texas City Management Association, Dunaway is a former credentialed city manager with the International City Management Association and past member of the American Planning Association. He is a former state president of the Texas Environmental Health Association and past section chair of the Texas Public Health Association, and a long-standing Rotarian.



Taylor City Manager Jim Dunaway

Recycling Services Available

The City of Taylor Recycling Center located at 1424 N. Main Street is open on Saturdays and has expanded the hours of operation from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Items accepted include the following:

- Newspaper/magazines (no telephone books or cardboard)
- Plastics (soda and water bottles, water jugs, etc.)
- Aluminum cans (please flatten, if possible)
- Tin cans (no foil pie pans, siding, aerosol cans or scrap metal)
- Glass (no car windshields accepted)

For discarding items not accepted at the City Recycling Center, an alternative is the Williamson County Recycling Center that is located next to the landfill on FM 1660, north of Hutto. The Williamson County Recycling Center on CR 156 in Georgetown also accepts any household hazardous waste except for explosives and gas cylinders. The contact number is 869-7287.



Left to right: Casey Sledge, Danny Thomas, Jim Dunaway, Judge Dan A. Gattis, Commissioner Ron Morrison, Councilman Benito Gonzales, Mayor Rod Hortenstine, Mayor Pro Tem Ella Jez, Councilman John McDonald, Councilman Don Hill, Congressman John Carter and State Representative Diana Maldonado break ground for the East Williamson County Regional Park.

VIPs Help In Groundbreaking

A groundbreaking ceremony was held to kick off construction of the East Williamson County Regional Park. The 75-acre park and sports complex has been in planning and design stages for the least three years. Construction is underway for the first phase that will include 10 ball fields that will be "tournament ready" for elite girl's softball and Little League play. Also included will be a football field, two full-size soccer fields, two basketball courts, playscape areas, trails and parking for 675 vehicles.

The nearly \$8 million park will be funded with bonds issued by the City Council from the years of 2007 and 2008 and park land sale proceeds. The Texas Parks & Wildlife Department issued grants totaling \$900,000 towards the park and H-E-B issued a \$50,000 grant.

Superior Public Water System

City workers have put up new signs at the entrances to the city proclaiming a Superior Public Water System. The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) issued a "Superior Rating" for the public drinking water supply in the city last summer.



Recycling at the Curb Survey

Would you be willing to pay an extra fee to have curbside recycling? This is the current Opinion Poll being conducted on the City of Taylor website. Go online to www.ci.taylor.tx.us to register your opinion or call Leisha at 352-5818.

Here are your choices:

Yes; not more than \$3 per month for once a week pickup; or

No, not interested in curbside recycling at any price.

Current opinions are running five to one for "Yes" responses. What is your opinion?

City Calendar of Events for March

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

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

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