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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

Christopher Gonzales, Sr.
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 Council is Set To Go

In a special meeting of the City Council on May 19, two council members were sworn in and the election for mayor and mayor pro tem was held by the council.

Current Mayor Rod Hortenstine and current Mayor Pro Tem Ella Jez were reelected to their respective offices for a second term.

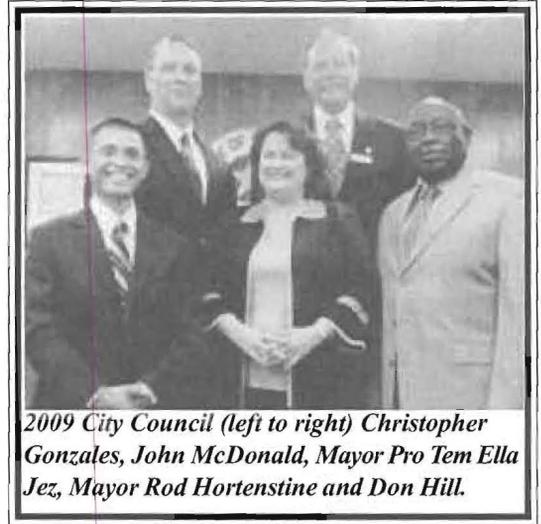
City Clerk Susan Brock reported on election results received from Williamson County that indicated Christopher Lee Gonzales, Sr. won the District 2 position.

Newly elected Councilman Christopher Gonzales, Sr. was sworn in at the May 19 council meeting along with incumbent Councilman John McDonald who is representing District 3 for a third consecutive term.

Gonzales was born in Taylor and is a graduate of Taylor High School. Following his service in the United States Marine Corps, he attended Temple College at Taylor and is currently employed with Time Warner as a senior certified broadband technician.

An active volunteer with Relay for Life and as a coach for the Taylor Colt League, his election will be the first public office Gonzales has held.

Councilman John McDonald ran unopposed for Council Place 3. He was originally elected in 2003 and his current term will expire in May 2012.



2009 City Council (left to right) Christopher Gonzales, John McDonald, Mayor Pro Tem Ella Jez, Mayor Rod Hortenstine and Don Hill.

Thank You Benito Gonzales!

Special recognition should be given to former Councilman Benito Gonzales for his past service to the community and the City of Taylor.

Gonzales was first elected to the council in 1986 and served until 1989. He was re-elected in 1991 and served until 1997. He again stood for reelection in 2000 and served as mayor of the City of Taylor from 2006 to 2008. He retired from the council this year after 18 years of unselfish service. He plans to use his free time to enjoy his family, especially his grandchildren.



Bernabe Gonzales

Curbside Recycling Reminder

All utility customers have been given the opportunity to sign up for curbside recycling on a weekly basis for a monthly fee of \$7.20. For less than \$2 a week, this service will be available if enough people sign up for it.

In order to offer this program, at least 600 customers must sign up for the service or it will not be offered. The deadline to sign up for curbside recycling is June 30. To date, less than 200 have been received.

Enrollment forms are available at City Hall, 400 Porter Street, or at the City Annex building, Fifth and Talbot Streets. For additional information, call City Utility Billing at 352-2066.



Taylor National Night Out 2009 will be held Tuesday, August 4. The 26th annual National Night Out celebration is just around the corner so start planning your block party now!

Join America's Night Out Against Crime with a block party in your neighborhood. Visit www.ci.taylor.tx.us/police or call 352-5551 to register.

Summertime at the Library!

Deep in the Heart of Texas! is the theme of the Summer Reading Program at the Taylor Public Library. The program is for children up to 12 years old. Participants may register from June 1 through July 29 to be eligible for t-shirts, certificates, prizes and trophies.

Programs for daycares and schools will be held each Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. beginning June 3 with a variety of entertainment just for kids.

Monday Night Movies will be held again this year beginning at 6 p.m. starting June 8 featuring G and PG rated movies for all who want to attend.

New Online Services at Library

The Taylor Public Library now provides online access for its customers with the new Apollo system. New service features include being able to see cover art for new book titles and the ability for patrons to view their account online. They can renew items currently checked out and may reserve items they want. The new system will alert patrons by email about overdue materials or books on reserve. All that's needed to sign on is a library card number and phone number.

Book renewals also can be done by sending an email message to the Library at bookrenew@ci.taylor.tx.us. Just provide the full name of who has the items checked out and request a renewal. A return email with new due dates will be sent. Renewals also may be requested by phoning 352-3434.

Time Warner Presents



In Murphy Park Kung Fu Panda

7 p.m., Friday, June 12

Free movie beginning at dusk. Bring a blanket or lawn chair and enjoy! For more information, call 352-3463.

"KidFish" - June 13

It wouldn't be summer without the annual "KidFish" event sponsored by the City of Taylor, *KidFish, Inc.* and friends!

The event will be held 9 a.m. until 12 noon on Saturday, June 13 at Bull Branch Lake, off Mallard Lane, in Taylor. Young fishermen up to 16 years of age are urged to sign up at 8:30 a.m. that morning.

The lake will be stocked with several hundred pounds of catfish. Bait, tackle and loaner rods will be available. Children may bring their own if they wish. Youngsters who solicit donations of \$10 or more for the expansion of the *KidFish* program will receive awards such as t-shirts, hats and trophies. It is NOT necessary to bring a donation to participate in the program.

KidFish is a statewide, non-profit outreach program designed to give youngsters ages 16 and under the opportunity to experience the sport of fishing and the outdoors. Any civic clubs, businesses or individuals who would like to help sponsor the event are invited to call Fred Switzer at 352-3463.

City Calendar of Events for June

June 2	Zoning Board of Adjustments @ 6 pm
June 9	Planning & Zoning Commission @ 6 pm
June 11	City Council meeting @ 6 pm
June 16	Library Board @ 6 pm
June 16	Parks & Recreation Board @ 6 pm
June 17	Main Street Advisory Board @ 12 noon
June 23	City Council meeting @ 6 pm
June 25	Airport Advisory Board @ 6:30 pm

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

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