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City of Taylor City Council

John McDonald
Mayor Pro Tem
District 3

Donald R. Hill
District 1

Christopher Gonzales, Sr.
District 2

Chris Osborn
District 4

At Large
Vacant

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

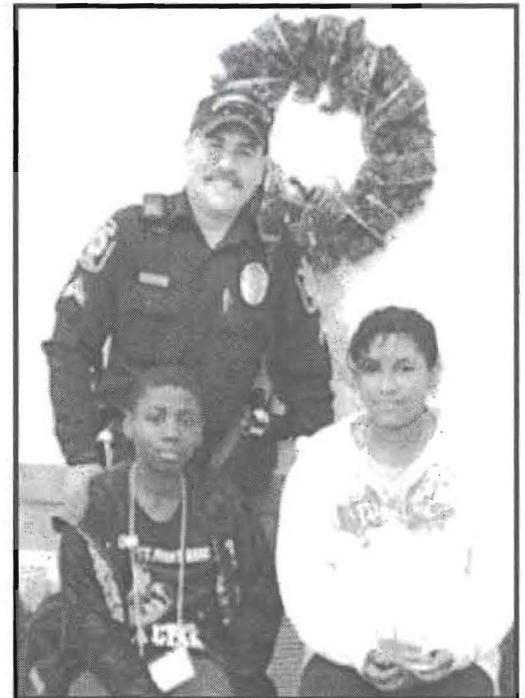
City of Taylor Christmas

The City of Taylor began celebrating the holiday and making the season bright beginning in November. City crews took over the responsibility of putting up the Heritage Square Christmas lights and street light decorations to preserve the traditions that make the community special.

Christmas with a Cop is a seasonal program initiated by the Taylor Police Department to recognize children who have been nominated by teachers, counselors and police officers for exceptional accomplishments or behavior. Sponsored by the Walmart Foundation, 16 children were rewarded with a \$100 shopping spree with a police officer.

Red Santa is a community program sponsored by the Taylor Fire Department and Taylor Professional Firefighter's Association each year. Gifts were gathered for families and children that registered with the program.

A community gift-wrapping night was held to make the gifts ready for a Christmas to remember for 121 families.



Taylor Police Cpl. Sam Brister was paired with Isiah and Chalicia Wright for shopping spree.

Standard & Poor's Raises Credit Rating for City

Standard & Poor's Ratings (S&P) raised its rating on City of Taylor general obligation (GO) debt from "A" to "A+" based on its view of the city's strengthened financial position over the past five years with increasing unreserved general fund balances and supported by good financial management practices.

The new S&P "A+" long-term rating and stable outlook also covers the City's newly issued 2010 GO refunding bonds that were recently sold for \$3,945,000 at a rate of 2.44%, resulting in a savings of \$231,000 over the term of the bonds being refunded.

"This is good news for the City," said City Manager Jim Dunaway. "This effectively raises our credit rating for any debt the City has issued or will issue and it is a vote of confidence in the financial management of the City."

S&P provides analysis and opinion on the general creditworthiness of an obligor, or the creditworthiness of an obligor with respect to a particular debt security or other financial obligation. S&P ratings have wide investor acceptance as convenient tools for differentiating credit quality.



Mayor Pro Tem McDonald Welcomes 112 CAV Home

A City Proclamation was issued for December 11, 2010 as Texas Army National Guard Alpha Troop, 1st Squadron of the 112th Cavalry Day in the City of Taylor.

More than 60 troops returned home from service in Iraq to a homecoming celebration with families and friends.

Utilities Updates!

New Sewer Rates

Water use averaging of three months is underway to determine sewer calculations. The new sewer calculation for each billing zone will become effective as shown below:
Zone 1 & 2 will be changed on April bills.
Zone 3 & 4 will be changed on March bills.

New MDUS Charge

The new Municipal Drainage Utility System will go into effect on January 1 and will be reflected on February billings. For residences, a charge of \$1 per equivalent residential unit (ERU) will be made. Fees for non-residential property will be based on the total estimated impervious area on each parcel divided by 2,500 square feet (or ERU) at a charge of \$1 per unit.

For any questions or additional information, please contact the Utility Billing Office at 352-2066.

Taylor Main Street Receives National Recognition

For the fifth consecutive year, the City of Taylor has been recognized as one of 52 National Main Street Cities in Texas for 2011 by the Texas Historical Commission and the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Cities chosen as National Main Street Cities must show above average performance in 10 categories. The selection criteria focuses on planning, staff and volunteers, preservation ethic, training and program assessment.

The Taylor Main Street program is in its 12th year. The Main Street grant program has contributed nearly \$94,000 for improvements to downtown properties and businesses in the Main Street district. Current funding for the grant program is from fundraising activities of an active Main Street Advisory Board, committees and volunteers.

Alma Konze Gift Announced

The Estate of Alma Konze bequeathed \$3,000 to the Taylor Fire Department. An avid supporter of the Fire Department and its members, Mrs. Konze left instructions to donate funds to the Fire Department and further specified that the funds should be used to purchase "life saving equipment."

Fire Chief Pat Ekiss indicated the funds will be used to purchase specialized rescue equipment and training aids.



Main Street Manager Deby Lannen receives award from Mayor Pro Tem John McDonald.

Regular City Meetings Schedule

- 1st Tues @ 6 pm - Zoning Board of Adjustments
 - 2nd Tues @ 6 pm - Planning & Zoning Commission
 - 2nd Thurs @ 6 pm - City Council
 - 3rd Mon @ 5:30 pm - Moody Museum Adv. Board (every other month)
 - 3rd Tues @ 6 pm - Library Board
 - 3rd Wed @ 6 pm - Parks & Recreation Board
 - 3rd Wed @ 4 pm - Main Street Adv. Board
 - 4th Tues @ 6 pm - City Council
 - 4th Thurs @ 6:30 Airport Adv. Board
- Agendas are posted at City Hall and at www.taylor.tx.gov

Community Events



- January 17, 2011
- Community March & Program
- Starting at Robinson Park at Walnut St.
- March to Taylor City Hall begins at 9 am
- Followed by celebration program

City offices & Library
Closed for MLK Day
January 17, 2011