

MINUTES
Town of Taylor
Regular Meeting
Lafayette County Fire Station #9-Taylor
February 3, 2026, 7:00PM

1. Call to Order.

The Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen for the Town of Taylor was called to order on Tuesday, February 3, 2026 at 7:00pm when and where the following were present:

Shawn Edwards, Mayor
Tim Carter, Alderman
Jim Hamilton, Alderman
Lyn Roberts, Alderman
Bill Taylor, Alderman-absent
Steve Corso, Alderman-absent

Chris Latimer, Of Counsel
Ashley Atkinson, Town Clerk
Mark Woods, Deputy Town Clerk

2. Adopt the agenda for the meeting.

It was moved by Alderman Hamilton, seconded by Alderman Roberts to adopt the agenda for the meeting. All the aldermen present voting aye, Mayor Edwards declared the motion carried.

3. Request permission to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting on January 6, 2026 and the Emergency Meeting on January 29, 2026. (Ashley Atkinson)

It was moved by Alderman Roberts, seconded by Alderman Carter to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting on January 6, 2026 and the Emergency Meeting on January 29, 2026. All the aldermen present voting aye, Mayor Edwards declared the motion carried.

4. Request permission to correct the salary of the Deputy Town Clerk, as agreed upon at the previous meeting. (Ashley Atkinson)

It was moved by Alderman Carter, seconded by Alderman Hamilton to approve a new monthly salary of \$750.00 for Mark Woods, Deputy Town Clerk, as agreed upon at the previous meeting. He has taken over the duties of Planning Clerk, effective January 6, 2026. All the aldermen present voting aye, Mayor Edwards declared the motion carried.

5. Request permission to approve the claims docket. (Ashley Atkinson)

It was moved by Alderman Roberts, seconded by Alderman Hamilton to approve a claims docket in the amount of \$47,452.21. All the aldermen present voting aye, Mayor Edwards declared the motion carried.

6. Request permission to add the new Town Clerk, Ashley Atkinson, to the bank accounts at FNB Oxford, as an authorized signor.

It was moved by Alderman Carter, seconded by Alderman Hamilton to add the new Town Clerk, Ashley Atkinson, to the bank accounts at FNB Oxford, as an authorized signor. The authorized signors are Shawn Edwards, Mayor; Lyn Roberts, Mayor Pro-Tem, and Ashley Ashley Atkinson, Town Clerk. All the aldermen present voting aye, Mayor Edwards declared the motion carried.

7. Town Clerk's Report
 - a. Building permits issued-none
 - b. Revenue and Expenditure Report
8. Old Business:
 - a. Town Hall Fencing Update-this project is on hold due to the recent ice storm
9. New Business:
 - a. Discuss getting quotes for an audio-visual system for Town Hall.

At the previous Planning Commission meeting, there was a large crowd in attendance and the overflow crowd was unable to see or hear the meeting. This has happened several times in the last few months. The purchase of an audio-visual system for Town Hall would allow everyone in attendance at a meeting to follow along. It was decided to develop specifications as to what type of system

was needed and the components required, allowing for quotes to be obtained.

- b. Discuss getting quotes for the purchase and installation of a generator for Town Hall.

Due to the recent ice storm, the Board discussed the purchase of a “whole-house” type generator for Town Hall. It was decided to pursue quotes and re-visit this at a future meeting.

- c. Discuss getting quotes for a two-way radio system for use during emergencies.

While dealing with the recent ice storm, Alderman Carter and the Mayor realized that a two-way radio system would have been very helpful in maintaining communication. This purchase may be considered in the future.

- d. Discuss a Right-of-Way tree trimming plan with NEMEPA.

During the recent ice storm, there was heavy damage from trees and limbs throughout Taylor and the surrounding areas. After the current cleanup and electricity restoration effort is complete, Mayor Edwards will reach out to Northeast MS Electric Power Association to create a proactive tree trimming plan for all right-of-way areas in Taylor.

10. Mayor’s Report

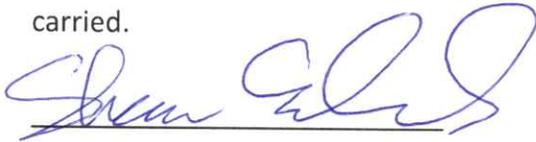
Mayor Edwards reported the most current electrical outages in Taylor and gave an update on the Plein Air wastewater treatment plant issue. The treatment plant lost electricity during the recent ice storm and had no backup generator, resulting in a sewage overflow, which was reported to the MS Department of Environmental Quality and the Lafayette County Emergency Management Director. The Board would like to hear an update from the treatment plant operator and owner at the next Regular meeting, as there are concerns with capacity and the lack of a backup power source.

11. Public Comment-none

12. Adjourn

It was moved by Alderman Roberts, seconded by Alderman Hamilton to adjourn the

meeting. All the aldermen present voting aye, Mayor Edwards declared the motion carried.



Shawn Edwards, Mayor



Ashley Atkinson, Town Clerk

