

**Town of Taylor Minutes for the Regular Monthly Meeting of the
Mayor and Board of Aldermen
October 7, 2025**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** The meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Taylor, Mississippi, was called to order by Mayor Shawn Edwards at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, the 7th day of October, 2025, with the following officers and members present, constituting a legal quorum to-wit:
Mayor: Shawn Edwards; Aldermen: Lyn Roberts, Bill Taylor, Jim Hamilton, Tim Carter, and Steve Corso.
Clerk Richard Williams, Administrative Consultant Ashley Atkinson, Board Attorney Chris Latimer, Planning Consultant Judy Daniel, were also present.
Twenty-one (21) citizens attended and signed in. That signed roster is attached to these minutes.
Other citizens were present as well.
2. **ADOPT AGENDA** Mayor Edwards presented the meeting agenda. Alderman Taylor moved to adopt the agenda. Alderman Corso duly seconded that motion which then carried unanimously.
3. **APPROVE PREVIOUS MEETINGS MINUTES** Alderman Roberts moved to approve the minutes from the September 15, 2025, Special Called Board meeting. Alderman Taylor seconded his motion. All the Aldermen present voting aye, Mayor Edwards declared the motion carried.
4. **APPROVE CURRENT CLAIMS DOCKET** Mayor Edwards presented the current Claims Docket. Alderman Carter made a motion that the Claims Docket be approved and paid, and Alderman Corso seconded the motion. All of the Aldermen present voting aye, Mayor Edwards declared the motion carried.
5. **TOWN CLERK'S REPORT** Clerk Williams reported that there were two (2) new building permits issued over the past month.
6. **OLD BUSINESS** – None
7. **NEW BUSINESS** – Planning Consultant Daniel reported that the Town Planning Commission met on September 9th, 2025, and considered an application by Main Street Taylor to amend the Plein Air Phase VIII Plat to reflect corrected Lot numbers. She reported that the Planning Commission recommended approval of the requested amendment. Alderman Carter moved that the amendment be approved. His motion was seconded by Alderman Hamilton and passed unanimously.
8. **MAYOR'S REPORT** - Mayor Edwards introduced Mr. Wayne Andrews of the Yoknapatawpha Arts Council (YAC) who proposed that YAC apply for grants to help pay for, plan, and host a proposed Arts Festival in Taylor. Alderman Taylor made a motion that the town allow the Yoknapatawpha Arts Council to apply for various grant funds and then plan for and present proposals for an arts festival. Alderman Carter then seconded that motion. All the Aldermen present voting aye, Mayor Edwards declared the motion carried.

Mayor Edwards reported that a price quote was received for a new set of park playground equipment in the total amount of \$29,686 installed. Alderman Carter moved that the Mayor proceed with purchasing the playground equipment and supervising its installation in the town park. Alderman Hamilton seconded his motion, which carried unanimously.

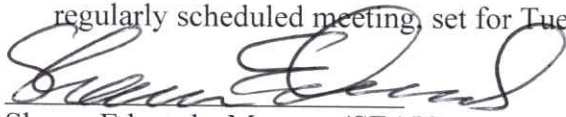
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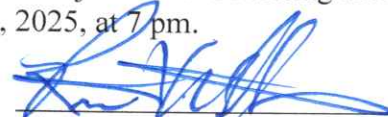
Mayor Edwards informed that he has begun exploring uses for the town property west of the park pickle-ball court. He has requested quotes for removing the tall chain link fence between the property and the park, clearing the underbrush west of the fence, removing the shorter chain link surrounding the maintenance shed and along the south property line between town hall and the Roberts property, installing privacy fencing enclosing the south and west town property lines and the north line up to the metal park fence. He will report the price quotes when they arrive.

Mayor Edwards reported that Mr. Bob Barber's firm, Orion Planning and Design, has submitted a proposal to update the Comprehensive Plan for Town Development with two (2) prices depending on services included. Mr. Barber will present the proposal during the regular Board meeting of November 4, 2025. Prior to the meeting, a public hearing will be noticed for 6 PM November 4, 2025, to receive input on a potential moratorium on any changes to the town zoning districts during and until acceptance of the new Comprehensive Plan.

9. **PUBLIC COMMENT** A time of Public Comments was opened by Mayor Edwards to hear any further comments concerning the proposed Lafayette County Board of Supervisors consideration of rezoning 40 acres on State Highway 328 from A1 to I2 to allow for the building and operation of an Asphalt Plant, among any other comments. At least twenty-one (21) citizens were in attendance. The mayor stated that citizens would be allowed a reasonable time for comments but the overall time would be limited to 30 minutes. Several citizens expressed thanks for Taylor allowing Mr. Latimer to present at the Lafayette County Planning Commission meeting relating to the rezoning and commended his thorough and professional presentation. Multiple citizens requested that Taylor allow Mr. Latimer to make a similar presentation before the Lafayette County Board of Supervisors during their meeting of October 20, 2025. Alderman Roberts made a motion that the town allow Mr. Latimer to present to the County Board of Supervisors on October 20, 2025, in opposition to the proposed rezoning. Alderman Corso seconded the motion. The motion carried 3 – 2 with Alderman Taylor and Hamilton dissenting.

10. **ADJOURN** There being no further business, Mayor Edwards adjourned the meeting until the next regularly scheduled meeting, set for Tuesday, November 4, 2025, at 7 pm.


Shawn Edwards, Mayor (SEAL)


Richard Williams, Clerk

