

# Town of Taylor, Mississippi

## Board of Aldermen Meeting Minutes

November 4, 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 Monday, the 4th day of November 2025, with the following officers and members present, constituting a legal quorum to-wit:  
Mayor Shawn Edwards; Aldermen: Lyn Roberts; Tim Carter; Steve Corso; and Jim Hamilton were also present. Alderman Bill Taylor was absent.  
Clerk Richard Williams, Deputy Clerk Mark Woods, Town Attorney Chris Latimer, Judy Daniel, and Ashley Atkinson were also present.  
A number of citizens were also present.
- 2. ADOPT AGENDA** Mayor Edwards presented the meeting agenda. Alderman Tim Carter moved to adopt the agenda as amended. Alderman Steve Corso duly seconded that motion which then carried unanimously.
- 3. APPROVE PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES** Alderman Lyn Roberts moved to approve the minutes from the October regular Board meeting. Alderman Tim Carter seconded her motion. All the Aldermen present voting aye, Mayor Edwards declared the motion carried.
- 4. TOWN CLERK'S REPORT** Three building permits were issued in the previous month and one refund request for a previously issued building permit was made.  
**PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT FEES - NO REFUND POLICY** A discussion was held regarding a refund request for a previously issued building permit. Judy Daniel noted that the Taylor Planning and Development Code does not authorize refunds for previously issued building permits. A discussion was held regarding who would be entitled to such a refund and whether a refund should be issued. Chris Latimer expressed concerns about the lack of legal authority to issue a refund, as it could be argued to be an impermissible donation. The Board took no action on the refund request.
- 5. OLD BUSINESS**  
**COMPREHENSIVE PLAN PROPOSAL – ORION PLANNING** Allison Mouch from Orion Planning, appeared remotely via video call, and gave an overview of the proposal of updating the comprehensive plan. She received and responded to multiple questions from Board members. On motion by Alderman Carter, seconded by Alderman Corso, Orion Planning Proposal - Option A was approved unanimously.
- 6. ESTABLISHMENT OF A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON REZONINGS** Mayor Edwards read a proposed Resolution for a Temporary Moratorium on Rezoning as follows:

TOWN OF TAYLOR, MISSISSIPPI

RESOLUTION DECLARING A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON REZONING

WHEREAS, the Town of Taylor is in the process of preparing and adopting a new Comprehensive/Master Plan to guide the future growth and development of the Town; and  
WHEREAS, rezoning decisions made prior to the completion of the new Comprehensive/Master Plan could conflict with its goals and undermine its effectiveness; and  
WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen finds it necessary to temporarily pause the acceptance and consideration of rezoning applications to protect the public health, safety, and welfare of the

citizens of Taylor and to ensure orderly and harmonious growth and development of the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF TAYLOR, MISSISSIPPI, THAT:

1. A temporary moratorium is declared on the acceptance and consideration of all rezoning applications within the Town of Taylor.
  2. This moratorium shall remain in effect for a period of eight (8) months, unless repealed or extended by further action of the Board of Aldermen.
- ADOPTED this 4<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2025.

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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Alderman Tim Carter moved to adopt the Resolution, which was seconded by Aldermen Corso. The motion passed 3 to 1, with Alderman Hamilton dissenting. Mayor Edwards declared the motion carried.

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

**OXFORD UNIVERSITY TRANSIT** Kenneth Upchurch and Donna Zampella, representatives of Oxford University Transit (OUT), noted the plans for OUT to begin running a regular route to Taylor. A discussion was held regarding potential schedules and stops. It was noted the service would likely begin in the early part of 2026.

**CHRISTMAS PARADE AND CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE** A discussion was held regarding dates for a Christmas Parade and Open House. It was determined the Open House should take place on December 7, 2026, and it was noted the Christmas Parade was not town-sponsored.

**TAYLOR GARDEN CLUB** Members of the Taylor Garden Club introduced themselves and expressed a desire to help decorate Town Hall for the upcoming holiday season. Potential future activities were also discussed, including: planting trees on Arbor Day, planting daffodils, and installing a Town historical marker.

8. **MAYOR'S REPORT**

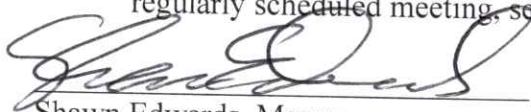
**PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT** Mayor Edwards gave an update on the potential maintenance and expansion work of the park by Town Hall. Playground equipment has been ordered and will likely arrive in mid-November. Mayor Edwards noted he received a quote to clear the property behind the existing fence and remove the fence for \$2,100. Alderman Jim Hamilton moved to approve the expenditure for property clearing and fence removal. Alderman Tim Carter seconded his motion. All the Aldermen present voting aye, Mayor Edwards declared the motion carried.

**PLEIN AIR STREETS** Judy Daniel noted Campbell McCool will get a maintenance letter of credit for the first set of roads dedicated to the County, and one year later after it is received, the roads will be formally accepted by the County. Judy Daniel noted a gravel turnaround will be put at the end of Coliseum Drive.

**PLANNING COMMISSION** A discussion was held regarding the appropriate final authority for uses permitted on appeal and uses permitted on appeal with supplemental

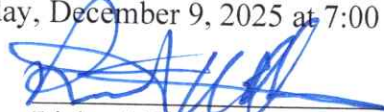
regulations. Alderman Roberts made a motion for Judy Daniel to draft an amendment to the Taylor Planning and Development Code to authorize the Planning Commission to make advisory recommendations relating to the same, but for the Board of Aldermen to have final approval authority. Alderman Jim Hamilton seconded her Motion. All the Aldermen present voting aye, Mayor Edwards declared the motion carried.

9. **PUBLIC COMMENT** Lisa Harrison asked about clearing the park and if trees will be kept for shade and playground equipment.
10. **ADJOURN** There being no further business, the meeting adjourned until the next regularly scheduled meeting, set for Tuesday, December 9, 2025 at 7:00 PM.



Shawn Edwards, Mayor

(seal)



Richard Williams, Clerk

