

Mayor Taylor reads proclamation

City prepares for tornado season

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Yukon Mayor Larry Taylor proclaimed March 3-9 as "Tornado Preparedness Week" at Tuesday night's city council meeting.

Since 1950, there have been more than 50 tornadoes in Canadian County alone.

Tornado season starts in March and peaks from April through June, said Dave Chesher, Yukon's community enhancement director. May is usually the worst month.

The proclamation's premise is the

decreased rate of deaths and injuries when appropriate actions are taken in response to tornadoes.

"It's something that people need to be aware of," Chesher said.

The proclamation states that it is vital for the city to "further an awareness of the dangers of such weather conditions and the protective measures citizens can take in the event of such conditions."

Through the proclamation, Mayor Taylor urged the National Weather Service of the U.S. Department of Commerce, the Oklahoma Department of Civil Emergency Management, other state and local agencies and the media to work together to inform citizens of the proper actions to take when tornadic conditions prevail.