

## MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING

On the 24th day of April, 2023, the City Council of Taft, Texas, convened in a special meeting at City Hall, 230 Green Avenue, at 6:30 p.m. with the following members present:

### **1. CALL TO ORDER AND QUORUM CHECK**

There being a quorum, the meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Powell.

Randy Powell            Mayor  
Rolando Rodriguez    Mayor Pro-Tem  
Leonard Vasquez  
Chris Keeney  
Alonso Molina

Others Present: Molly Topper, Finance Director/City Secretary; Epi Ysassi, Interim City Attorney; (see attached list for guests present)

### **2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE**

Mayor Pro-Tem Rodriguez led the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

### **3. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER THE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2022, PRESENTATION BY PHIL VAUGHN.**

Mr. Phil Vaughn presented the FY October 1, 2021 – September 30, 2022, financial audit to Council and explained the outlined highlights. Some of the concerns from the previous year audit had been completed, some were still outstanding.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Vasquez, Keeney, Powell, Rodriguez, Molina  
Noes: None  
Absent: None  
The motion carried

### **4. RECONVENE IN REGULAR SESSION**

At 9:12 p.m., Councilman Vasquez motioned, seconded by Councilman Molina, to reconvene in Regular Session.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Vasquez, Keeney, Powell, Rodriguez, Molina  
Noes: None  
Absent: None  
The motion carried

**5. DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND ACT ON SELECTION OF CITY MANAGER FOR THE CITY OF TAFT AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY ATTORNEY TO NEGOTIATE CONTRACT PURSUANT TO COUNCIL'S RECOMMENDATIONS.**

Councilman Kenney motioned, seconded by Councilman Rodriguez, to offer the position of city manager to William Linn.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Keeney, Rodriguez, Molina

Noes: Vasquez, Powell

Absent: None

The motion carried

Discussion continued regarding a transition period between the Interim City Manager and Mr. Linn and to allow Mr. Arismendez to work until May 15<sup>th</sup> in order to close out some projects. City Attorney Epi Ysassi was instructed to negotiate a contract with Mr. Linn. The City Secretary was instructed to contact Mr. Linn regarding a start date availability. Council agreed to call a special meeting on April 24, 2023, instead of the regular meeting on the 25<sup>th</sup> of April in order to meet with Mr. Linn and discuss a hire packet.

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

Councilman Keeney, motioned, seconded by Councilman Rodriguez, to adjourn the meeting at 9:23 pm.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Keeney, Rodriguez, Molina, Powell

Noes: None

Absent: Vasquez

The motion carried

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Randy Powell,

Mayor

ATTEST:

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Molly Topper,

City Secretary

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SPECIAL MEETING  
APRIL 24, 2023  
6:30 P.M.

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2. David McGary

3. Ryan Smith

3. Bence Sauerz

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