

CITY OF TAFT
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
AGENDA
JANUARY 11, 2022
KIVA HUT – 402 PARK STREET
6:30 P.M.

In accordance with Section 551.041 of the Government Code, notice is hereby given that a Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Taft will be held on the 11th day of January, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. at the Kiva Hut, 402 Park St, Taft, Texas 78390.

You may join the meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.

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Access Code: 381-568-997

1. Call to order and quorum check.
2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance.
3. VISITORS - At this time, comments will be taken from the audience on any subject matter. To address the Council, please sign the Opinion/Speaker Registration Form located on the table at the entrance of the meeting room and deliver to the City Secretary before the meeting begins. Should there be more than five (5) people who wish to speak on a particular issue they need to select one (1) representative to speak for them. In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, Council may not discuss or take action on any item which has not been posted on the agenda. Citizens are to refrain from any personal attacks on the council or any member of the staff. Failure to abide by these policies could result in a charge of disorderly conduct.
4. Consider, discuss, and take action to approve the January 12, 2021 regular meeting minutes, January 21, 2021 special meeting minutes, January 26, 2021 regular meeting minutes, and January 28, 2021 special meeting minutes. *(city staff)*
5. Discuss and consider update regarding the city's financial condition as it relates to bonded debt, past dues, recurring payments, revenues and expenditures. *(city staff)*
6. Discuss, consider, and approve a resolution authorizing the submission of a Texas Community Resiliency Program (CRP) application to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs authorizing the mayor and/or City Manager to act as the City's executive Officer and authorized representative in all matters pertaining to the City's participation in the CRP program. *(city staff)*
7. Discuss, consider, and take action on approving the cost estimate for providing security lights for the walking trail at the Taft Recreation Park. *(city staff)*
8. Discuss, consider and take action on approving the cost estimate submitted by Bridges Specialties, Inc. for the repair of the sewer main on Davis Street *(city staff)*

9. Discuss, consider, and take action to approve a license agreement with Taft Little League for the use of the Taft Little League Park. *(Councilman Vasquez)*
10. Discuss, consider and take action on authorizing community rental use of the Kiva Hut. *(city staff)*
11. Discuss, consider and take action on renewing the contract between the City of Taft and Texas Sludge Disposal, Inc. *(city staff)*
12. Discuss, consider and take action on approving the cost for a Fire Records Management Program in the amount of \$2903 that will come from the Fire Department Training budget. *(Fire Dept.)*
13. Discuss, consider, and act on putting a cement company within the area from FM 631 and Old Rincon Road to help assist on the Jessie Torres' homes. *(Councilman Vasquez)*
14. Consider, discuss and act on selling surplus city vehicles from the Public Works, Police and Fire Departments. *(Mayor Powell)*
15. Consider, discuss and act on dilapidated residential structures *(David Aken)*
16. Update on the Fire Department and Hidalgo buildings. *(Councilman Vara)*
17. Consider, discuss and act on city wide clean-up *(Mayor Powell)*
18. Consider, discuss and act on Pride of Taft Spring Fest *(Mayor Powell)*
19. Revisit the ordinances on beautification for the downtown buildings and home demolition. *(Councilman Vara)*
20. Discuss, consider and take action on setting a date for a Town Hall meeting. *(Mayor Powell)*
21. Discuss monthly reports for police department, animal control, code enforcement, public works, and fire department.
22. City Council Requests and Announcements:
 - Requests by Mayor and Councilmembers for items on future City Council agenda
 - Announcements by Mayor and Councilmembers
23. Executive Session:
 1. Convene into executive session pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Open Meetings Act to meet with its attorney and outside legal counsel to seek legal advice on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the City Council under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with the Texas Open Meetings Act regarding Municipal Fire Apparatus, LLC and James F. Farrell Jr.
 2. Convene into executive session pursuant to section 551.071 of the Texas Open Meetings Act to consult with attorney, to seek legal advice regarding:
 - a. Rincon Point water bill delinquency

3. Convene into executive session pursuant to Section 551.074 of the Texas Open Meetings Act on Personnel matters involving complaints and grievances regarding:
 - a. Sergeant of Patrol
 - b. Chief of Police
 - c. City Manager
24. Reconvene into open session and take action, if any, to accept a settlement offer between the City and Municipal Fire Apparatus, LLC/James F. Farrell Jr. regarding a fire truck and pay legal counsel for professional legal services provided.
25. Reconvene into open session and consider action, if necessary, on any other item(s) discussed in Executive Session.
26. Adjournment.

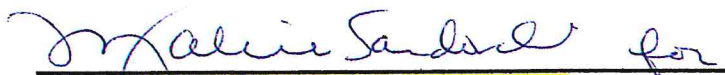
A closed executive session may be held if the discussion of any of the above agenda items concerns one of the following:

1. Texas Open Meetings Act - Section 551.071 Contemplated or pending litigation or matters where **legal advice** is requested of the City Attorney.
2. Texas Open Meetings Act - Section 551.072 The **purchase, exchange, lease or value or real property**, if the deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the City in negotiations with a third person.
3. Texas Open Meetings Act - Section 551.073 A **contract for a prospective gift or donation** to the City, if the deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the City in negotiations with a third person.
4. Texas Open Meetings Act - Section 551.074 **Personnel matters** involving the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee or to hear a complaint against an officer or employee.
5. Texas Open Meetings Act - Section 551.076 The deployment or specific occasion for the implementation of **security personnel or devices**.
6. Texas Open Meetings Act - Section 551.087 Deliberations regarding **economic development negotiations**.

NOTICE

Persons with disabilities planning to attend this meeting who may need auxiliary aids or services are asked to contact the City offices at (361) 528-3512 by Monday noon.

DATED and POSTED this the 6th day of **December 2021**, at **5:00 p.m.**



Jennifer Pineda, City Secretary