

**CITY OF TAFT
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
AGENDA
MARCH 22, 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 22nd day of March, 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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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. Discuss, consider, and act on Ordinance No. 1092, an ordinance readopting Ordinance No. 1054 establishing juvenile nighttime and daytime curfew hours within the City of Taft. *(city staff)*
5. Discuss, consider and act to approve the final plat drawings for Friendly Village Phase I with the legal description of PT SEC 1 PAUL S/D CFP CO WILLIAMS ADDN 0.716 ACRES. *(city staff)*
6. Discuss, consider, and act on a proposal for 138 KV Transmission Line Easement on city property for a Peacock Energy Project. *(city staff)*
7. Update regarding the Performance Audit by Brenda P. McElwee, CPA., approved on January 25, 2022. *(city staff)*
8. Discuss, consider, and act on beginning the process to convert Devilbiss Drive (private road) to a city street. *(city staff)*
9. Discuss, consider, and act on participating financially in the purchase of a street sweeper for the City of Taft. *(city staff)*

10. Discuss, consider, and act on request to extend the foot print of the fire department 12 feet to the East of the current fire station property line to erect a roof simulator for training purposes. *(fire department)*
11. Discuss, consider and act on Resolution No. 656, a resolution by the City of Taft, Texas suspending the May 2, 2022 effective date of the proposal by CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp., D/B/A CenterPoint Energy Entex and CenterPoint Energy Texas Gas-South Texas Division to implement interim grip rate adjustments for gas utility investment in 2021 and requiring delivery of this resolution to the company and legal counsel. *(city staff)*
12. Discuss, consider, and act on ratifying the appointment of Donald Kubicek, Attorney at Law, as Interim City Attorney for the City of Taft. *(city staff)*
13. Discussion of the hourly rates for the police officers. *(Councilman Hernandez)*
14. Discuss, consider, and act on amendment to Police Department budget to include a K9 and K9 officer. *(Mayor Powell)*
15. Discuss, consider and act on the sale of unused or unnecessary equipment in the Taft Volunteer Fire Department, Police Department, and Public Works Department. *(Mayor Powell)*
16. Update from the Taft Quality Improvement Corporation on current and future projects. *(Mayor Powell)*
17. Discuss, consider and act on waiving “peddlers fee” fee for the Taft Blackland Festival/Cinco De Mayo Celebration sponsored by Pride of Taft. *(Mayor Powell)*
18. Discuss, consider and act on allowing Pride of Taft the use of Green Avenue from Mathis Street to Kirkpatrick and the use of City Lot East of Fire Station on Saturday, May 7th to have the Taft Blackland Festival/Cinco de Mayo Celebration. *(Mayor Powell)*
19. Discuss, consider and act on City of Taft deeding portion of property North of City Hall to Ritchie Foundation to build a new library. *(Mayor Powell)*
20. Consider, discuss and take action on forwarding all complaints against Sgt. Reynaldo Cortez, Chief Ponce Trevino, and City Manager Melissa Gonzales to a third party to investigate. *(Councilman Vasquez)*
21. City Council Requests and Announcements:
 - Requests by Mayor and Councilmembers for items on future City Council agenda
 - Announcements by Mayor and Councilmembers
22. Adjournment.

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

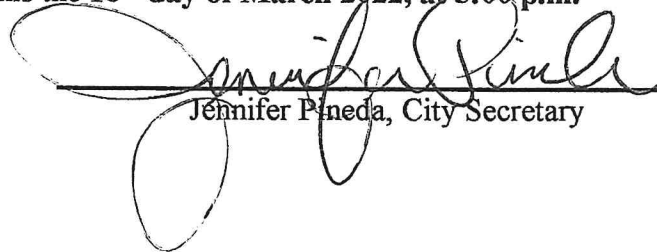
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| 1. | Texas Open Meetings Act - Section 551.071 | Contemplated or pending litigation or matters where legal advice is requested of the City Attorney. |
| 2. | Texas Open Meetings Act - Section 551.072 | The purchase, exchange, lease or value or real 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 - | A contract for a prospective gift or donation to the City, if the deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on |

	Section 551.073	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 18th day of March 2022, at 5:00 p.m.



Jennifer Pineda, City Secretary