

**CITY OF TAFT  
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
AGENDA  
NOVEMBER 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 **22<sup>nd</sup> day of November 2022, at 6:30 p.m. at the Kiva Hut, 402 Park St, Taft, Texas 78390.**

1. Call to order and quorum check.
2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Consider and take action to approve Ordinance No. 1101, an ordinance of the City of Taft, Texas to canvass the returns and declare the results of the General Election held on Tuesday, November 8, 2022 for the purpose of electing one Alderman for Ward One and one Alderman for Ward Two for a term of two years.
4. Swearing In and Oath of Office of newly elected officials.
5. Discuss and consider replacement of Councilmember to fill the vacancy left for the position of the office vacated by Alderman Jo Adrian Varra. Allow for interested individuals to speak to Council.
6. Executive Session: Convene into Executive Session pursuant to Section 551.074 Personnel matters involving the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee, to wit: Alderman Ward 2 involving to discuss and consider the interested candidates to fill the position of the office vacated by Alderman Jo Adrian Varra.
7. Reconvene into open session to discuss, consider, and act on filling the vacancy of the unexpired term of office vacated by Alderman Jo Adrian Varra.
8. Swear In and Oath of Office of the newly appointed councilmember.
9. Consider, discuss and take action upon appointing a member of the City Council to serve as the City's Mayor Pro Tem for a term of one year pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Section 22.037.
10. 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.
11. Discuss Consider and act on offer to purchase tax sale property.
12. Discuss, consider and act on authorizing the City Manager to execute the necessary contract for the purchase of the new fire station with Mueller, Inc.
13. Adopt Ordinance No.1102, allowing for the creation of the position of Fire Chief as a City Employee for the City of Taft, with all rights, benefits and duties of a City of Taft Employee. Authorizing the City Manager to immediately post the Job Announcement, conduct interviews and select same after consideration of applicants. Allowing for the City Manager to immediately appoint an Interim Fire Chief while the applicants are being considered and position filled permanently. Allowing for the creation of the City of Taft Fire Department Bylaws and Policies and Procedures. Allowing for the Interim Fire Chief to assume all duties of oversight of current volunteer firefighters.
14. Discuss, Consider and Act on contract with Allegiance Ambulance Services.
15. Executive Session: Convene into Executive Session pursuant to Section 551.074 Personnel matters involving the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee, to wit: Municipal Judge Karen Diaz.

16. Reconvene into Regular Session and consider action up to and including appointing an interim judge, if necessary, on any item(s) discussed in Executive Session.
17. City Council Requests and Announcements:
  - Requests by Mayor and Councilmembers for items on future City Council agenda
  - Announcements by Mayor and Councilmembers
18. 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 **18th** day of **November 2022**, at **5:00 p.m.**

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Sid Arismendez, Interim City Manager