

MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

On the 12th day of July, 2022, the City Council of Taft, Texas, convened in a regular session at 402 Park St., at the Kiva Hut, at 6:30 p.m. with the following members present:

Randy Powell	Mayor
Rolando Rodriguez	Mayor Pro-tem
Lolo Hernandez	
JoAdrian Vara	Absent
Leonard Vasquez	

Others present: Sid Arismendez, Interim City Manager, and Jennifer Pineda, City Secretary.

#1. There being a quorum, the meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

#2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman Rodriguez led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the invocation.

#3. Visitors.

There were no visitor comments.

Mayor moved to Item #10.

#10. Discuss, consider, and act on presentation by Nueces River Authority for city water treatment services.

Travis from Nueces River Authority let the council know that they would be able to help with the water and wastewater system.

Councilman Hernandez made a motion to add on the authorization for Nueces River Authority to proceed and have Mr. Arismendez review the contract. The motion was seconded by Mayor Powell.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Vasquez, Rodriguez, Hernandez, Mayor

Nays: none

Absent: Vara

The motion carried.

#4. Discuss, consider and act to approve the June 14, 2022 regular meeting minutes.

Councilman Vasquez made a motion to approve the June 14, 2022 regular meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hernandez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Vasquez, Rodriguez, Hernandez, Mayor

Nays: none

Absent: Vara

APPROPRIATE TRAINING GIVEN IN THE SCOPE OF THEIR EMPLOYMENT.

Councilman Rodriguez made a motion to approve Resolution No. 660, a resolution amending the Personnel Policy for the City of Taft, Texas to include paid quarantine leave for police officers. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Vasquez, Rodriguez, Hernandez, Mayor
Nays: none
Absent: Vara
The motion carried.

#7. Discuss, consider, and act to approve the financing for the City's windstorm insurance with Afco Premium Credit LLC and authorizing the execution of documents related thereto from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

Councilman Vasquez made a motion to approve the financing for the City's windstorm insurance with Afco Premium Credit LLC and authorizing the execution of documents related thereto from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hernandez.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Vasquez, Rodriguez, Hernandez, Mayor
Nays: none
Absent: Vara
The motion carried.

#8. Ratify an amendment of City of Taft Economic Development Corporation Bylaws to allow the Board President and Board Secretary as authorized signatories for the City of Taft Economic Development Corporation's bank accounts.

Councilman Vasquez made a motion to approve Item #8.. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rodriguez.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Vasquez, Rodriguez, Hernandez, Mayor
Nays: none
Absent: Vara
The motion carried.

#9. Presentation on Animal Control options from Sallie Smith with Throw-a-dog-a-bone Organization.

Councilman Hernandez made a motion to table this item. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rodriguez.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Vasquez, Rodriguez, Hernandez, Mayor
Nays: none

Absent: Vara
The motion carried.

#11. Approve utilizing City Street Funds in the additional amount of \$858.25 for the GLO Street Improvements Project Contract Number 20-065-097-C269.

Councilman Hernandez made a motion to Approve utilizing City Street Funds in the additional amount of \$858.25 for the GLO Street Improvements Project Contract Number 20-065-097-C269. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rodriguez.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Vasquez, Rodriguez, Hernandez, Mayor
Nays: none
Absent: Vara
The motion carried.

#12. City Council Requests and Announcements.

Councilman Rodriguez would like to have consider, discuss and action on financial plan by Robert Tijerina and discuss, consider and act on the Chief of Police Ponce Trevino personnel file.

Councilman Hernandez would like an update on the Rincon Road project and on the juveniles that caused damage.

#13. Executive Session:

1. **Convene into executive session pursuant to Section 551.074 Personnel matters involving the duties and qualifications of a public officer or employee, to wit: city manager.**
2. **Convene into executive session pursuant to Section 551.071 Consultation with city attorney and Section 551.074 Personnel matters involving the duties of a public officer or employee, to wit: city secretary.**

Councilman Rodriguez made a motion to enter into executive session. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hernandez.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Vasquez, Rodriguez, Hernandez, Mayor
Nays: none
Absent: Vara
The motion carried.

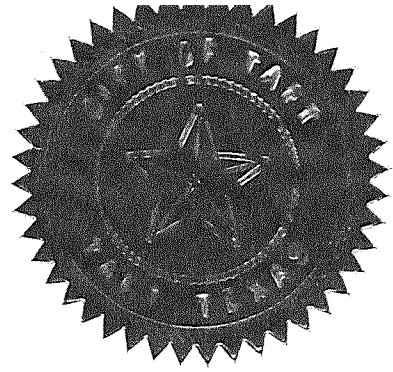
#14. Consider action, if necessary on any item(s) discussed in Executive Session.

On Item #1, Councilman Rodriguez made a motion to add qualifications of a bachelor's degree in Business Administration and 3 to 5 years' experience in a related field along with TML qualifications. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hernandez.

The following votes were polled:

CITY OF TAFT

Randy Powell
Randy Powell Mayor



ATTEST:

Jennifer Pineda
Jennifer Pineda City Secretary