

## MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING

On the 11th day of October, 2022, the City Council of Taft, Texas, convened in a regular meeting at 402 Park Street, at the Kiva Hut at 6:30 p.m. with the following members present:

Randy Powell	Mayor -- Absent
Rolando Rodriguez	Mayor Pro-Tem
Lolo Hernandez	
Leonard Vasquez	arrived at 6:46 p.m.

Others Present: Molly Topper, City Secretary; Bernie Saenz, Director of Public Works; Searcy; David Trevino, Jr.; Paul Fritsch; Matt Scott; Rosendo Cruz; Glen Searcy; Susan Zimmerman; Boo Persnoffsxy; Chip Woods; Raquel Ruvo; Anita Adams; Marcus Adams; Michael Vasquez; Al Molina

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

There being a quorum, the meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro-Tem at 6:46 p.m.

### **2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Councilman Hernandez led the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

### **3. VISITORS**

Susan Zimmerman, executive director for the Taft Blackland Museum, addressed the Council to thank them for the budget allowance. Also to invite all to the Centennial Celebration scheduled for February 4, 2023. They are presently accepting donations and making necessary improvements to the building for that date.

### **4. DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND ACT TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL METINGS AND REGULAR MEETINGS ON SEPTEMBER 13, 2022, AND REGULAR MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 27, 2022.**

Councilman Rodriguez asked for clarification on Item 12 of the Regular Meeting on September 13, 2022, whether the board of directors was TCEQ or TQIC. City Secretary confirmed the correction to be TQIC.

Councilman Hernandez motioned, seconded by Councilman Rodriguez, to appoint the minutes of the Special Meeting and the regular meeting on September 13, 2022, and the regular meeting on September 27, 2022, with that correction.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Hernandez

Noes: Vasquez

Absent: Powell

The motion carried.

### **5. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION ON PRESENTATION BY EXXON PRESENTATIVES**

Paul Fritsch & Matt Scott introduced the company (Gulf Coast Ventures) and products in production. Mayor Pro-Tem Rodriguez informed them of the residents' concern of a recent dark cloud in the direction of Taft. They announced the placement of two air monitors within the City of Portland and that they are being monitored by a group from the University of Texas. To date, there have been no abnormal readings. Councilman Rodriguez asked about the possibility of placement of monitors closer to Taft; they advised that the distance to Taft is far enough from the plant and that Taft should not be affected. The recent smoke was actually flarings created by water droplets. The group advised of their participation with LEPC in case of needed alerts and that emergency information is on their website.

### **6. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION ON PRESENTATON BY REPRESENTATIVES OF PERFORMANCE SERVICES, LLC**

Chip Woods and Boo Persnoffsxy gave a power point presentation of their assessment study and replacement of utility water meters and improvements to the wastewater plant aeration system. Boo explained the current low plant capacity and as a result, the potential to receive outside waste and raise revenues.

**7. CITY COUNCIL REQUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councilman Vasquez: none  
Councilman Rodriguez: none  
Councilman Hernandez: none

**17. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business Councilman Vasquez motioned, seconded by Councilman Hernandez, to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 p.m.

CITY OF TAFT

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Randy Powell Mayor

ATTEST:

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Molly Topper City Secretary