

## MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING

On the 19th day of December, 2022, the City Council of Taft, Texas, convened in a special meeting at 402 Park Street, Kiva Hut, at 6:30 p.m. with the following members present:

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

There being a quorum, the meeting was called to order by Mayor Powell.

Randy Powell	Mayor
Rolando Rodriguez	Mayor Pro-Tem
Leonard Vasquez	Absent
Chris Keeney	
Alonso Molina	

Others Present: Sid Arismendez, Interim City Manager; Molly Topper, Finance Director/City Secretary/HR Director; Bernie Saenz, Public Works Director; Rutilio Guzman, Veterans Affairs Representative, San Patricio County

### **2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE**

Mayor Pro-Tem Rodriguez led the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Keeney, Rodriguez, Molina, Powell  
Noes: None  
Absent: Vasquez  
The motion carried

### **AT THIS TIME, MAYOR POWELL CLOSED THE SPECIAL MEETING AND OPENED THE PUBLIC HEARING**

### **3. PUBLIC HEARING ON THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION(S) TO THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR A TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM (TXCDBG) GRANT. THE PURPOSE OF THIS MEETING IS TO ALLOW CITIZENS AN OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS THE CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN, THE DEVELOPMENT OF LOCAL HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT NEEDS, THE AMOUNT OF TXCDBG FUNDING AVAILABLE, ALL ELIGIBLE TXCDBG ACTIVITIES, AND THE USE OF PAST TXCDBG FUNDS**

Mayor Powell announced the upcoming application of \$500,000 for cities through the CDBG process and eligible projects. Rutilio Guzman addressed the Council and questioned any potential assistance or grant funding for local veterans in need.

After continued discussion, the Public Hearing was closed at 6:55 p.m.

### **RETURN TO SPECIAL MEETING**

### **4. DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND ACT ON AMENDING RESOLUTION 658, PURCHASING POLICY AND PROCEDURES**

Mr. Arismendez reported that the existing ordinance had not been corrected when Council approved the purchasing policy resolution.

Councilman Rodriguez motioned, seconded by Councilman Keeney, to approve Resolution No 666.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Keeney, Rodriguez, Molina, Powell  
Noes: None  
Absent: Vasquez  
The motion carried

### **5. DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND ACT ON AUTHORIZING LIMITED SIGNATORIES ON ALL CITY'S BANK ACCOUNTS WITH PROSPERITY BANK**

Sid Arismendez reported the need to close the current general fund account and re-open another, and to amend the signatories due to change on the Council as a result of the recent election and bank transactions.

Councilman Rodriguez motioned, seconded by Councilman Keeney, to amend the City's bank account and add limited signatories - Interim City Manager Sid Arismendez; Finance Director Molly Topper; Mayor Randy Powell and Mayor Pro-tem Rolando Rodriguez as signatories and remove all others.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Keeney, Rodriguez, Molina, Powell

Noes: None

Absent: Vasquez

The motion carried

**AT THIS TIME, COUNCIL ENTERED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION, TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT, SECTION 551.071 – CONTEMPLATED OR PENDING LITIGATION OR MATTERS WHERE LEGAL ADVICE IS REQUESTED OF THE CITY ATTORNEY**

**CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**RETURN TO SPECIAL MEETING**

There was no discussion or action following the executive session.

**18. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Powell motioned, seconded by Councilman Keeney, to adjourn the meeting at 7:08 pm.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Keeney, Rodriguez, Molina, Powell

Noes: None

Absent: Vasquez

The motion carried

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Randy Powell, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Molly Topper, City Secretary